



May 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

Margate Park Fieldhouse

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

The meeting was held at the Farm in the Zoo. Brian Houck, the Zoo's Naturalist, gave a tour of the new boardwalk. Brian is working to appreciate the original plans for the landscape and the opportunities of the prairie.

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm, and the Agenda was corrected to read Annual General Meeting, moved and seconded, approved.

2. Park District Staff presentations

Sandra Olson, Lakefront Director
Cindy Jahraus, Cultural Center Manager
Jennifer Bice, Margate Manager

Jen reported that all day camp slots are taken in Lincoln Park. Financial assistance is available to campers.

Sandy reported that a priority for Lincoln Park is path repair. Crews are out throughout the park to repair paths. Email Sandy with information on potholes or locations where lights are out. The plumbing in North Avenue Beach House is being worked on. Most comfort stations and drinking fountains are operating now with a due date of Memorial Day. Montrose beach dog beach fence is in need of front loaders to move the sand. The fences were damaged badly this winter and are being worked upon. Sandy is working on new signs throughout the park. There is no information on the proposed playground at Contemplation Point. The natural area at the south east edge of North Avenue Beach has capital improvement around the area. Sandy will ensure that the workers know this is a natural area and to take care. No information is available on July 4th fireworks.

3. Park Liaison report

George Blakemore reported that the Board met today. Much of the business had to do with Taste of Chicago contract items. Confusion existed on who has authority for Taste of Chicago. Superintendent Tim Mitchell stated that Chicago Park District has authority. The meetings are streamed on the web and archived on the CPD website.

George spoke on the artificial turf issues, asking that they stop using the turf until a study can be done on its health.

4. Approval of Minutes

April minutes were approved with corrections. The minutes are posted on LPAC's website.

5. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was tabled to June 2011.

6. President's report

Trapeze School at Belmont Harbor. LPAC objects to the safety issues of the electrical wires strung around the boat storage pad where aluminum masts are five feet from the wires. LPAC objects to the location of the trapeze school on the kite flying field at Belmont Harbor. LPAC objects to the chain link fence surrounding the trapeze school.

Boats are removed at Montrose and gates are open with parking available for a fee.

The Flowrider concept was scheduled to go to Plan Commission on April 21. Sheli wrote a letter opposing it on the basis that LPAC is concerned that North Avenue Beach will turn into an amusement park. Plan Commission removed Flow Rider from the agenda. Kevin Hoos would like to return to LPAC in June to discuss our support further.

Movies in the Park. Movies are scheduled at Belmont Harbor.

7. Nominating report

The Nominating Committee nominated the following officers:

Sheli Lulkin, President
Ellen Issacson, Vice President, Membership
Betsy Altman, Secretary
Chuck Goes, Treasurer

The Nominating Committee nominates the following directors for a:

two-year term expiring 5/2013	one-year term expiring 5/2012
Randi Doeker	George Blakemore
Marc Kramer	Patricia Yeray
Bob Lerch	
Jill Niland	
Terry Leja	

Betsy Altman, LPAC Nominating Committee Chair representing the Board
Brett August and Grace Chun, Nominating Committee Members representing the membership

The slate was moved, seconded and approved.

8. New Business

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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June Program—Brendan Daley, Chicago Park District Sustainability, Margate Park

July Program—Tom Palmisano, Fishing in the Parks, Margate Park

August—no meeting

September—CDOT speaker on LSD rebuild project, Sheli will invite

November—Aldermanic Forum on Lincoln Park Planning