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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING
BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of
Northfield Architectural Commission taken at the Northfield
Village Hall, Board Room, Northfield, Illinois on the 10th
day of June, 2019, at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

TEV BOND, Chairman
BARNABY DINGES
MICHAEL SOLLITT
KATHRYN TALTY
ANDY BOWYER
JOE McINERNEY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

PATRICA MORRELL

ALSO PRESENT:

LINNEA O'NEILL, Village Staff Liaison

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: I'd like to call to order the
2 June 10th, 2019 meeting of the Architectural Commission.
3 My name is Tev Bond, I'm the Chair.
4 Linnea O'Neill is here representing the Village of
5 Northfield, and I'll let the Commissioners introduce
6 themselves.

7 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Kathryn Talty.
8 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Mike Sollitt.
9 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Barnaby Dinges.
10 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Joseph McInerney.

11 CHAIRMAN BOND: And Andy Bowyer will probably
12 be joining us in the next few minutes when he walks in
13 to take a seat here. May I have a motion to pass the
14 meeting minutes from the May 13th hearing?

15 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: So moved.
16 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Second.
17 CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?
18 (Chorus of ayes.)

19 CHAIRMAN BOND: Minutes passed. There are two
20 items on our agenda tonight:
21 We have Walden Lane, the Architectural
22 Commission requested that the Petitioner return with
23 revisions for six items, so only those items will be
24 under discussion tonight.

25 Clarkson Park in the Northfield Park
26 District is requesting approval to add new facilities
27 while improvement and enhancing existing facilities at
28 Clarkson Park, 1950 Willow Road.

29 Tonight's public meeting requires all
30 persons wishing to be heard on a specific case to be
31 sworn in. Who is here to present our first item which
32 will be Walden Lane?

33 MR. DIAMOND: I am.
34 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes. So, all those who wish
35 to speak, if you could please, yes, raise your right
36 hand.

37 (Witnesses sworn.)
38 CHAIRMAN BOND: Then when you come up, if you
39 could please state your name?
40 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Who's going first?

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42 **1) 2140, 2150, 2156, 2160 AND 2170 WILLOW ROAD -**
43 **Consideration of a request for approval of exterior**
44 **facade, lighting and landscaping for the proposed ten**
45 **(10) detached single family residences on the 5.117**
46 **acre site bounded by Willow Road, Bracken Lane and the**
47 **unimproved Willow Road Village right-of-way.**

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49 Petitioner: R2 Northfield, LLC
50 Property Index Number: 04-24-103-023, 04-24-103-022,
51 04-24-103-021, 04-24-103-047, 04-24-103-046, 04-24-103-
52 026, 04-24-103-017
53 Project Number: 2018-0436

1 MR. DIAMOND: Okay, my name is Jeremiah Diamond with
2 Myefski Architects, 400 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.
3 Come on up.

4 MR. PATERA: I'm the landscape architect from
5 Teska Associates is my company, 627 Grove Street,
6 Evanston. My name is Nick Patera.

7 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you.

8 MR. DIAMOND: It's a pleasure to be back.
9 Hopefully, we'll wrap up these Architectural Commission
10 items tonight.

11 We have a few, only a few items, and I
12 think, I don't know if I should, if you wanted me to run
13 through that or if we should just go item by item real
14 quickly and I'll let you guys ask questions as I talk
15 about them.

16 CHAIRMAN BOND: I think that we can go item by
17 item quickly and just review what the six items are and
18 the changes.

19 MR. PATERA: All right. So, I get to go
20 first. The first one that's on your list, if I'm
21 looking at the same thing, talks about the size of the
22 plant material. We had made changes to accommodate the
23 size of three-inch caliper for the minimum of the trunk
24 diameter, or it goes further to talk about the plant
25 materials should be, called B&B, balled in burlap at
26 installation. So, there are some other comments that
27 come later about heights of ornamental trees that range
28 from four to eight feet. That wasn't a stipulation but
29 we have made plan changes and I believe Staff can
30 confirm that we've agreed to that number one.

31 Number two and three, Jeremiah can speak
32 up. If you want me just to stay on landscape or we can
33 go back and forth at your pleasure?

34 CHAIRMAN BOND: You can stay on landscape,
35 thank you.

36 MR. PATERA: It jumps from one to six, the
37 landscape. Replace ornamental trees, the number six has
38 about three different things in it. Number six says
39 replace ornamental trees on the parkway with shade
40 trees. We have quite a diversity of shade trees.
41 Kathryn, I can show you the shade trees in a schedule.

42 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, I've looked at it.
43 I think it's, you know, it's --

44 MR. PATERA: Pretty diverse.

45 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, and it satisfied
46 what we asked for.

47 MR. PATERA: Thank you. Then one of the other
48 comments had requested to increase the amount of shade
49 trees at the north property lines and the south property
50 lines, which we have done. There are some plane trees,
51 p-l-a-n-e, trees that we've put in at those locations on
52 the south end, the north end. We've also added some

1 birch trees. On the south, there's a pretty good tree,
2 woods on the easement area on the south side as well.
3 So, there's a pretty good stand of existing mature trees
4 on that south side.

5 The other items, two through five,
6 Jeremiah, unless there's questions on landscape.
7 MR. DIAMOND: All right, well, let's just
8 start with number two. We addressed your concerns with
9 the garage and the roofline, or the roofline above the
10 garage and reconfigured the roof and raised the garage
11 to help reduce that space that was above that was of
12 concern.

13 Then on Model C, we had a couple of
14 items. The main one was reconfiguring the front door
15 and removing, we chose to remove the column from the
16 project. After reviewing it, it wasn't the right
17 solution, and so thank you for pointing that out to us.

18 In addition, we adjusted the roofline on
19 this to clean it up. We had some unusual peaks and
20 valleys that I feel we've come back with a much stronger
21 roofline. Before I move on, and then we changed the
22 chimney cap to be more diverse on the current project.

23 Those are the few changes that we've made
24 that you guys requested. If there's any questions on
25 those, I'd like to take those now before I move on to
26 the next question or item.

27 CHAIRMAN BOND: We can do that. Typically,
28 we'd like you to present.

29 MR. DIAMOND: Okay, all right.

30 CHAIRMAN BOND: And then we'll ask you
31 questions.

32 MR. DIAMOND: Fine. No problem, I'll keep
33 going.

34 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay.

35 MR. DIAMOND: All right. This next item was
36 about diversity of the facades on the project. I
37 developed this diagram that shows how we're going to
38 achieve not having similar colors and similar models
39 next to each other or across from each other. So, if
40 they're the same model that's across from each other,
41 they're going to be required to be different colors, or
42 different color schemes.

43 Then the final item we have to discuss
44 was the selection of the light fixture, the light pole
45 fixture on the street. So, we're proposing an
46 alternative to the one we presented to you in March.
47 It's a Louis Poulsen fixture that's very elegant and
48 picks up a lot on the facade materials of the buildings
49 of all the houses.

50 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, excellent. Thank you.

51 MR. DIAMOND: Thank you.

52 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, we can start with the

1 landscaping. Do the Commissioners have any comments on
2 the changes for the landscaping?
3 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I think they've done
4 exactly what we're asking in terms of changing up the
5 variety of species. We've added some different species
6 types, even in kind of the wetland areas which was one
7 concern I had was to reduce, you know, the number of one
8 species.
9 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
10 COMMISSIONER TALTY: That appears to have been
11 done. The tree types along the street are canopy trees
12 versus under-story trees which I think will work better.
13 CHAIRMAN BOND: Excellent, and we'll work a
14 little bit backwards here. The light fixtures, those
15 were, we had asked for another proposal feedback on,
16 it's actually on the screen now, item B, which is --
17 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I like it and I think
18 it's probably a better fixture. It gives the dark sky
19 effect. I think it's, I like the copper top, it picks
20 up the --
21 MR. DIAMOND: It picks up the copper gutters
22 and the trim on the house.
23 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Exactly. I just had a
24 little difficulty reading the photometrics on the size
25 of the drawing, but looking at the summary, it looked
26 like the photometrics look okay.
27 MR. DIAMOND: We're nowhere near any property
28 lines.
29 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Yes, exactly. That's
30 what I'm saying, that's what I'm saying.
31 COMMISSIONER TALTY: And I like the
32 arrangement of the light fixtures better, the locations
33 of the fixtures. Did I read correctly that you were
34 able to reduce the number?
35 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: 15 to 13.
36 MR. DIAMOND: We did, we did reduce the
37 number.
38 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I just think it's going
39 to be more pleasant for the homeowners.
40 MR. DIAMOND: Yes, we're trying to be
41 sensitive not to have glare going in to the houses as
42 well.
43 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Right, yes.
44 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, the fixture is on the last
45 page of our packet, and then the location is kind of in
46 the middle of the packet on L20. So, Commissioner
47 Bowyer, do you have any thoughts or are you okay with
48 what you see?
49 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No, they look great.
50 CHAIRMAN BOND: Excellent. Any other comments
51 on the light fixtures? Excellent. So, working kind of
52 backwards here, let's go to the models across from each

1 other and varying by color. So, that is Sheet, we have
2 a few sheets here. I thought I saw it.
3 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: It's like the third
4 page in.
5 CHAIRMAN BOND: It's only a third page in?
6 MS. O'NEILL: Yes, it's right at the
7 beginning.
8 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Oh, yes.
9 CHAIRMAN BOND: Oh, right, it is here, I
10 skipped it, got it. So, any comments on how this is
11 being considered and the color scheme?
12 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Obviously, you had a
13 constraint because you couldn't change model size based
14 on the depth of the lot and things like that.
15 MR. DIAMOND: Correct. We discussed that at
16 the last meeting that the first two houses are both
17 Model C and they were shoehorned in there and we
18 couldn't change the models that are across the street
19 from each other.
20 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Yes, it just doesn't
21 fit otherwise.
22 MR. DIAMOND: Yes.
23 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I understand that. I
24 looked at the thing and the variety. Each color is, I
25 thought actually the wall shingles, those are
26 substantially different which is nice. The stone veneer
27 is enough of a change in the pavers. The light package
28 changed the sconces as well. So, we're happy with how
29 you guys have presented it.
30 MR. DIAMOND: Thank you.
31 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, if I've read this
32 correctly, there are two color schemes, correct?
33 MR. DIAMOND: Correct.
34 CHAIRMAN BOND: We decided not to go with the
35 third because we definitely didn't want beige according
36 to our last meeting. So, of the two color schemes,
37 we're talking about five and six and seven and nine
38 being flexible between those two color schemes.
39 MR. DIAMOND: Correct.
40 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, we potentially could end
41 up with five and six being the same, and seven, eight
42 and nine being all the same color scheme, unless we
43 designate that five and six should not be identical.
44 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I'd like to see five go
45 to the alternate scheme and six go to the primary colors
46 just to get some variety in there.
47 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right. So, that would be five
48 or six could be primary but not both so that they don't
49 both end up primary. Otherwise, they could potentially
50 both be the same color scheme, correct?
51 MR. DIAMOND: That is correct.
52 CHAIRMAN BOND: From how they are referred to.

