

## **Public works meeting minutes**

June 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Councilman Gonzalez.

Present Stacy Szukala, Bill Rivera, Stephanie Kiyak, Tony Gugino, Al Zurawski, and Mike Michalski.

Al Zurawski gave an update. He said the property on 79 West Doughty is on the Foreclose list and it will be auctioned as land only. He said the property owner of 138 Lincoln Ave has no insurance and thinks Ron Szot will be sending a letter shortly to put a lean on it.

Al Zurawski said the 142 Maple Ave property has been deemed with asbestos on the side of the house. Al will be meeting with them very shortly that they are watching that area very closely.

Al Zurawski said there will be 2 houses torn down with the Millennium parkway project.

Steph Kiyak made note that there is unsafe steps on a house on Eagle Street if Al Zurawski could look into this.

Playground Presentations.

Chris is a representative from School Scapes Inc. He said they are the world's largest playground company. Their playgrounds give 360 degrees of play concepts. The entire structures they build are deemed "playable." He then proceeded to explain their company and what services they provide. He gave an overview of what their playgrounds are made out of and what their warranties cover. These structures are made so that if more units wanted to build at a later date they could easily be added on. They were going to provide a quote on what they could provide for a budget of \$10,000.00. The Bill Cease fund was still being considered as a funding avenue. They wanted the quotes to reflect with installation and without. Chris said he would send the proposals by mail and email.

Universal Play was the next company to give a presentation. Bill is a representative from their company. He explained they have done many different playgrounds around the area with the schools, and the towns. They are a local company. They have a playground in Van Buren that has been there for over 30years. They have past experience working with limited budgets. He then explained the different materials that could be used and what they provide. He explained what the \$10,000 price range could provide. He also asked if they wanted to use the current playground and just add onto it and repair different areas.

Mike Michalski asked that they should consider getting proposals for a couple different budgets. They will ask for quotes for budgets of \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$19,000. Stephanie Kiyak stated they are open to ideas, so to include any other suggestions for the project.

Educational activities were mentioned to be included with the playground. Instead of just physical activities invested, additional mentally engaging equipment is also an option for playgrounds.

Stacy Szukala made mention she would like to pursue the idea of a splash pad. She noted lifeguards wouldn't be needed either. Mike Michalski stated that limits the duration of year round use, due to our weather here. Local sponsorships were suggested for splash park or skate park projects.

The third presentation was given by Joe Denzack with Miracle. The company started in 1958 and he has been with the company for 20 years now. He mentioned they have done a lot of local work. They did the playground at School #3 and Washington Park and will soon be doing School #4, School #5, and School #7. Stacy Szukala asked if he had knowledge in splash pad projects and if so how much would a basic one range. He stated \$30,000-\$40,000 would be an estimated budget. Miracle tech security was then explained. They have a device called a sonic screen that repels bugs and teenagers with a high pitch sound. This helps against the vandalism and loitering. Younger children, adults, and seniors are not affected by this sound. This sound can be scheduled to play only during specific times, it is fully customizable. Tony Gugino passed out the plans that were provided by Joe. Stacy Szukala asked about the handicap accessibility. Joe explained a ramp is only mandated if more than 20 activities were provided. Joe asked what age group they were intended this project for. Tony Gugino said to base the proposal on 5-12 year olds. Proposals should include with installation and without and include 2 benches.

Tony Gugino said he doesn't want to wait too long since this company is going to be in the area during July- August. He explained installation is a huge part of the project and this company is very fast. Let them do the installation and take on all the responsibility.

Stacy Szukala said she doesn't want to repair or add on to the existing playground. She would like to get rid of the playground and start new. She said she knows there is a playground being built at the nearby school, but they need to be considered separate and still give the taxpayers a nice playground from the city. Steph Kiyak suggested benches should be considered in the project also. Steph Kiyak also said maybe use more out of the Bill Cease Funds and then later have sponsors and donations replenished the fund. An increase of \$20,000.00 for the total project cost was approved by Steph Kiyak, Bill Rivera, Andy Gonzalez, and Stacy Szukala.

Stacy Szukala motioned to adjourn the meeting.