

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



Municipal Grounds and Property Committee Meeting Minutes September 25, 2018

Call to Order

Chairman Basso called to order the regular meeting of the Municipal Grounds and Property Committee at 7:03 p.m. in the Palos Heights Administration Building, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL.

In attendance were Chairman Basso, Alderman Bylut, Alderman Kramarski, Alderman McGovern, Public Works Director Scott Smith, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, and Recording Secretary Pat Sheppard.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Basso moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

E-Waste Drop-Off Event

The e-recycling event with Republic is scheduled for October 20 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the PBO parking lot just west of the Police Station. There is a link on the city's website to the list of what is/is not accepted, as well as a list at City Hall.

On a different subject, Scott said there was a question about the senior discount with Republic. He said the discount was 10% of the bill and there was no yearly renewal requirement. Forms for seniors to use to apply for the discount are available on the city's website and at City Hall.

Chairman Basso inquired about senior discounts on water bill and waste hauler bill. In looking at his bills, there is little indication of the senior discount and how much it is. He felt that seniors have no way of knowing if they are receiving the discount by looking at their bills. The water bill only says "senior" and there was nothing on the waste hauler bill. He wondered if there could be more detail on the bills about the senior discount. Scott said he would look into both.

Pool Roof

Scott said the contractor had completed the work in March, but Scott had just received the warranty. It was his recommendation to release the final payment to Elens & Maichin Roofing in the amount of \$27,244.00.

Chairman Basso moved to approve final payment to Elens & Maichin Roofing in the amount of \$27,244.00 for work completed on the pool roof project, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. **AGENDA**

Event Set-Ups

Public Works had recently assisted in the set-up for Lake Katherine's Monarch Butterfly Festival and will be setting up for the Recreation Department's new event, *Dogtoberfest*, to be held at Meyers Park on October 6. This event replaces the Annual Pet Parade.

Motor Vehicle Maintenance

1. The mechanics were taking all the vehicles in for the semi-annual Safety Lane inspection.
2. The lifts in the garage needed to be repaired by an outside contractor.

Other

Scott reported that yard waste collection would end for the season on November 29 and the Chipper Service would end the week of Oct 29 – Nov 2. He asked Chairman Basso to announce this at the City Council meeting.

New Business

Lynda Schiappa, Public Arts Commissioner, addressed the committee regarding the purchase of a new sculpture to replace the rotational piece that was installed near the gazebo. The lease three-year lease on the rotational piece expired. She distributed a picture of the proposed sculpture to the committee which was an 11 ft. tall piece of two (2) monarch butterflies in flight entitled “Transcending”. The cost to lease this piece was \$5,000 per year, the cost to purchase it was \$22,000 plus \$800 for shipping. Lynda said they had a donor who was going to donate \$7,000 towards the purchase. The PAC felt it would be more prudent to purchase and have a permanent piece in the park and the butterflies would represent the City’s initiative to promote saving the Monarch’s by planting pollinator gardens. Lynda said there was a misunderstanding with the PAC’s budget for 2018. They had requested \$11,000 but were only allotted \$5,000, which they did not know until recently. They currently had a balance of approximately \$3,300 which was needed for other projects they wanted to complete in 2018. An initial down-payment of \$12,000 was required, and the balance would be paid off by seeking donations and fundraising. On behalf of the PAC, Lynda requested \$5,000 from the City in order to have enough money for the down-payment (the \$7,000 donation plus \$5,000 = \$12,000). Discussion ensued on the subject. In regards to the budget, the City Administrator noted there was some money in the contingency fund.

Chairman Basso made a motion to support the Public Arts Commission’s request of \$5,000 based on their efforts to raise the additional funds, seconded by Alderman McGovern. On a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried. Lynda thanked the committee for their consideration.

Aldermen’s Comments/Questions

None

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Basso moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Sheppard
Recording Secretary