1 MR. DIAMOND: So, we could have that be that
2 five and six need to be one or the other, and what is
3 it, seven and nine need to be one or the other, and then
4 we would have an equal amount. Or we could do it
5 another way, we could say we have to have five of one
6 color and five of another color.
7 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: The homeowners are going
8 to not want to have their house the same color as their
9 neighbor.
10 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
11 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I'm just thinking from
12 them from a sales standpoint, if we don't lock them
13 down, five can be whoever buys it first can pick.
14 MR. DIAMOND: That's correct.
15 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And then it defaults on
16 six. That six can't --
17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right. Right, exactly.
18 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: -- five has to be or
19 what six has to be.
20 CHAIRMAN BOND: Well, no, we're just saying
21 that they can't be identical, that five and six can't be
22 the same color scheme.
23 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Right, that it wasn't
24 the same.
25 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes.
26 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Okay, but I don't think
27 we should specify what five because --
28 CHAIRMAN BOND: No, I'm okay with that, too.
29 I agree.
30 MR. DIAMOND: Yes, we can say that five is one
31 and six is different.
32 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes. Yes, and then --
33 COMMISSIONER TALTY: For what it's worth, the
34 individual landscape plans for the units, I think, you
35 know, two different units will have two different plant
36 palettes which actually will, you know, kind of affect
37 the --
38 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Differentiate.
39 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Exterior aesthetic.
40 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, right, and they're
41 different models which will also --
42 COMMISSIONER TALTY: They're different models.
43 CHAIRMAN BOND: But I think color-wise, we
44 still don't want them all being identical.
45 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Right.
46 CHAIRMAN BOND: Then when we go to seven and
47 nine, because eight is already primary, seven and nine I
48 think have the flexibility, the same thing. We probably
49 don't want them to be, we don't want them all three to
50 end up primary, right?
51 MR. DIAMOND: Correct.
52 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, seven and nine, this is a

1 question for the Commissioners, are you okay if they are
2 both the alternate? Or do we want to make sure that one
3 is primary and one is alternate?
4 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: No, seven and nine,
5 yes, primary in the middle, so seven and nine are the
6 alternates.
7 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, and you have alternate
8 across the street.
9 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Right, right.
10 MR. DIAMOND: Could we just let seven and nine
11 be either one or the other so that the homeowners can
12 choose?
13 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Right.
14 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes.
15 MR. DIAMOND: So that we're not saying both of
16 them are alternates.
17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay.
18 MR. DIAMOND: So, it will be two of one color
19 and one is the other.
20 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, basically, we'll word it
21 that five and six/seven and nine need to be alternating
22 colors, right?
23 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, whoever buys first,
24 then that kind of defaults the next house.
25 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so then our last two
26 will be the elevation adjustments for Model A and for
27 Model C. So, we want to go to Model A first, the
28 garage.
29 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Much better. It's much
30 better.
31 CHAIRMAN BOND: Is everyone okay with the
32 adjustments? All right. Then Model C, we took away the
33 column. Is the footprint the same?
34 MR. DIAMOND: The footprint slightly changed.
35 It got a little smaller because of what we had to do
36 with, because we set the entrance in a little farther.
37 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, but is it slightly
38 covered then? You recessed it?
39 MR. DIAMOND: Yes, the entrance is covered.
40 It's still covered but, previously it extended, the
41 roofline extended out to create a porch.
42 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
43 MR. DIAMOND: And now it's an alcove. We had
44 pushed the entrance in so that it's more --
45 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
46 MR. DIAMOND: So to protect the --
47 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: The rooflines are
48 cleaner on the elevation this way.
49 MR. DIAMOND: Yes, yes.
50 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Much cleaner.
51 CHAIRMAN BOND: I also noticed on the side
52 elevation, I think that, maybe it was just an oversight,

1 there is that column on the new that wasn't on the old?
2 MR. DIAMOND: You know what, I think the old
3 print didn't show the entire side elevation. It wasn't
4 showing the stuff, the part in the distance.
5 COMMISSIONER TALTY: It's on the back.
6 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, I think it was just --
7 MR. DIAMOND: So, there is a column on the
8 back patio.
9 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Back patio.
10 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, and it didn't show one
11 the first.
12 MR. DIAMOND: And it didn't show on the first
13 one.
14 CHAIRMAN BOND: But it should have done that,
15 right?
16 MR. DIAMOND: Yes.
17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, and then on the bottom
18 elevation, I think there was supposed to be a chimney in
19 your original.
20 MR. DIAMOND: Yes.
21 CHAIRMAN BOND: But that also kind of just
22 accidentally didn't show up, okay. So, the recessed
23 entrance of the new elevation has shingles? Where are
24 those shingles? In the elevation, you can see shingles.
25 Is that actually the recessed?
26 MR. DIAMOND: Yes.
27 CHAIRMAN BOND: That you're seeing shingles?
28 MR. DIAMOND: Yes.
29 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Are you talking about in
30 C?
31 CHAIRMAN BOND: I'm talking about, yes, the
32 new elevation on C. So, if you go to --
33 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Not on the page. So,
34 where are you asking about shingles? Here?
35 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so, yes. These are
36 shingles and I think they're recessed.
37 MR. DIAMOND: Yes.
38 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, yes.
39 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: They're here, so it's
40 like three feet back.
41 CHAIRMAN BOND: They weren't as prominent on
42 the original elevation. We didn't see the shingles so
43 much because they had that --
44 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: We were distracted by
45 that column.
46 CHAIRMAN BOND: That column thing.
47 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: The shingles existed
48 but the overhang is such that you wouldn't see it.
49 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, the overhang kind of
50 hid that, right.
51 COMMISSIONER TALTY: So, there's no more
52 overhang?

1 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Right.
2 COMMISSIONER TALTY: There's no more overhang
3 over the front of --
4 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I think in real life,
5 in 3D you're not going to see as much. They're set
6 back.
7 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
8 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I'd say four or five
9 feet.
10 CHAIRMAN BOND: I guess I was curious whether
11 or not in the elevations, since it's recessed, if we
12 actually want shingles there at that entry.
13 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: But what would be the
14 alternative?
15 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, Commissioners, back on the
16 changes for Model C, are we in agreement with the
17 changes?
18 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: They did what we asked
19 them to do.
20 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I think this might be a
21 drawing thing, but when you go from the plan to the
22 elevation, on the elevation it doesn't look like the
23 dormer is center with the garage door. But on the plan,
24 it does look like it's center over that roof span.
25 MR. DIAMOND: On the C's?
26 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Oh, yes.
27 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Is it supposed to be
28 centered over the garage door? It looks like it's
29 almost centered.
30 MR. DIAMOND: It's almost centered.
31 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But on the elevation, it
32 looks very much not centered.
33 MR. DIAMOND: Well, it is, it's almost
34 centered. It is, the dormer could slide over to be
35 centered on the garage door.
36 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: On the garage, I think
37 that would be very obvious when you're driving. But I
38 won't go to their house.
39 MR. DIAMOND: It's about three feet off center
40 right now.
41 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, so if we could
42 center that up, I'd like to be friends with them.
43 MR. DIAMOND: Sure. Okay, I can make that
44 happen.
45 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, this might actually
46 also be a drawing thing and it might be a landscape
47 architect looking at an architectural elevation. So,
48 there's no more overhang over the front door on C?
49 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No, there is.
50 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Oh, there is?
51 MR. DIAMOND: Well, there is an eave, the eave
52 that goes across the floors.

1 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I see, okay, all right.
2 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: It's set back.
3 COMMISSIONER TALTY: That's what I was on,
4 it's set back. There's just no column.
5 MR. DIAMOND: Yes.
6 COMMISSIONER TALTY: It just, it overhangs but
7 there is no column.
8 MR. DIAMOND: Right.
9 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Got it.
10 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: The porch comes out
11 actually a little bit past the overhang.
12 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Got it.
13 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But the door is back
14 like three feet maybe, four feet or three feet.
15 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Okay, I got it.
16 MR. DIAMOND: Yes, so you have a place to
17 stand underneath the roof.
18 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Oh, I see it now, got it.
19 MR. DIAMOND: When you get to that front door
20 now.
21 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I think they're improved.
22 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, as you can see, I
23 think you were just mentioning that, that the one on the
24 side elevation which would be the, I don't know which
25 side but --
26 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes, so if you move
27 the dormer over in the bedroom on the second floor, then
28 your dormer is on the inside and not on the --
29 MR. DIAMOND: Yes.
30 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Because it looks like
31 the back elevation you are centered over the window for
32 the kitchen.
33 MR. DIAMOND: Right. It's the garage.
34 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: The garage, so you
35 could shift the garage door.
36 MR. DIAMOND: On the garage. So, that window
37 can also shift.
38 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Is the end elevation,
39 again it looks like that should be center with that
40 gable but I think it's a drawing issue, don't you think?
41 I'm sorry, I don't remember your name.
42 MR. DIAMOND: No, I think that on the end site
43 elevation it is centered.
44 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Per plan.
45 MR. DIAMOND: Per plan and --
46 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Then why isn't it
47 centered on the roof?
48 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But on the elevation of
49 the roof it's not centered. Right here.
50 MR. DIAMOND: This is the one that's --
51 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No, this one over here
52 is centered.

1 MR. DIAMOND: This is the one, this is the
2 bathroom.
3 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, what is this guy?
4 MR. DIAMOND: This is it for this bathroom.
5 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Oh, this is the one --
6 MR. DIAMOND: Yes, yes.
7 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Oh, okay.
8 MR. DIAMOND: So, for the bedroom, the window
9 is centered on the roofline.
10 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Right, right.
11 MR. DIAMOND: That part of it is symmetrical.
12 CHAIRMAN BOND: All right. Any additional
13 comments from the Commission? Anyone in the audience
14 like to speak? All right, thank you.
15 Okay, I'm just writing this. Who would
16 like to make a motion?
17 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I'll make a motion.
18 CHAIRMAN BOND: It's long, you're going to
19 want to read it.
20 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Yes, I know that. I
21 can read it. I know I'll throw you off if I --
22 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so for clarity so I can
23 put it all, add this and that on the end for
24 simplification, and then we need to add that in as like
25 number seven I guess. Okay? Thank you.
26 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Okay, **I'd like to make**
27 **a motion to approve the revision for Walden Lane in**
28 **accordance with the plan submitted May 14th, 2019**
29 **including:**
30 **1. All shade trees, ornamental trees, and evergreen**
31 **trees are required to be three inches DBH (diameter**
32 **breast height) balled in burlap at installation;**
33 **2. Model A revision;**
34 **3. Model C revision;**
35 **4. Facade material, color, and architectural details**
36 **as proposed in diagram by Myefski Architects and**
37 **dated 5/17/19;**
38 **5. Models 7 and 9 to have varying color schemes;**
39 **Models 5 and 6 to have varying color schemes.**
40 **6. Proposed alternate light fixture, proposed light**
41 **pole options, exhibit by Myefski Architects dated**
42 **5/17/19;**
43 **7. Increase the amount of diversity of shade and**
44 **parkway trees in the revised landscape plan by**
45 **Myefski Architects dated 5/3/19; and**
46 **8. Model C shall center the dormer over the garage.**
47 CHAIRMAN BOND: May I have a second?
48 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I'll second.
49 CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?
50 (Chorus of ayes.)
51 CHAIRMAN BOND: Congratulations.
52 MR. DIAMOND: Thank you very much.

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: Motion passes and you are free
2 to leave.

3 COMMISSIONER DINGES: When does the project
4 begin?

5 MR. DIAMOND: We still have a lot of approvals
6 to get through with IDOT, MWRD, and the Army Corps of
7 Engineers because of the wetlands. So, I'm not exactly
8 sure when --

9 COMMISSIONER DINGES: It's not going to be by
10 the spring.

11 MR. DIAMOND: Yes, it's not going to be in
12 spring.

13 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you for your time.

14 MR. DIAMOND: Thank you.
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16 1) 1950 WILLOW ROAD - Consideration of the design of a
17 bandshell including the lighting and landscaping
18 associated with the bandshell for Clarkson Park located
19 at 1950 Willow Road. **(This issue will be continued to
20 the September 9, 2019, meeting. It will not be
21 discussed).**

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23 Submitted by: Northfield Park District
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27 2) 1950 WILLOW ROAD - Consideration of a request for the
28 approval of site plan, picnic shelter façade,
29 landscape, hardscape, playground equipment and signage
30 for Clarkson Park located at 1950 Willow Road.

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36 CHAIRMAN BOND: Our next item on the agenda is
37 Clarkson Park, 1950 Willow Road. The Northfield Park
38 District is requesting approval to add new facilities
39 while improving and enhancing existing facilities at
40 Clarkson Park. The special use for the bandshell at
41 Clarkson Park will return to the Plan Commission in
42 September, so we are not discussing it tonight. The ZBA
43 approved the height of the proposed playground
44 equipment. That can still be discussed, and whether or
45 not it is in context to the surrounding buildings.

46 So, who is here in order to speak?
47 Please come, and whoever, anyone in the audience who is
48 thinking that they might want to speak, if you could
49 please stand up and we'll swear everyone in at once.

50 (Witnesses sworn.)

51 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you, and then when you
52 approach, if you would just state your name. You don't
53 have to all come up right now. So, whoever is
54 presenting on behalf of Clarkson Park?

1 MR. ALEXOFF: Good evening. My name is George
2 Alexoff, I'm the executive director of the Park
3 District. With me tonight is Eric Horning. Eric is
4 with Hitchcock Design Group and he will be going through
5 the details of the plan with you, and I will be kind of
6 filtering in some questions.

7 We've been working on the renovation of
8 Clarkson Park for a couple of years now. We had the
9 opportunity to apply for an OSLAD grant, which is the
10 State of Illinois Open Space Land Development grant. We
11 were awarded the grant of \$400,000. With that, we're
12 moving forward with the renovation.

13 So, we've had several meetings and we've
14 been discussing exactly what should be in the plan and
15 what shouldn't be. What you see this evening is the
16 plan that we believe, as from the Park Board, that we
17 would like to continue with. It has a lot of different
18 elements that improve our site and hopefully will be a
19 benefit to the community.

20 So, without getting too much more into
21 it, I'm going to turn it over to Eric so he can actually
22 go through some of the details with you.

23 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you.

24 MR. ALEXOFF: And I'll kind of help pass out
25 stuff as we go.

26 CHAIRMAN BOND: And could you please state
27 your name again?

28 MR. HORNING: Yes. So, I'm Eric Horning with
29 Hitchcock Design Group.

30 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you.

31 MR. HORNING: Thanks for having us here
32 tonight. It's got to be the only two hours of driving
33 time I've had in the last three weeks.

