

## HUNTLEY PARK DISTRICT

### Board Workshop Minutes

March 15, 2023

Commissioner Nepermann called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Commissioners present: Jerry Nepermann, William Awe, and Jim Blasky.

Commissioner(s) absent: Keith Wold, Melissa Kellas

Staff present: Scott Crowe, Wesley Peete, Matt Szytz, and Joe Patterson

**Committee of the Whole:** Keith Wold; Chairperson.

Executive Director, Scott Crowe gave an update that the Strategic Master Plan is entering its final stages. A draft will be presented to us on April 19 and our consultant will be on hand to present the Draft Strategic Master Plan at the Board Meeting on April 26. If additional questions or discussion is needed, Neelay will be available at the May 10 Workshop for that conversation. The final document would be presented to the Board on May 24 for final approval.

Executive Director, Scott Crowe gave an update to the Accreditation Process and indicated our application would be sent the week of March 20 to the Distinguished Parks and Recreation Accreditation Committee. Most large items that require board approval are already in motion and you'll see these items before you in the coming months. All items that require board approval will need to be done by the September Board Meeting.

Executive Director, Scott Crowe indicated that the IAPD Parks Day at the Capitol will be held on Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday May 3 in Springfield. Day one is an exhibit by Park, Recreation, and Conservation agencies in the rotunda of the Capitol building to highlight how we are impacting our community. Staff will engage with our legislators and see government in action. This is a good year to go as we will be seeking State grants for projects this year. If any board members would like to attend please let Director Crowe know by March 22.

Marketing and Communications Director, Matt Szytz, presented the proposed Sponsorship Policy for discussion. Based on the discussion, staff will finalize the policy for approval at the March 22 Board Meeting.

Executive Director, Scott Crowe gave an update to the Weiss Park site plan and the OSLAD Grant Application process which will be guided through the services provided by Hitchcock Design group. Application period is July 1 through August 31 and we will be applying for this grant to support the update of Weiss Park. Award notifications won't be available until early-2024 and construction would happen in 2024 as well. Staff are working on one plan for if we get the grant and another plan if we don't.

Parks and Facilities Director, Wesley Peete, provided two playground designs to the Board for initial feedback. Staff will present these designs to the community starting this weekend at the Chamber Expo and online to receive feedback. A public input meeting will be announced and residents in the Wing Point neighborhood will be notified of the meeting to provide feedback. Once feedback is received, designs can be finalized. Staff have the goal of presenting a final plan to the board for approval at the April Board Meeting. This timing would allow us to take advantage of available discounts through the playground provider and installer.

A motion to enter Executive Session at 8:28 PM was made by Commissioner Awe and seconded by Commissioner Blasky.

Roll Call Yes - 3 No - 0. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Open Board Workshop was made at 8:43 PM by Commissioner Awe and seconded by Commissioner Blasky.

Voice Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn the Board Workshop at 8:44 PM was made by Commissioner Awe and seconded by Commissioner Blasky.

Voice Vote - All ayes, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Szytz  
Recording Secretary of the Board

Signature on file

Scott M. Crowe, Secretary      Date