34 So, I will walk through our project here.
35 So, we're talking about Clarkson Park. This is about
36 three acres, zoned R-4. The park is an acceptable use,
37 existing. Obviously, we have the lodge, there is a
38 picnic shelter, a gazebo, playground, and then they
39 have, you guys are probably all really familiar with
40 this, but flood the front part for ice skating in the
41 winter.

42 George mentioned the OSLAD grant. One of
43 the things that the DNR evaluates is the existing
44 facilities, and they find the picnic shelter and the
45 playground to be beyond its useful life. So, one of
46 those reasons for replacement of those amenities is age
47 in the DNR's eyes.

48 So, our plans, just so I don't confuse
49 everyone, north is to the right. So, we've got Willow
50 on the right edge, Bristol to the south, Churchill up
51 top, and then Bosworth is just off screen just a little
52 bit.

1 Some photos of the existing Clarkson
2 Lodge. Really we took this to be our architectural
3 palette, and so it's our intent to align with the brick
4 and kind of the white trim, even some of the brick
5 inlays which you'll see in a minute, the precast cap on
6 the fireplace mantle there if you will, as well as the
7 stone seat walls over there. So, we're trying to use
8 the same palette that already exists.

9 Just a shot of the existing structure, so
10 I think we might agree with the DNR that this is beyond
11 its useful life.

12 Let's see. This is the playground.
13 That's the access into the ice for the winter.

14 Then, let's see, for our proposed plans,
15 we're going to replace the picnic shelter. We've got a
16 donor plaza around it. We're going to update the
17 playground equipment. We've got, really the only new
18 element is a splash pad. I'll talk about that in a
19 little bit. I guess our Baggo courts are new as well.
20 We've got a rain garden and we're going to improve the
21 drainage.

22 So, walking through the plan, I'll start
23 maybe in the north as you might experience it. So, just
24 a comment, the bandshell, something that our Plan and
25 Zoning has asked for some further review and
26 investigation so we're not going to cover it tonight.

27 But we've got, we're proposing a new
28 picnic shelter. One of the other things about the
29 picnic shelter is it's not accessible in its current
30 configuration, and so we'll make some accessible
31 shelter. We should be able to fit about six picnic
32 tables underneath, and then we've got a seating plaza
33 outside the picnic shelter, and we're going to take some
34 of the donor pavers that are in the shelter which were a
35 Lions Club project a ways back. We're going to reuse
36 those pavers and set them into a field of paving.

37 This is probably a good time for show and
38 tell. So, it's only heavy after like the 20th one. The
39 donor pavers are in this kind of tan/buff range, and so
40 the thought is that the field that they would be within
41 would match the color of the existing pavers.

42 We'll make some connections to the
43 existing Clarkson Lodge. These purple areas are
44 intended to be perennials and shrub beds, so we're
45 trying to enhance the landscape around that area. On
46 either end, there will be a low seat wall here, low seat
47 wall, seat wall, seat wall, that will match the stone
48 walls that is being pictured for. Then we've got a
49 connecting sidewalk that will come over to the new
50 splash pad area.

51 So, these are ground, let's see. Well,
52 I'll wait until we get to the other part. These are

1 ground sprays so there's no standing water. It's a
2 system that uses between 80 and 100 gallons a minute.
3 It's on a seasonal timer so it shuts off for the winter.
4 It's on daily timer so it will have operating hours.
5 Then it's only activated when someone is present and
6 presses a button. So, it's not going to be an on-at-
7 all-times thing, it will only be on in season when
8 people are present to enjoy it.

9 Around that, we've got some additional
10 seat walls for parents and caregivers. Off to the side
11 here, we've got a little seating area with some picnic
12 tables off there.

13 We mentioned drainage. We know up in
14 here in particular is a low spot in the site, and so
15 we're going to take and create a rain garden here that
16 will take some of that drainage and filter that water
17 out.

18 Then the play environment, we've got a
19 new play environment. The curb, what we would call the
20 container, will remain essentially the same. We'll take
21 the engineered wood fiber out of that and we'll replace
22 it with this poured-in-place rubber play surfacing. So,
23 a couple of good things about this, it's lower
24 maintenance, and the best benefit is it's fully
25 accessible so a wheelchair can get to it. Wood chips
26 are considered accessible but they've got to be
27 maintained really well to keep them that way.

28 There's two areas, there's a two-to-five
29 zone, I blew it. Two-to-five zone up here, so there's a
30 two-to-five play structure and the bucket swings up
31 here. Then this is a larger kids play zone, a five-to-
32 12 structure and the belt swings down here. Then we
33 have some ground play elements here like a balanced
34 beam, this is the spinner, and then we've got a few, we
35 call them mobiles or bumps, so it's just mounds in the
36 poured-in-place to kind of give you that king of the
37 mountain opportunity.

38 We've placed a bike rack over here. Then
39 these are Baggo games, so very, the kind of bean bag
40 toss games. These are precast concrete elements that
41 people seem to really enjoy. It's kind of a simple
42 addition.

43 Then, let's see. So, improved landscape,
44 you know, just in general around this perimeter. We've
45 got a walkway that's going through the center here with
46 a small gathering plaza in the middle. We're doing that
47 for a couple of reasons. One, the space is a little bit
48 large when you're out there and you're standing and it
49 feels kind of expansive. So, the thought is that if we
50 break it up into a couple of spaces, there's still
51 enough room to have a game of pickup Frisbee or, you
52 know, play catch or whatever, and other people can just

1 sit and relax. So, there's opportunities for more users
2 to feel like it's still theirs, whereas if there is a
3 game going in the middle, it's only for them. Does that
4 make sense?

5 The other thing, from an ice standpoint
6 in the winter, right now this area is about three feet
7 lower than this. So, if gravity works, you can imagine
8 you have to fill the bathtub up kind of three feet on
9 one end and six inches in the other, and that makes it
10 hard to freeze. So, we would try and level that out a
11 little so that they're able to have it more consistent.
12 Still have positive drainage, still have good, you know,
13 responsible cross slopes and everything, but just make
14 that a little bit more friendly for ice.

15 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, the ice rink would
16 just be on the west side?

17 MR. HORNING: It could be on both. They would
18 have control and the ability to freeze or flood
19 either/or.

20 So, these are the existing conditions, if
21 we need it. These are our technical documents if we
22 need it. We're going to skip past the bandshell.

23 This is the look of the shelter. So,
24 we're mimicking, you know, the brick in the fireplace
25 from the Clarkson Lodge, the precast, and the white trim
26 as we talked about, the roof, yes, all of this. Here is
27 the brick, and I checked it on the way here, it's nearly
28 identical.

29 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you.

30 MR. HORNING: So, we have some of these little
31 old ones like the Avon which marks for our current
32 preferences. So, that's really just the posts. So,
33 we've got this little precast that you have in your hand
34 there, yes, so that's the color and the finish but were
35 not going to bevel the edges like that because they're
36 not beveled out there currently.

37 Then the roof. So, this is a cedar shake
38 so when the weather is gray but, you can see our little
39 stone seat walls around the edges. I think we have
40 these as well as maybe some other supplements in your
41 packet.

42 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Is this some sort of
43 composite?

44 MR. HORNING: I believe that's powder-coated
45 steel.

46 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Oh, steel.

47 MR. HORNING: Yes. So, this is 40 by 20. The
48 playground layout which I think we covered all that.

49 CHAIRMAN BOND: And that playground layout is,
50 the north side is at the bottom, correct?

51 MR. HORNING: That is correct, yes.

52 CHAIRMAN BOND: And what is E please?

1 MR. HORNING: E is a spinner called the
2 revolution --
3 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, because now that it's
4 bigger, it's a little easier. So, we do have all of
5 this documented for anyone in the audience, but our
6 documents are a little bit small.
7 MR. HORNING: Yes.
8 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, this is a little more
9 defined, a little easier to see.
10 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: So, the bottom is
11 north? I think the bottom is south.
12 CHAIRMAN BOND: I think the bottom is north,
13 correct?
14 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, Willow Road is that
15 way.
16 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, isn't the splash pad --
17 MR. HORNING: No, wait --
18 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: No, I think --
19 MR. HORNING: The bottom is south.
20 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Bottom is south.
21 CHAIRMAN BOND: Oh, it is?
22 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes.
23 MR. HORNING: Yes, sorry. Yes.
24 CHAIRMAN BOND: Bottom is south, all right.
25 Okay, so where is your splash pad on here?
26 MR. HORNING: So, the splash pad is going to
27 be closest to A in the northwest or the upper left
28 there.
29 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so the spare is E, D is?
30 MR. HORNING: D is a crawl tube. So, that's
31 actually cutting through a mound.
32 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, okay.
33 MR. HORNING: That E is actually an accessible
34 spinner, too. It's kind of an accessible merry-go-round
35 if you will, let's say for the --
36 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay.
37 MR. HORNING: That's the look of it. This is
38 the crawl tube, so it will be partially covered by the
39 rubber mounds. That was that item D, and then item E is
40 here. It looks like they illustrated that not totally
41 true.
42 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: So, this illustration
43 is not correct?
44 MR. HORNING: It's got all the components on
45 it but --
46 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Just not in the right
47 order?
48 MR. HORNING: Slightly off on the ground
49 elements.
50 Then we have the splash pad. So, these
51 are all ground sprays, so there's no like overhead
52 mushrooms or big arches or anything like that. The

1 thought is that when it's not in use, it's just a
2 comfortable place to sit, something like that.
3 Then these are the, really the only
4 visible color are the covers for the -- and we were, our
5 playground colors are leaning towards blue and green,
6 that's where we've marked a couple of blues. We want it
7 to, you know, pop out just a little bit so that you can
8 see them, but the intent is not that they would make a
9 giant color statement.

10 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: What is the material
11 of the floor surface of that?

12 MR. HORNING: Good question. This
13 illustration makes it look like polished granite, right?
14 It is not that, it is brushed concrete so it will have a
15 good slip resistance to it.

16 CHAIRMAN BOND: Is that concrete?

17 MR. HORNING: The surfacing underneath the
18 splash pad is medium -- concrete.

19 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: And then what, your
20 planter box is in wall shelves and it looks like you
21 have seating all around. What's the material of that?

22 MR. HORNING: So, it will be the stone, the
23 same stone walls that are out there. So, they've taken
24 some liberties with their --

25 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: So, it's not going to
26 look like polished marble then?

27 MR. HORNING: No, it will look like stone
28 walls.

29 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: It's going to be all
30 hard surface around there.

31 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: It's going to be hard
32 surfaces though, right?

33 MR. HORNING: Yes, yes.

34 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Just out of curiosity,
35 what is the maintenance like on this thing? They have
36 to be, obviously they have to be -- every year?

37 MR. HORNING: Yes, it's about like an
38 irrigation system where it's got to be winterized and
39 started. There's, it's not a recirculating system so
40 there's no chemicals or anything like that. So, it's
41 periodic, you know, check to make sure things are
42 flowing right and you're not clogged or something like
43 that. But I think it's probably a weekly walk-by and
44 then maybe a monthly tune-up or a look-in, you know,
45 look behind the controls and make sure everything is
46 still going.

47 So, with that, I can open it up to
48 questions. Well, let's see. I'll share some other
49 things. Those are the stones, those are just laminate
50 which will match the stone walls.

51 Site furniture, some of the site
52 furniture out there is just kind of this green color

1 already or black or leaning in those colors. That's
2 powder-coated steel. This is the rubber play surfacing.
3 We're proposing that it's shades of blue like that.
4 This is kind of the materials, what you use to mix these
5 little granules to get the different colors.

6 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Is that mixed on site?

7 MR. HORNING: It's kind of, you know, it's
8 pre-mixed dry and then they add the binder on the site
9 and churn it.

10 There's a lot of materials on the play
11 equipment. This is some of the wall climber things and
12 that, you don't get a chance to look at that stuff very
13 often. Might as well.

14 We're showing a rendering, showing kind
15 of blue and marble gray. The borders --

16 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: What is this?

17 MR. HORNING: That's one of the steppers.
18 Then the railing as pictured is that green. These are
19 some of the stone climbers.

20 COMMISSIONER TALTY: How about the posts on
21 this?

22 MR. HORNING: The posts?

23 COMMISSIONER TALTY: It's like they've got a
24 tan --

25 MR. HORNING: I think it's a brown, right?

26 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Brown.

27 MR. HORNING: These are some of the stone
28 climbers. Under side of the canopies, this kind of
29 looks like --

30 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you.

31 MR. HORNING: That just about covers it.

32 CHAIRMAN BOND: All right, thank you. We'll
33 let them look at the colors for a moment.

34 I would like to start with I think, which
35 will be the most straightforward item, the shelter.

36 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: We're not allowed to.

37 CHAIRMAN BOND: No, not the building.

38 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Bandshell.

39 CHAIRMAN BOND: The shelter. So, we are
40 discussing, it's about in the middle of your packet if
41 you want to -- for the shelter I think. So,
42 Commissioners, if you have thoughts or questions on the
43 materials, the colors, the height, the location, the
44 layout?

45 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I was just going to ask
46 about the architectural license of putting -- in the
47 background.

48 MR. HORNING: Say that again?

49 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I was going to say
50 that's I was just going to ask about the architectural
51 license of putting in the background --

52 CHAIRMAN BOND: And is there lighting in this?

1 MR. HORNING: There is. There will be two
2 down-lights. We submitted photometrics, but basically
3 they're at a 10-foot candle before they leave the path,
4 so they're intended to be unobtrusive.

5 CHAIRMAN BOND: Is it the light that, I
6 believe it's in this packet, the BEGA light?

7 MR. HORNING: Correct, the BEGA. It kind of
8 looks like a half of a soup can.

9 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Is there electric in
10 there?

11 MR. HORNING: Yes, there will be receptacles
12 in the four corner posts.

13 CHAIRMAN BOND: And then the tables will be
14 movable?

15 MR. HORNING: Correct. They'll be the same
16 ones that are on site currently.

17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Are those metal or are they
18 wood? Because there's a mix at Clarkson Park.

19 MR. HORNING: Yes, there is a lot.

20 MR. ALEXOFF: All newer picnic tables are the
21 metal ones.

22 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, the wood picnic tables
23 will be going away with this proposal?

24 MR. ALEXOFF: We would like to. They're very
25 -- but right now they do serve a purpose because there
26 are a number of functions where there are tables that
27 are still needed.

28 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, and then did you say,
29 I'm sorry to interrupt, you're adding more tables? Or
30 you're not adding, this proposal doesn't have an
31 addition of tables?

32 MR. HORNING: So, we would take the ones that
33 are in the lawn here and move them underneath the
34 shelter.

35 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, but there is no
36 discussion about the wood tables that are on the east,
37 southeast under the trees, doing something with those?
38 Because those are sad. They are, right?

39 MR. ALEXOFF: No, there's no discussion on
40 those.

41 MR. HORNING: They're the ones that are way
42 in?

43 MR. ALEXOFF: Yes, the ones that are in the
44 route.

45 CHAIRMAN BOND: Is there a way to include
46 something to do with those? Because if you're going to
47 give us this beautiful new park and then we have these
48 sad old tables kind of sitting over there, it seems a
49 bit odd.

50 MR. ALEXOFF: And you're speaking specifically
51 of the ones that are coming out of the ground, correct?
52 The ones that are mounted? Or are you talking about --

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: I don't know if they're
2 mounted.
3 MR. ALEXOFF: Because there are some that are
4 mounted.
5 CHAIRMAN BOND: They're in the southwest area.
6 MR. HORNING: Southwest or southeast?
7 CHAIRMAN BOND: Southeast, sorry. You're
8 right, southeast.
9 MR. ALEXOFF: Closest to the existing storage
10 garage?
11 CHAIRMAN BOND: To the shed, right. On
12 Bristol.
13 MR. ALEXOFF: Those are the ones that are
14 mounted then.
15 CHAIRMAN BOND: They're mounted?
16 MR. ALEXOFF: Yes, they're mounted.
17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right. Can't they be
18 unbolted? Or they're actually like poured in concrete?
19 MR. ALEXOFF: I'm sure we can work on that but
20 we had not discussed it previously.
21 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay.
22 COMMISSIONER TALTY: So, just circling back a
23 little bit to the light fixtures in the shelter, is that
24 going to be operating, are they going to be operated on
25 a timer and have hours I would assume?
26 MR. HORNING: Yes.
27 COMMISSIONER TALTY: So, I don't even know
28 about the exterior lighting on the existing building.
29 MR. HORNING: Yes, so they would be photocell
30 on timer off.
31 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: On a 40-foot long
32 shelter, two lights, would that provide enough task
33 light? Like if they're selling beer under there, I mean
34 people can actually see to make change and take tickets?
35 MR. HORNING: Yes, this little photometrics,
36 it looks like there's, you know, half a foot candle or
37 so underneath and it fades out, tapers off pretty quick
38 once you get outside. We think it's enough.
39 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, color materials?
40 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: What are the
41 proposed, are they wood?
42 MR. HORNING: They're steel. They're powder-
43 coated steel.
44 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: That was the white
45 one?
46 CHAIRMAN BOND: It's the white steel.
47 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: It's showing in the
48 picture, it looks like a little grayish.
49 MR. HORNING: It does, yes, I agree.
50 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: But they'll be white?
51 MR. HORNING: They'll be white to match the
52 trim on the house, or the lodge.

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: Then if we go to the north
2 side of Clarkson Park, and the proposal, because this is
3 part of our discussion today, is the walkway. So, we
4 are not discussing the bandshell; however, that walkway
5 that is in the middle, that walkway has two seat walls
6 for seating?

7 MR. HORNING: Correct.

8 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, in the middle. Because
9 the bandshell has not been determined yet, I would like
10 to propose that we discuss that in September when you
11 have a definitive location. However, if the
12 Commissioners would like thoughts on, because I know the
13 community has been discussing this idea of even breaking
14 it, whether or not that's seating, we can start that
15 discussion today.

16 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes, I have a
17 question about that. Is that no longer going to be an
18 ice rink?

19 MR. HORNING: It will be. It will allow us to
20 have two ice rinks if, you know, if the weather or the
21 season is cooperating. That way you can have, you know,
22 maybe a pickup hockey and a figure skating area
23 separated with a little bit of buffer.

24 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: And what is the size
25 then of each rink?

26 MR. HORNING: That's a good question. I'm not
27 sure if I know the answer to that. I can get back to
28 you on that. Yes, but it's definitely not a hockey
29 rink. It's way smaller than that. Let's see.

30 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: And then to flood it,
31 how would that work without flooding over that walkway?
32 Is that walkway going to be raised sufficiently enough
33 that it would be a depression on each side?

34 MR. HORNING: Yes. Yes, so the benefit of the
35 walkway I guess is it brings an accessible route into
36 the ice area, but it would still be raised above the
37 level of the flooding.

38 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And what's the surface?
39 Is it brick? Is it concrete?

40 MR. HORNING: It's concrete, right, concrete.
41 So, this is, I don't know, it's 175 wide,
42 and so that's going to make this approximately 100 feet,
43 maybe 125 on the other portion.

44 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, my initial reaction to it
45 is that it does break up that very usable big piece of
46 land. So, if someone is renting the pavilion and they
47 want to play football, you now have this obstacle in the
48 middle. You also could potentially get tackled on to
49 the concrete, correct? If you're playing baseball with
50 your kid, you now have this obstacle in the middle.

51 I like the idea of additional seating. I
52 don't know that it belongs in the middle of what is

1 currently the most usable play field that you have there
2 if you want to play soccer, if you want to, I see it
3 more as an obstacle than a bonus. But depending on what
4 happens with the bandshell, you know, we potentially, it
5 might not even really work there anymore depending on
6 the location of the bandshell.

7 Do the Commissioners want to add any more
8 thoughts to that?

9 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I have to agree with
10 you that breaking up that field seems to be, it's
11 problematic for me. I understand your desire to create
12 a division there. But I think from a more functional
13 standpoint for kids, they would want a more wide open
14 space, it gives you more options to do things. Quite
15 honestly, I think for skaters, not that I do figure
16 skating, but when I've seen them going by, they would
17 take the longest strides and loops around the rink which
18 you eliminate entirely with this --

19 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, I agree with both of
20 you. But at the same time, you made a comment earlier
21 about this big field and it's very vast. When I think
22 about things like Rib Fest and stuff like that where
23 it's packed, and I have, I mean I'm sure we all have
24 children, I have very young children right now. So, I
25 like the idea of there being something where you can say
26 meet me here. We don't have that right now, so it's
27 very hard to see people.

28 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.

29 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But I agree with you, I
30 think having an obstacle there is not good for the
31 field. But if there was some sort of an element like
32 maybe just a statue or --

33 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: You can put that one on
34 either the north side or --

35 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Some place in there,
36 right, where there's, I think you even made a comment
37 about, I mean it's almost like a gathering spot. But it
38 doesn't have to be a barrier from one end to the other,
39 but there's still something that's a statue or
40 something.

41 MR. HORNING: Yes, if you get lost, go here.

42 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Right, exactly. You
43 know at 8:00 o'clock where to meet.

44 MR. ALEXOFF: At least from staff's point of
45 view and what were discussed previously, you know,
46 because we're trying not to litter the bandshell, one of
47 the real features of that centerpiece is to help augment
48 the bandshell area. So, I think what you're saying is
49 that if the bandshell does not go where it's showing on
50 this drawing, I think the board would have to re-look at
51 that and see if that's the best use of that space at
52 that point.

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right. Right.
2 MR. ALEXOFF: I'm not saying that, you know,
3 we may not want to come back to that if the bandshell
4 ends up where it's at and really try to explain further
5 exactly why we're looking to do it there because there
6 were definite reasons why we wanted to do it there.
7 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
8 MR. ALEXOFF: It gave us the ability to create
9 other features within the park that currently don't
10 exist. Now, if we do not have the bandshell there,
11 you're right, why is it there?
12 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But if you were to go
13 with that plan, on the plans inside here, well, actually
14 it's the same amount. Can you go back to the colored
15 one?
16 MR. HORNING: Which way?
17 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: It doesn't seem on axis
18 for the bandshell and the --
19 MR. HORNING: It is. Or it's --
20 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I think, and the other
21 ones in here it is.
22 MR. HORNING: Yes.
23 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But I would think that
24 you would want it, whatever that thing is to be, if
25 that's where the bandshell ends up or wherever the
26 bandshell goes, if you have that element, you would want
27 it on the same east-west axis as the bandshell.
28 MR. HORNING: Yes, it's intended to be
29 centered. I'm not sure if that's an optical illusion or
30 whether it's actually off. But I think on the technical
31 drawing it's centered.
32 COMMISSIONER DINGES: And I would just say, to
33 speak up for, I guess for this, I see this as a place
34 for people to kind of slow down. If you want to play a
35 competitive game of Frisbee or whatever, you can go
36 across the street and there's acres and acres and acres
37 of open space and I see that. I see this as a place
38 where, you know, younger kids in a more intimate setting
39 can kind of enjoy it.
40 So, I mean I kind of like that it's
41 broken up into smaller pieces where you could actually
42 have two uses in all. But I mean it's obviously a
43 debate for another time. I see what you're doing here
44 and I do feel like it's nice to have a place in the park
45 where it's not about, you know, necessarily athletic
46 pursuit and achievement, but more about maybe sitting on
47 the lawn and just not encouraging people to compete all
48 the time.
49 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: While this drawing is
50 up, can I bring up something totally unrelated?
51 CHAIRMAN BOND: Sure.
52 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I don't know if you've

1 thought about this but, so my youngest is now nine so
2 this is no longer a big concern of mine, but for many,
3 many years, there's a big fight at the Rib Fest stuff.
4 The security, and I know we're north though which is
5 happy land, but have you thought about doing any sort of
6 like fencing just on this back part so there's control
7 points like whether your kid wanders or somebody comes
8 in and grabs your kid or something like that, at least
9 they can't like sneak off in the dark?

10 MR. ALEXOFF: No one has ever mentioned
11 fencing there. We have had a couple of comments on
12 fencing on Willow Road.

13 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: See, for me, the adults
14 are always hanging out up here, and the little kids are
15 back here and they want to go back and hang with their
16 friends. They're always going to stay up there where
17 their friends are. But if you've got like two-year-
18 olds, well, not two but four-year-olds, five-year-olds,
19 six-year-olds, there's always that concern am I getting
20 them back at the end of the night.

21 So, I just think that there's some way to
22 have a control point, whether it's here and up there, I
23 don't know. It's just something I would to bring up,
24 something I did bring up.

25 MR. ALEXOFF: Thank you.

26 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I think I could be
27 convinced either way on the element in the front of the
28 field. I do agree that if you wanted some sort of
29 competitive sports experience, you could go across the
30 street. I do think it really depends on how your
31 bandshell works out, whether that makes any sense.

32 I feel like right now it's a little
33 underdeveloped. I think it almost seems like in every
34 element, it's almost like a placeholder for an element.
35 Like I think that needs a little bit of thought maybe
36 perhaps to make that more effective.

37 But I agree with Tev, I think the
38 bandshell really would drive that and kind of -- is. I
39 almost would say wait until we've talked about the
40 bandshell.

41 CHAIRMAN BOND: We'll continue that to
42 September. So, we'll --

43 MR. HORNING: We'll kind of ignore the top
44 third of the second.

45 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, we'll move to the
46 playground area. I have a couple of just general
47 questions. Did you ever consider the splash pad and
48 this new equipment at Willow Park?

49 MR. ALEXOFF: Yes, we did. We really felt
50 this was the best location for it. This is more of our
51 community feeling park, the walkability, things of that
52 nature. We really felt it was the appropriate place.

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: And what do you anticipate in
2 interest to come to the location? People outside of
3 Northfield? More Northfield families coming to use it?

4 MR. ALEXOFF: I think our goal is really
5 Northfield families to use the park and be able to
6 experience it and have a lot of the amenities that I
7 think our neighboring communities do have. We don't
8 believe what we're adding is going to bring people
9 outside our community. Yes, they may see certain
10 elements and like to try it. I think even our
11 Northfield residents go to different parks right now
12 because there's something they like there.

13 But, you know, we had been asked to
14 actually, what I would call beef up the play area or
15 this what I call the light play area and do more. But
16 that's not what we want to do. We've been hearing that
17 they want to add some type of water feature within our
18 park system. This made the most sense to where we can
19 add some more without going overboard.

20 The trend, and Eric, correct me if I'm
21 wrong, but it's really to build water structures that is
22 playground now. I mean as opposed to putting pools in,
23 you're seeing places, Waukegan is doing a wonderful one
24 right now that is, I think Eric, you guys are doing that
25 project right now. How many acres is it?

26 MR. HORNING: Yes, it's eight acres. Just for
27 example, their splash pad is 3,000 gallons per minute
28 and they fully intend to draw from multiple communities.
29 This is what we would consider a complement to the
30 playground use. It really shouldn't be a huge like
31 destination for people outside of your community.

32 CHAIRMAN BOND: I don't believe there is a
33 splash pad in Winnetka that are --

34 MR. ALEXOFF: Hubbard Woods.

35 CHAIRMAN BOND: There is?

36 MR. ALEXOFF: Hubbard Woods Park.

37 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: There is one. They
38 just put one in.

39 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, has there been any
40 concern about increased parking in the neighborhood due
41 to the renovations?

42 MR. ALEXOFF: There's been discussion at some
43 of the different commissions. It definitely came up at
44 Plan and Zoning. But we've heard a little bit at our
45 open houses but not a ton, because we're really not
46 trying to change the uses too much. It's exactly what
47 we've been doing for the last several years. Last year
48 was probably the newest element that we added which was
49 the concerts in the park on a more regular basis than we
50 had in the past.

51 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.

52 MR. HORNING: If I remember correctly, at the

1 Plan and Zoning, the concern was not about everyday
2 parking. It was about festival or event parking.
3 MR. ALEXOFF: Special events.
4 MR. HORNING: Special events, yes.
5 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, the playground, if we can
6 discuss the specifics about the location and the layout
7 of the new playground equipment and the splash pad? I
8 think that we can also work into this landscaping,
9 right? Some trees will go away in the proposal.
10 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Can we look at the
11 playground for a minute?
12 MR. HORNING: The rendering?
13 COMMISSIONER DINGES: I'm trying to figure
14 out, to the right there, it's 26 feet to the top of
15 that. Then is there a cover, before you go down that
16 big, snaky slide, is there a top there? Because I'm
17 looking at that arced roof that goes off there. There
18 is?
19 MR. HORNING: Yes.
20 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Can you get to that? I
21 mean can a kid?
22 MR. HORNING: No. No. So, yes, the way that
23 those are kind of caged in if you will, they aren't able
24 to walk on that surface.
25 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Okay, because it looks
26 to --
27 CHAIRMAN BOND: And it's completely caged off
28 in the sides?
29 MR. HORNING: Up there, yes. Yes, and the
30 play equipment is ASTM, CPSD compliant. It's got the
31 correct use zones, correct impact attenuation below it.
32 COMMISSIONER DINGES: What's the maximum speed
33 of that slide? I see it's snaked right to slow them
34 down?
35 MR. HORNING: You know, it's funny. I don't
36 know if you've ever, have you been on a slide recently?
37 COMMISSIONER DINGES: I try to avoid slides.
38 MR. HORNING: Yes. You would be let down
39 because the slides that we grew up with were fast. The
40 slides that, they'll go fast for a little bit, but by
41 the time they get to the bottom they kind of have to
42 scoot off. Like it just flattens out so much that by
43 the time they exit, they're not --
44 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Can we put some good
45 metal ones in here?
46 MR. HORNING: There is a trend back toward
47 those, but they're very, very expensive.
48 COMMISSIONER TALTY: As long as they're
49 shaded.
50 MR. HORNING: Yes, shade is important.
51 MR. ALEXOFF: This particular playground has
52 just been installed in two locations in Illinois. One

1 in Lincolnwood and one in Gurnee. I had some pictures I
2 shared with the other commissions before but I'll just
3 pass these out, just to kind of give you a true look of
4 what I think it is. It may give you a different idea,
5 too.

6 COMMISSIONER TALTY: So, can I ask why Little
7 Tikes? Why the manufacturer that you're selecting, any
8 manufacturer, I mean I've been at a few parks recently
9 and, you know, it just never comes up as a manufacturer,
10 is there a benefit to them?

11 MR. HORNING: Yes, so we started and we go out
12 to four or five of them, I've even gone out to six
13 different product vendors. All the, you know, the top
14 ones that work in the industry around here, Landscape
15 Structures and GameTime and Miracle and Burke and maybe
16 one more. But so we go out to all of them, we give them
17 our budget, we give them our goals. We have them submit
18 back and try and get the most value, the most play
19 experience for the budget that we've provided, and the
20 one that's the most exciting, too, and has a good feel
21 for the community.

22 So, I'd say Little Tikes Commercial, it's
23 hard to get over the stigma because you picture the
24 stuff that's in your living room, right? But it's a
25 commercial playground venture and they've been around
26 for quite a while. Particularly the local reps give
27 excellent quality service which is to the benefit of the
28 Park District.

29 MR. ALEXOFF: And when we looked at it, before
30 we brought it to the board, from staff's point of view
31 as well, we wanted something that was a little bit more
32 than what we have right now. As we have two-to-five and
33 five-to-12, when you look at that, you're only probably
34 getting only nine-year-olds before they get totally
35 bored with what we currently have over there. We wanted
36 to change that because that's what we're hearing from
37 some of our teams is that we need to bring something
38 into that playground. If we're going to renovate it,
39 let's do something that's going to be a lot more fun for
40 them.

41 So, this provided us with what we felt
42 was a very solid play piece that had a lot of different
43 features. They just have more in terms of climbing
44 structures, in terms of height. The platform is 14-foot
45 where you're standing. So, think about that, the
46 biggest slide is a 14-foot slide, it's almost twice as
47 big as what you see out there right now. But it's kind
48 of cool and, you know, the true story is the night we
49 were discussing this at our Park Board meeting, we had a
50 Boy Scout that was there, kind of doing a service
51 project, and we showed him the playground and he was
52 like this is so cool, this will be a lot of fun, you

1 know.
2 So, that's the type of reaction we're
3 hearing from some of the kids that we've shared our
4 plans with. We really think it's kind of a needed
5 element that adds a lot more.
6 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, can we go back to the
7 playground please on the large scale? Okay, so I would
8 just like a little bit of clarification. B, where is
9 the highest point on that plan? Where is the 26 feet?
10 Please, can you point to it with your --
11 MR. HORNING: So, this is actually, this is
12 the two-to-five structure. So, the highest point is
13 right here.
14 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so that is, the 26-foot
15 is in the middle?
16 MR. HORNING: Correct.
17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Because in your elevation, it
18 looks like there's a big tree behind it. Is there a big
19 tree behind it that will stay there? Or is that just,
20 that's perhaps why I had misread the plan, because when
21 I looked at the elevation, it looked as if there's a
22 very large tree behind it.
23 MR. HORNING: So, there is a tree, it's that
24 tree right there, that would remain as well as a pretty
25 good sized tree along the fence. I think that's what
26 we're trying to illustrate in this, this tree right
27 here.
28 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Isn't there a tree just
29 inside the shaded area though? Or is that a new
30 planting?
31 MR. HORNING: There is an internal planting
32 pocket that we're going to remove.
33 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No, but isn't there a
34 dotted line around an existing tree right where --
35 MR. HORNING: Right here?
36 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Well, now I don't know
37 where I am. Can you go back? Yes, so right in between
38 the two-to-five and then six-to-whatever.
39 MR. HORNING: This?
40 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, isn't that a tree?
41 MR. HORNING: No, that's a spinner. Does that
42 help?
43 CHAIRMAN BOND: A little bit. I didn't think
44 there were any big trees in that middle area off to the
45 side I guess?
46 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Well, that was a good
47 picture you just had that was colored that had the
48 landscaping on it.
49 MR. HORNING: This?
50 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No, keep going. Can you
51 just go back? You're going the right direction I think.
52 Keep going. Right there. Yes, see, the closest tree

1 is off the, you're just a little --
2 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Is this accurate with
3 the trees?
4 MR. HORNING: Yes, those are the existing,
5 yes.
6 MR. ALEXOFF: We'll give you this, too.
7 Linnea had asked us to kind of give you an idea what it
8 looks like at 14-foot levels and 20, because the
9 platform is 14. So, we took our drone up and took some
10 pictures to show --
11 CHAIRMAN BOND: Oh, yes, thank you. I was
12 wondering about it, thank you.
13 MR. ALEXOFF: Exactly where, you can see the
14 trees there as well.
15 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, this is from the 15-foot
16 platform, what you see?
17 MR. ALEXOFF: Well, we couldn't get it safely
18 up there with our ladder, so we took our drone up.
19 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
20 MR. ALEXOFF: So, we set it to go 14 feet and
21 that's what you see. So, we were just trying to give
22 you kind of an idea of what it would look like.
23 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, thank you. Thank you.
24 So, Commissioners, do you have comments about the
25 layout?
26 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: The audience?
27 CHAIRMAN BOND: We usually discuss and then we
28 bring the audience. But do you have any additional --
29 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, what are we
30 discussing?
31 CHAIRMAN BOND: Do you have any additional
32 comments on the playground layout, materials?
33 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I do have one. So, I
34 don't know if you could, well, I was asking you if you
35 mixed it on site. So, like the epoxy paint, you can add
36 the aggregate on site and like, you know, mix it. I was
37 just thinking if you can do it on site, that could be
38 another donor option, or you could say your kids could
39 have, there's always going to be parents who want their
40 kid's handprints and stuff in paint. But if there was a
41 way to do the flooring where somebody could get a five,
42 you know, or a one-foot square that their kids get to do
43 the design?
44 MR. HORNING: Sure.
45 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: That's, you know, or
46 whatever, that might be a way to get more donors.
47 MR. HORNING: You like that in the rubber
48 surfacing is what you're saying?
49 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I'm just throwing it out
50 as an option.
51 MR. HORNING: Yes.
52 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I'm not saying I'd like

1 it. I'm just saying it could be a way to drum up money.
2 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: And right now on the
3 coloring on, this is, it's not going to be one solid
4 color. It's going to be like it is in this picture
5 where it's gradient?
6 MR. HORNING: That the colors are blue?
7 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes.
8 MR. HORNING: Yes.
9 CHAIRMAN BOND: But this is a grant that's
10 covering the cost of this, correct?
11 MR. ALEXOFF: Not all of it, no.
12 MR. HORNING: \$400,000.
13 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: What's the budget for
14 the project?
15 MR. ALEXOFF: Currently, we're looking at an
16 estimate of \$1.5 million. So, we're working with our
17 Parks Foundation to kind of bridge the gap right now to
18 where we are.
19 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And donors.
20 MR. ALEXOFF: Absolutely.
21 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: That's what the bricks,
22 right at the beginning they talked about the bricks.
23 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, but that was --
24 MR. ALEXOFF: That was the existing bricks
25 that were put in through the Lions Club for George
26 Cavallari who was a big Lions member. When the shelter
27 was built, it was kind of dedicated at that point.
28 Since there are existing bricks, we really felt it was
29 appropriate to put them back into the park.
30 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No, I'm assuming, I
31 thought you were going to be soliciting donations for
32 bricks.
33 MR. ALEXOFF: We haven't made that decision
34 yet, and we're not proposing it right now as that's what
35 we're going to do. But if we have the opportunity in a
36 paver area which I think we've presented this evening,
37 that would be new and I think we could do that.
38 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, I go back to still
39 wondering why, because the equipment at Clarkson Park is
40 not rusted or falling apart, why we didn't consider
41 putting this at Willow Park so that we would have two
42 areas. So, you'd have this new area over at Willow
43 Park, but you'd still have the play equipment at
44 Clarkson.
45 MR. ALEXOFF: There's playground at Willow
46 Park but it's not owned by the Park District, but on the
47 school property there are two playgrounds.
48 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
49 MR. ALEXOFF: So, we really don't want to add
50 a second, you know, another playground there.
51 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: There was a comment
52 made earlier about an open space across the street at

1 Willow Park. I'd like to clarify that a little to a
2 certain extent because a great deal of time that space
3 is rented by various soccer clubs and things.
4 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
5 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: So, it's very difficult
6 to necessarily have kids go over and use it because
7 there's probably, during weekends it's probably 80
8 percent, I'm not sure, are taken up soccer clubs.
9 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And baseball.
10 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: And baseball, yes.
11 CHAIRMAN BOND: All right.
12 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Are there just two
13 bucket swings?
14 MR. ALEXOFF: That's a good question. We've
15 been told we should have four.
16 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Well, there's four now
17 and they seem pretty heavily used, remember.
18 MR. ALEXOFF: That's what we kind of -- some
19 of the bucket swings to try to get as many as we could
20 out there as long as there's space.
21 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, you're looking at
22 adding more.
23 MR. ALEXOFF: We've been discussing it because
24 that's a common theme that has come up as well.
25 CHAIRMAN BOND: The other item that is used a
26 lot is the sandbox.
27 MR. ALEXOFF: We're thinking about removing
28 that at this point. We've heard a lot of comments.
29 Some people love it, but it just, we don't --
30 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes. I was there three nights
31 ago. There was one little girl left and she was in the
32 sandbox.
33 Okay, so thank you. If the Commissioners
34 are okay, we'll open it up to the audience.
35 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I think the splash
36 pad.
37 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, thank you.
38 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, and that's where
39 we're going. So, I guess my first question would be
40 about the concept of a seat wall around the splash pad.
41 It seems a little concerning from a safety standpoint,
42 you know, kids running around. I understand the surface
43 of the concrete is ribby to some degree, but I just
44 see --
45 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Heads breaking open.
46 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes. I have a daughter
47 that has a welt here and a welt here because as she grew
48 up, she had -- encounter, you know. So, the idea of
49 kids running in the splash pad so proximate to a seat
50 wall, I question whether that is really wise.
51 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Especially a concrete
52 seat wall.

1 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Stone wall, right?
2 CHAIRMAN BOND: Is this a design that you see
3 in other places frequently, the seat wall with the
4 splash pad?
5 MR. HORNING: I mean the seat wall is for just
6 that, for sitting. You know, the biggest complaint
7 about a splash pad is that there's not enough places for
8 the parents or caregivers to sit. So, yes, it's pretty
9 common for us to have some type of seating nearby, so
10 whether or not they're always seat walls.
11 MR. ALEXOFF: Yes, and if you went to Hubbard
12 Woods right now, you would see all the parents lined up
13 on the seat wall as the kids are on the splash pad and
14 they're, you know, a very common use. We're
15 recommending ours is going to be farther away than what
16 we actually saw in Hubbard Woods, twofold, two reasons.
17 One is with it being so close to water patches right by
18 the seat wall, it's a little more slippery and there's
19 puddling going on. One of the things we might do is
20 push it back a little bit farther and that's what we've
21 got in our plan.
22 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: What's the material for
23 the seat wall at Hubbard Woods?
24 MR. ALEXOFF: It's the stone just like we
25 have.
26 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Stone.
27 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, is it, Sheet L64, is that
28 our plan of the splash pad seat walls?
29 MR. HORNING: I believe so. Let's check.
30 Yes.
31 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, what if the seat wall was
32 at both ends, bookends, but the smaller ones in the
33 middle, what if those were not there? Do you think that
34 would be a more safe environment then?
35 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: What if there's a row of
36 plants between the seat walls and the water?
37 CHAIRMAN BOND: But will they dive --
38 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I don't know.
39 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I see the logic, but I
40 think it would get --
41 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Let me ask, what's the
42 distance between the edge of the what we call splash pad
43 on L64 and the seat wall? Because it actually looks
44 like a pretty good size.
45 MR. HORNING: I think it's, there's a six-foot
46 dry zone surrounding it that's completely free of water.
47 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Okay, and this water
48 just goes into the storm system and goes away?
49 MR. HORNING: Correct, drain-wise. Actually,
50 going to your comment about the middle seat wall,
51 removing this one makes more sense to me than removing
52 this one.

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: I'm sorry, I can't, the
2 drawing is very difficult.

3 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I don't know what you're
4 pointing to. Can you go back to that colored one?

5 CHAIRMAN BOND: Can you use the plan, the
6 bigger plan?

7 MR. HORNING: A lot of slides in between than
8 ones we actually need, right. So, the one that's right
9 underneath here, we've got tables, picnic tables over
10 here, and then that's kind of a logical connection to
11 the splash pad. So, if we were going to remove one,
12 this one seems like a logical removal to me.

13 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: He's talking about
14 this one.

15 MR. HORNING: This one we like a little more
16 to frame the space.

17 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, back to this drawing, L64,
18 would you please explain that on this drawing rather
19 than --

20 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: This is it.

21 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so right. That's what I
22 was assuming.

23 MR. HORNING: So, that's this drawing,
24 correct?

25 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right. So, you're saying just
26 removing one rather than two.

27 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Because the one
28 that's -- that's not the one, right.

29 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, right.

30 MR. HORNING: If we were --

31 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: So, the southern one.

32 MR. HORNING: If we needed to remove.

33 CHAIRMAN BOND: What if we extended the curve
34 a little bit farther and then you lose both of those in
35 the middle so that you get a little more seating, but
36 then you have a more open space for the kids?

37 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Or what if there were a
38 more softer material? Isn't there another material
39 there could be?

40 CHAIRMAN BOND: I don't know. With the
41 water --

42 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Probably anything that
43 would be softer, I think, would have to deteriorate.

44 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.

45 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Right, over time.

46 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.

47 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But can't we ask you
48 guys to look at that, find something that --

49 MR. ALEXOFF: You're talking a material
50 strictly for the seat wall areas?

51 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Well, can you find
52 something that if a kid bangs their head, it's not as

1 bad as if it's a concrete edge?
2 MR. HORNING: Yes, so our options are wood or
3 composite wood or --
4 CHAIRMAN BOND: How far is the seat wall off
5 of the splash pad area or its perimeter for it?
6 MR. HORNING: So, off of that drawing, you
7 offset six feet, and then the wall starts.
8 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so you have a splash pad
9 and a play area, six feet which would still probably be
10 wet, and then the wall.
11 MR. HORNING: Correct, and so no water would
12 get dropped on to it. If it was a windy day or
13 something, some might blow on, or it might be, you know,
14 for the kids that just walked there would be --
15 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, you feel that it's maybe
16 set back enough that the likelihood of slipping and
17 falling into it is --
18 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Minimal.
19 CHAIRMAN BOND: Minimal.
20 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes.
21 CHAIRMAN BOND: But this one would make sense
22 because then it would open up to the picnic area.
23 MR. HORNING: To the picnic area, yes. It's
24 not really a large enough splash pad that the kids are
25 going to get a big head of steam. So, I mean they're
26 going to be going back and forth, you can see probably
27 by the scale of that drawing, the events are, you know,
28 four, five feet apart at the straighter ends, maybe in
29 some cases closer.
30 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: So, is this pitched?
31 Does that concrete pitch back down towards the splash
32 pad?
33 MR. HORNING: They don't pitch, these are
34 drains so they don't pitch to the center.
35 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Everything won't pitch
36 to the center.
37 MR. HORNING: Yes, yes.
38 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, I'm just curious
39 about this. Have you talked yet to your insurance
40 broker?
41 MR. ALEXOFF: Yes.
42 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And are they suggesting
43 increasing your coverage because of it?
44 MR. ALEXOFF: Not at all. It's a common use
45 in parks.
46 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, I mean those are the
47 big risk managers you'll run into. So, maybe we can
48 take that as advice.
49 CHAIRMAN BOND: Any other thoughts from the
50 Commissioners?
51 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Do you want to bring my
52 fence back up? No, I'm kidding. Nobody seemed to like

1 the fence.

2 CHAIRMAN BOND: That's not true.

3 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Until the first kid gets
4 kidnapped and then come back and say we should have
5 listened to Bowyer.

6 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I had one other comment
7 or question. The idea of the rain garden adjacent to
8 the play area, so I guess my comment is that I could
9 just foresee, you know, a lot of foot traffic over
10 there. I could see kids just, you know, kind of running
11 in that area.

12 So, I'm not sure that's going to be as
13 effective as we'd like it to be in terms of the, you
14 know, rain garden aesthetically or, you know, doing its
15 job, you know, with the stormwater. Did you consider
16 that location, did you consider other locations from the
17 adjacent, you know, play area? So, off in that corner
18 maybe or just separate kind of from the active zone? Is
19 there any other location that you can explore?

20 MR. HORNING: So, we had always drawn it in
21 that corner because that's, we know the corner has
22 already got a drainage issue.

23 COMMISSIONER TALTY: The low spot, right?

24 MR. HORNING: Yes, it's a low spot. Adjacent
25 to the playground, the actual playground surfacing is
26 really the largest impervious surface on the site. So,
27 it makes sense to kind of get that water right where it
28 comes and push it and to infiltrate. So, from a
29 functional, yes, apparently engineering and functional
30 standpoint, that's where it makes sense.

31 We do think that we're plugging that rain
32 garden, it's like we're not just casting seed out, we're
33 actually planting plants and, you know, giving it a good
34 chance to establish.

35 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: What's the topography in
36 that rain garden? Does it go down pretty much?

37 MR. HORNING: Yes, it will go down. I don't
38 think it's completely finalized but I think it will
39 appear to go down about a foot to 18 inches.

40 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I thought it was like
41 three or four feet, that might deter kids, but a foot --

42 COMMISSIONER TALTY: You could lose some of
43 those kids there.

44 CHAIRMAN BOND: If you're bad you're going in
45 the rain garden.

46 MR. HORNING: Yes, we might consider some
47 temporary measures during establishment like fences and
48 things to, you know, keep it --

49 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes.

50 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I could just see that
51 being problematic.

52 MR. HORNING: Yes. Yes. It's kind of a

1 requirement, stormwater, to have one.
2 MS. O'NEILL: Again, it will be maintained by
3 outside contractor.
4 MR. HORNING: Correct.
5 CHAIRMAN BOND: Your drawing of these, well,
6 they might not even stay, these side wall show plantings
7 and stepped in your 3D renderings, but in the plan they
8 just show a wall. So, which?
9 MR. HORNING: Are you talking about the
10 shelter?
11 CHAIRMAN BOND: No, I'm talking about this in
12 between that we're discussing whether or not these are a
13 good idea. But in the plan it doesn't show it as a
14 planter in the wall, it only shows it as a wall. So,
15 which is the proposal? Is it a wall with the planter
16 behind it, or is it just the wall?
17 MR. HORNING: It's just the wall. So, kind of
18 the perimeter of this is outside of this company's
19 design, so they've illustrated it beyond what they were
20 asked to illustrate.
21 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay.
22 MR. HORNING: So, this is really just the
23 company that sells the splash pad equipment.
24 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: It's essentially the
25 standard picture for it.
26 MR. HORNING: Yes, yes.
27 COMMISSIONER TALTY: So, is the seat wall
28 adjacent to like a planting bed then?
29 MR. HORNING: Correct.
30 COMMISSIONER TALTY: On the side?
31 MR. HORNING: Correct.
32 CHAIRMAN BOND: Now, these, you're saying
33 these do not exist, this and this, it's just the wall,
34 correct?
35 MR. HORNING: Correct.
36 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, so this drawing is wrong,
37 or this 3D is wrong.
38 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: No plantings.
39 CHAIRMAN BOND: No planters, just wall.
40 MR. HORNING: Now, there is a planting bed on
41 the outside of this one, on the outside of this one.
42 But it's not raised.
43 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: It's just a surface
44 bed.
45 MR. HORNING: Yes, flush to the ground.
46 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, all right. Any
47 additional, maybe we can ask more questions before we
48 open it up to the audience?
49 Thank you. I'll open it up to the
50 audience please.
51 MR. HORNING: Thank you.
52 CHAIRMAN BOND: Anyone from the audience who

1 would like to speak? Come forward and please state your
2 name.

3 MS. TIDEMAN: Can I go first so I can put my
4 baby to bed?

5 I'm Samantha Tideman, and Brett, 317
6 Bristol Street. So, right in that corner, right across
7 from the existing storage place.

8 So, I first wanted to say that I love the
9 park. That's one of our favorite things about our
10 neighborhood when we purchased our home, and we love
11 that there are all kinds of these fun options for
12 differing ages. We love how the whole community for the
13 concerts and things.

14 I'm super excited about the splash pad
15 and I will monitor our child very carefully with the
16 pointy things. She's really excited, too, she just
17 doesn't know it yet.

18 So, I do have a couple of concerns about
19 some of the things. While the splash pad I think is
20 awesome, we talked a little bit about the parking piece.
21 I do think that it will attract more people than just
22 the walkable locals, specifically the parking piece.

23 So, we have a lovely window that
24 overlooks the park, and already on really nice days,
25 especially if there, excuse me, there is some sort of
26 event or something happening where a few of the spots
27 are filled, we are seeing some overflow happening like
28 already in front of our house, even just like on random
29 Tuesdays. I would say that the Park District has done a
30 really good job of managing that. They've put signs out
31 on Wednesdays so that it's not, you know, a parking lot
32 in our front yard every year. But I would say that all
33 of those people will have to park somewhere just as we
34 move forward and make this a really attractive place for
35 people in the community to be that can't just walk
36 there. That's just something to think about.

37 So, I would say that another piece that,
38 kind of echoing what's already been said, that sidewalk
39 down the middle and the seating area in the like north
40 side, I do think that that reduces the usefulness of
41 that space by kind of cutting it in half. I agree with
42 that, especially for ice rink reasons. Like tons of
43 people play hockey there, and I think to have it sort of
44 short court hockey game would really decrease that
45 usefulness. It seems to make more sense to be more
46 flexible with like movable materials to create a place
47 to gather. Like for Rib Fest, I think it's all covered,
48 and I'm just imagining small children running and
49 smashing their faces on that cement area right in the
50 middle of where you kind of expect there to be lawn.

51 I didn't catch if there was an answer to
52 what trees would be removed in this.

1 MR. HORNING: There are a few right up by the
2 splash pad and the rain garden, and then there are a few
3 right down south by the, where it says open lawn. The
4 ones down south are just detention, like we have to
5 expand the detention, so a few of those have to --
6 CHAIRMAN BOND: Are you talking about the
7 north --
8 MS. TIDEMAN: Oh, thank you. Okay, so these
9 are --
10 MR. HORNING: It's these.
11 MS. TIDEMAN: Okay, are any of those like the
12 really big, beautiful oak trees that are there?
13 MR. HORNING: No.
14 MS. TIDEMAN: Okay, they're more like the
15 little newer ones.
16 MR. HORNING: The evergreens down south are a
17 pretty good size.
18 MS. TIDEMAN: Oh, evergreens, okay.
19 MR. HORNING: So, the trees over there are
20 definitely not oak.
21 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, you're taking the
22 evergreens down the south side out?
23 MR. HORNING: We need that land for detention.
24 CHAIRMAN BOND: Got it.
25 MR. HORNING: However, we will plant back inch
26 for inch.
27 CHAIRMAN BOND: And then I think also to be
28 discussed pending the location of the bandshell.
29 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But nothing by your
30 house is what it sounds like is coming out.
31 MS. TIDEMAN: I think especially with the
32 structure being so high and mighty, it seems like having
33 a good shade cover around that so it's not like there
34 are no trees and I'm just looking at that out of my
35 front window would be really helpful and nice and
36 friendly to the neighbors. I think those big trees are
37 just, I mean you said you're not going to take them
38 down, but just really don't take them down just because
39 of their character and they make the place feel like
40 it's established.
41 MS. O'NEILL: The Village has a tree
42 preservation ordinance. They've already gone through
43 the inventory and everything else.
44 MS. TIDEMAN: Oh, good. Great, love it.
45 MR. HORNING: If I may mention, we are
46 landscape architects.
47 MS. TIDEMAN: You care about the trees.
48 MR. HORNING: So, we like trees.
49 MS. TIDEMAN: You love the trees as much as I
50 love the trees, okay. Good, okay.
51 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I'm curious, since
52 you live right on this street then.

1 MS. TIDEMAN: Yes.
2 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: You've seen the
3 playground plan, the tall structure. Any concern with
4 that, living as close as you are?
5 MS. TIDEMAN: I mean I think it sounds very
6 exciting. It sounds like a good, long-term place where
7 kids will like to play. I think especially in leafy
8 seasons, there's a lot of green there that in my
9 imagination doesn't seem like it will be that much of an
10 eyesore per se. In winter when it's a little bit less
11 leafy, I feel like we'll see more of it and that's, I'm
12 not too bothered by it. It seems like you're doing a
13 good job picking things that are aesthetically pleasing
14 and fit well together.
15 So, let's see. I wrote notes but then I
16 was trying to get rid of things that you had talked
17 about earlier. Oh, and the idea of taking out the
18 mounted picnic tables in that southeast corner and
19 replacing them with glass dinky picnic tables, we're
20 excited about that plan.
21 On the little storage area, I feel like
22 even just adding a couple of nicer picnic tables might
23 kind of spruce that whole area up. Maybe it would make
24 it a nice place for parents to gather so they could
25 prevent the children from taking --
26 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Noted. Noted.
27 MS. TIDEMAN: Just add --
28 CHAIRMAN BOND: It's certainly be a good idea
29 to make them more desirable for parents.
30 MS. TIDEMAN: Yes.
31 CHAIRMAN BOND: Because those tables that are
32 currently there are not desirable.
33 MS. TIDEMAN: Right. They're not comfortable
34 and they're a little splintery.
35 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
36 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: What's that shed look
37 like? I've never even noticed it.
38 MS. TIDEMAN: It's simple.
39 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But is it painted nice?
40 CHAIRMAN BOND: It's not very old.
41 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Well, she lives across
42 from it.
43 MS. TIDEMAN: I do.
44 MR. ALEXOFF: They were put in in 2002, the
45 original.
46 CHAIRMAN BOND: Oh, really? Well, you've
47 taken care of it.
48 MR. ALEXOFF: Well, those picnic tables that
49 we are discussing right now have been there prior to
50 that time.
51 MS. TIDEMAN: Since like beginning of --
52 MR. ALEXOFF: Yes, they made the last

1 renovation.
2 MS. TIDEMAN: And I think keeping the donor
3 pavers is also a great idea. My husband has a paver
4 there, so it will be fun. Okay, that was all I had to
5 say.
6 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: How do you feel about
7 the fence?
8 MS. TIDEMAN: We're just going to make that
9 more of an inviting area for kids.
10 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And you're going to need
11 to watch her, right?
12 MS. TIDEMAN: And I will also just stay by my
13 front window.
14 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: You take --
15 MS. TIDEMAN: Yes, I'm on it, I'm on it. Do I
16 get a badge or something?
17 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Thank you.
18 MS. TIDEMAN: Any other questions for me as a,
19 you know, neighbor?
20 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you very much for your
21 input. Anyone else like to speak this evening?
22 MR. BOLLING: One last point.
23 CHAIRMAN BOND: Not a problem, take your
24 point.
25 MR. BOLLING: My name is Tom Bolling at 326
26 Churchill Street. So, we would be right across from the
27 splash pad.
28 So, to begin with, I guess I'd just like
29 to start with I kind of question the Park District's
30 vision in the first place. I think the Chair brought it
31 up, too, and that is what is the problem what we're
32 trying to solve with this \$1.5 million project. It's
33 \$1.5 million, and do I agree that there could be some
34 projects? Yes, for sure. But I question perhaps that
35 we're dialing this up to a degree that I just don't
36 know.
37 I hear the word grant and I hear \$1.5
38 million, and I say okay, what is it? Is it the money in
39 the pocket? Or is it are we trying to do something that
40 really benefits the community? So, I'll just, I'll make
41 that comment.
42 So, getting to the more specific aspects
43 of the design, I'll start with the skating rink. The
44 idea of breaking the skating rink in half I believe will
45 really limit the usefulness of the skating rink in
46 general. I think you brought up the fact that, well, my
47 kids who are now, you know, in the late 20's and 30's,
48 spent a lot of time out on that skating rink. They
49 enjoyed the ability to be able to make a full circle
50 when they do an oval. When you break that up, I think
51 it's only toddlers that are only going to be able to
52 play there.

1 We bring up hockey and, yes, sure, the
2 hockey games spring out, but the useful skating area
3 will be diminished. That will be in my opinion a
4 tragedy. Perhaps the community does feel the same way.
5 Next, I'll move to the splash pad. We
6 mentioned that there's going to be a timer. Just for
7 clarification, that timer is going to turn off at
8 perhaps dusk, correct? For the record, I would like to
9 note that particularly starting around this time in the
10 park, we sometimes have some teenage kids, high school
11 kids or whatever, who hang out in the park. The last
12 thing we would want them to do as they're doing whatever
13 they're doing over there is to be playing with the water
14 features. So, that will be variable, correct, and
15 you'll be able to turn that off, right?
16 MR. HORNING: Yes, you have complete control
17 over the start and stop and go effect.
18 MR. BOLLING: Next, the splash pad is an
19 impervious surface and this is not again the purview of
20 this Commission I guess to talk about drainage. But the
21 southwest corner is terrible with flooding. Within, if
22 we went to the last event or the first event, the park
23 event on Wednesday, people could not actually take the
24 sidewalk because it was under water. So, when we talk
25 about putting an impervious surface there, we have to
26 consider the drainage issue. As I understand it, that's
27 not the purview of this board right now, that's part of,
28 that's the code. But I'd like to go on record saying
29 that let's make sure that we get the drainage right, and
30 it's going to be a significant issue if we're going to
31 add impervious surface to an already big problem right
32 there.
33 I'm also not allowed to talk about the
34 bandshell because that's not the purview of this board,
35 but I'll just go on record saying that I'm concerned.
36 We call it bandshell, it is not a shell. It's a
37 structure with a curvy roof. It's an open structure
38 with a curvy roof. So, as we think of how things are
39 located and the sound, we're hoping that the Plan and
40 Zoning Commission, which I'm a member of, will hear from
41 the Park District as it relates to what they can justify
42 in terms of its location and details to sound.
43 Next, I'm thinking about the parking, and
44 I want to just make sure that we're on record to say,
45 like the previous folks, that the parking around this
46 area is increasing. The park is used on a regular
47 basis. On the way to work in the morning, there's
48 people out there, and parking is an issue. During
49 events like this Sunday, I think we had two events on
50 Sunday, the parking fills up on a non-event day. When
51 we have parking, it is a problem and it's really
52 something to be very concerned with. Again, that's a

1 Village thing and it's not under the purview of this
2 particular board, but I think I just need to make those
3 types of comments.

4 The only other comment that I have has to
5 do with I guess the overall maintenance. It was brought
6 up in the Plan and Zoning Commission that the overall
7 maintenance of just making sure that the various
8 features were weeded was brought up. I was over there
9 today and even today it just doesn't look as crisp as it
10 could be. So, again that's not a part of the purview.

11 I guess going back to the whole issue
12 here is the justification for the degree of improvement,
13 the skating rink, the impervious surfaces, and the
14 maintenance, I mean the drainage issue. With that,
15 that's all I have. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you for your comments.
17 Anyone else from the audience who would like to speak?
18 This is your opportunity.

19 Then we will close comments and we'll
20 discuss this among the Commissioners. Linnea, I think
21 that there are some very good points that I struggle
22 with with this, because if we're final say but there are
23 some items here that are not fully developed in my
24 opinion, or answers are not there like the parking, the
25 drainage, these things, if we approve this but these
26 other items have not been dealt with, does this
27 ultimately work as a whole?

28 MS. O'NEILL: It works as a whole because
29 those are issues Plan and Zoning will have the final say
30 on. We have a parking consultant that's looked at this,
31 and we have an engineering firm that's looking at the
32 drainage. The drainage usually comes more into play
33 with the permits, when they come in for permits. But
34 those things are addressed at the Plan and Zoning
35 Commission, but of course this isn't going to Plan and
36 Zoning for that because it's only going for the
37 bandshell.

38 So, for the bandshell, they will discuss
39 impervious in the area and parking that is brought to
40 the park because of the bandshell. But we do not
41 discuss those items.

42 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, so how do those items
43 get resolved? If they're not going to Plan and Zoning
44 to discuss that?

45 MS. O'NEILL: We have a consultant that looks
46 at drainage like we do with a lot of large projects,
47 just like Walden Lane, and that will get looked at. It
48 gets resolved with --

49 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: What are you looking to
50 us to approve though?

51 MS. O'NEILL: I'm sorry, what?

52 CHAIRMAN BOND: The design.

1 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: What are you looking to
2 us to approve?
3 MS. O'NEILL: It's listed there. You have
4 nothing to do with parking or drainage.
5 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Right. So, we approve
6 the plan.
7 MS. O'NEILL: Right, you approve that.
8 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And we assume that
9 others are taking care of drainage and others are taking
10 care of --
11 CHAIRMAN BOND: The picnic shelters and site
12 amenities, lighting and landscaping.
13 MS. O'NEILL: You can just assume they're
14 talking about that.
15 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No. Yes, I don't want
16 to --
17 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: You know, I think I
18 have a problem with approving this plan without, you
19 know, we're taking the bandshell out but isn't it all
20 one plan? Without the bandshell there, where are you
21 going to move it? I understand you're going to look at
22 different options, but doesn't that affect the rest of
23 the plan?
24 MS. O'NEILL: We can't look at the bandshell
25 because the bandshell, it's a special use, just the
26 bandshell, because it's a new structure.
27 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I think what he's saying
28 is we'd like to know where that, if that gets approved
29 and is in the plan, before we approve the rest of the
30 plan.
31 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Right. So,
32 eventually they're going to go to try to put a bandshell
33 there.
34 MS. O'NEILL: Right, in September, and then it
35 comes back to us, too.
36 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Right, so we're --
37 MS. O'NEILL: To look at the bandshell, what
38 it looks like, and the lighting and the landscaping
39 around it, and if you pull the sidewalk with the seat
40 walls that run down the ice rink, that would be part of
41 it, too.
42 COMMISSIONER TALTY: So, we could pull that
43 portion out of the plan and --
44 CHAIRMAN BOND: That's what I --
45 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, are you saying we
46 do that without the rain garden maybe, because we want
47 them to look at the drainage like --
48 MS. O'NEILL: No.
49 CHAIRMAN BOND: No, we're proposing --
50 MS. O'NEILL: We have a consulting engineer
51 that's already looking into all of those items. Maybe
52 Eric, you want to discuss this, too, as far as the rain

1 garden?
2 MR. HORNING: We have, I mean I will say we
3 have two, probably the top engineers in the region
4 involved. One is our consultant, Gewalt Hamilton, and
5 the other is Christopher B. Burke Engineering who
6 essentially wrote the ordinance.
7 MS. O'NEILL: Correct.
8 MR. HORNING: Ordinances, plural, in the
9 region.
10 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But I think our concern
11 is where that rain garden is.
12 MR. HORNING: Sure.
13 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And kids walking through
14 it to get on to the play area, right?
15 COMMISSIONER TALTY: And the landscaping
16 itself.
17 MR. HORNING: Sure, yes. Absolutely, you're
18 welcome to comment.
19 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right. I'm very familiar with
20 Clarkson Park because I live in the neighborhood. I
21 went over there, I've been there 10 years, so my son and
22 I were there, and it's a huge problem, that water in
23 that corner, huge problem, because I still walk my dog
24 there.
25 So, these problems, I think ultimately
26 where I'm struggling right now with saying, okay, we're
27 going to approve this without knowing that it's all
28 really going to work, it really feels like the Trustees
29 ought to be the people that are in charge of making sure
30 all of the ducks are in a row before this happens,
31 right? Like somebody has to make sure all the ducks are
32 in a row, or we're going to spend \$1.5 million and have
33 a water problem and all these other problems and --
34 MS. O'NEILL: The two consulting engineers,
35 Gewalt Hamilton for the Park District, Christopher Burke
36 for the Village, our Village engineer, they've all
37 started looking at this. They're all, they've tried, I
38 don't know how far they are in resolution of that.
39 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, maybe this is premature
40 for us to be approving something that hasn't been
41 resolved yet.
42 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Right, because I think
43 our concern is what if their solutions impact the
44 design?
45 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
46 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: What if their parking,
47 all of a sudden they bring 50 parking spots into the
48 hockey field? Or what if their --
49 MS. O'NEILL: Their parking, when it went to
50 Plan and Zoning Commission for the bandshell which was
51 continued, the parking was not an issue. I mean it was
52 an issue that was discussed and they were, it was, I

1 didn't get the Plan and Zoning Commission staff report
2 but that's in there.

3 As far as drainage, some of the stuff
4 does not get resolved until it goes for permit. So, you
5 can't, I mean you can't say we can't address this stuff
6 because we don't address the drainage, and you can't say
7 we can't address it until it's totally finalized because
8 that's after the permit or that's during the permit
9 process.

10 CHAIRMAN BOND: Could you address it as
11 whether or not you even raise enough money to have this
12 project built?

13 MR. ALEXOFF: If we're not able to raise the
14 money for the project, the Park District won't do the
15 project. It's pretty simple that way. We're not going
16 to be fiscally irresponsible and try to do a project
17 that we don't have the funding for.

18 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I think it's really,
19 it's similar to a situation where you're building a
20 building and you design something and, you know, you go
21 to a governing authority to build this building, you
22 don't necessarily always have all the i's dotted and t's
23 crossed. We're saying we approve this plan, we approve
24 this, you know, the parking lot, or not the parking lot,
25 the playground here, the trees here, you know, the
26 picnic shelter there. You know, the devil is in details
27 but we're not, we don't resolve the details, that's for
28 the building engineer and the plan inspectors.

29 COMMISSIONER DINGES: But we could vote on
30 this with the exception of that walkway because that's
31 linked to other things.

32 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Right, yes.

33 COMMISSIONER DINGES: We could vote on
34 everything else.

35 CHAIRMAN BOND: We can vote on the items. So,
36 our task is the picnic shelter, the site amenities,
37 lighting and landscaping. I do think that the north
38 side should be in September, including any landscaping
39 on the walkway with the location of what we're calling a
40 bandshell which is more like a pavilion right now,
41 right? So, that is on the north side.

42 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Why don't we just make
43 it --

44 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, then what we're talking
45 about is do we want to pass the pavilion, and do we want
46 to pass the playground and the splash pad, and if we
47 have changes to those items. So, that's what we have to
48 focus on, and then we have to assume that Northfield and
49 the process will make sure everything works properly.

50 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: You know, I also, you
51 know, we've heard a lot of people don't like those
52 picnic tables there. Can we put something in there that

1 says that they have to be replaced? Because that seems
2 to me a glaring issue or omission in this plan, that you
3 didn't think about that.

4 COMMISSIONER DINGES: We can make a
5 recommendation, right.

6 COMMISSIONER TALTY: And Tev, maybe, perhaps
7 we just kind of go around the line and, you know, talk
8 about our, like now that we've sort of vetted this, we
9 can talk about our concerns and, you know, we do have
10 the opportunity to say some things have to get resolved
11 and they need to come back. I mean that's an option.

12 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Similar to what we just
13 did with the PUD.

14 COMMISSIONER TALTY: We just did with Walden
15 Lane, you know, or we could put the recommendations in
16 the motion I guess, correct? I'm not talking about
17 drainage, that's not our purview. But I'm talking about
18 the aesthetics of what we're talking about.

19 MS. O'NEILL: Plus, Tev, if the, plus, Chair
20 Tev, if the rain garden changes because Christopher
21 Burke Engineering or Gewalt Hamilton says, you know,
22 this doesn't work, then it will come back.

23 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, all right. So,
24 Commissioners, let's see if we're in agreement with,
25 let's start with the easiest piece, the new pavilion,
26 the picnic shelter. Is everyone, are there any issues
27 with, oh, and you can be seated, thank you. We'll
28 discuss this amongst ourselves.

29 MR. BOLLING: Can you entertain just like a
30 comment from the audience or no?

31 CHAIRMAN BOND: I think technically we're not
32 supposed to. But sure, go ahead.

33 MR. BOLLING: Well, now I'm --

34 CHAIRMAN BOND: No, it's all right.

35 MR. BOLLING: Real quick. Tom Bolling,
36 Churchill Street. If the board doesn't have concrete
37 plans of the details, what can you possibly vote on?

38 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: We're here to vote on
39 the aesthetics, not the functionality.

40 MR. BOLLING: Correct. Do you feel that you
41 have the details? It sounds like there's a lot of
42 fuzziness going on as it relates to structures.

43 CHAIRMAN BOND: No, that's what we're going to
44 go through.

45 MR. BOLLING: Okay, so I'm just pointing out
46 the fact that it appears to me that there isn't a
47 concrete this is the final drawing type of a scenario.

48 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: That's what we're
49 acting on.

50 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so the shelter with the
51 materials, the design, the lighting, the color scheme,
52 and then the layout of the walls, we're all fine with

1 that? I think that your point about lighting, I
2 wondered about that, too, just the lights.
3 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: He says it's sufficient.
4 CHAIRMAN BOND: But do we --
5 MR. HORNING: We'll double check.
6 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Right.
7 MR. HORNING: We'll double check.
8 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I don't know what all
9 those words mean, so as long as somebody can see how
10 many tickets I'm giving them and get me the right beer
11 tab.
12 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Worst case scenario,
13 just add one more light fixture.
14 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Well, I almost think, as
15 there seems to be three bays, maybe three lights can
16 look better. But I'm going to leave that, I don't know
17 the --
18 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: The only thing they
19 have to be careful about is they don't want them to
20 spill over. They can't have spillover going too far out
21 beyond the shelter.
22 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
23 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But I don't know lumens
24 and all that stuff, so I have to leave that to them.
25 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Yes, right.
26 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, do you feel that the two
27 lights are enough?
28 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I think the two lights
29 are adequate for certain things. But I agree with the
30 fact that for special occasions, you know, the
31 additional light would be kind of official. So, I'm not
32 sure if there's a way to do that.
33 MS. O'NEILL: Well, you have the opportunity.
34 You have electrical outlets essentially.
35 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Yes, you can supplement
36 the lighting.
37 MS. O'NEILL: You can supplement the lighting
38 and probably rather be less than --
39 CHAIRMAN BOND: What about installing three or
40 four but they're switched separately so that you have
41 two that's switched, and then if you need the two
42 additional, you switch those on, too.
43 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Right. You could put
44 one centered on each bay and then add this other one
45 with a separate switch.
46 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, or three, right, and
47 then they're switched separately so that the two that
48 are intended and then if you need additional for a
49 special event you have that option.
50 COMMISSIONER TALTY: That makes sense.
51 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: And about this,
52 adjustable lighting.

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, okay. So, then we go to,
2 and is everyone in agreement that we would like to roll
3 the north side of the project into September?
4 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Correct.
5 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes.
6 CHAIRMAN BOND: So then we go to the --
7 MS. O'NEILL: When you say north side, what
8 exactly do you mean?
9 CHAIRMAN BOND: The north --
10 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: North of the shelter.
11 MS. O'NEILL: -- the walkway?
12 CHAIRMAN BOND: The landscaping and the
13 walkway, removal of trees will all be revisited in
14 September.
15 MS. O'NEILL: Okay, great.
16 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, then we go to the
17 playground equipment. I personally, because I haven't
18 heard much discussion so I'll bring it up, the height,
19 it is as tall as the structure, the building, right?
20 When I very first saw this a week or 10 days ago, my
21 initial reaction was does it need to be that high? When
22 I asked the Park District at one of their open houses,
23 they said that this height could be flexible and could
24 be brought down, that it's just for shade, it doesn't
25 have to be that tall.
26 So, I'd like to know what you think of
27 that height.
28 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: The height doesn't
29 bother me as much because it is, you do have trees
30 around it. It's not like the tallest thing around for
31 miles.
32 CHAIRMAN BOND: I don't think we have trees
33 around it, it's in the middle. It's not exactly where
34 I, when I looked at the plans, I had misinterpreted
35 exactly --
36 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: This is actually a two-
37 and-a-half story structures.
38 CHAIRMAN BOND: It's taller. It's as tall as
39 the building. It's as tall as the building.
40 MS. O'NEILL: But the height was approved by
41 the ZBA.
42 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, but we can still
43 discuss whether or not we think that it is appropriate
44 to the site, and we have the right to say it's not
45 appropriate.
46 MS. O'NEILL: Right, but not the height. But
47 the appropriateness of the bulk maybe, the height was
48 approved. So, you can talk about --
49 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, but I was told that if
50 we felt that it was not, even though they said that it's
51 allowable, it was our decision if we felt that it fit in
52 the context.

1 MS. O'NEILL: Right, but not the height. But
2 yes. I mean they've already approved the height. But
3 you can say it doesn't fit.
4 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, but this is the same
5 discussion that we had about a sign that ended up being
6 built that we were saying it wasn't the right size, and
7 then we got this feedback that we had to allow it. Then
8 I found out afterwards we didn't have to allow it, it's
9 about context.
10 MS. O'NEILL: Right. So, you can talk about
11 the context and the bulk, but not, and the size, maybe
12 the width, but you can't say we want a shorter height
13 because it's already been approved.
14 CHAIRMAN BOND: But that's not what I was
15 told.
16 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I would disagree with
17 that.
18 CHAIRMAN BOND: I was told that we can because
19 it's about context.
20 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, even though it was
21 approved, we don't have to approve it.
22 CHAIRMAN BOND: We don't have to agree to it
23 even though Plan and Zoning approved it. If
24 Architectural Commission says it does not fit in the
25 context, we have the right to request for it to be
26 lower.
27 MS. O'NEILL: We're talking about two
28 different things.
29 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I don't think we are.
30 CHAIRMAN BOND: No, we're not.
31 MS. O'NEILL: Context and height are two
32 different things. I just want it to be very clear. The
33 ZBA on Wednesday approved the height. You can talk
34 about, you know, the size --
35 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But didn't they
36 approve --
37 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Couldn't we say I
38 think it doesn't look good because it's too high?
39 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, we can.
40 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: My opinion of it, I
41 think it's high. I think it's not super attractive, but
42 it's a playground. So, I think it's hard to make it
43 attractive.
44 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: It's a playground,
45 right? I mean like it's a playground.
46 COMMISSIONER DINGES: It doesn't offend me.
47 It doesn't offend me.
48 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes.
49 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Okay, I'm fine.
50 CHAIRMAN BOND: Kathryn, do you have any
51 opinion?
52 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I don't really, the

1 height doesn't bother me because I feel like kind of
2 it's the shade structure that's thinner, you know. So,
3 I think in terms of visual hierarchy, it doesn't, you
4 know, the bulk is not the same as if it were an enclosed
5 building I guess.
6 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: It's a see-through
7 thing.
8 COMMISSIONER TALTY: It's kind of see-through,
9 it's kind of transparent. So, I wouldn't say that it
10 bothers me.
11 CHAIRMAN BOND: That's four Commissioners that
12 feel that the height should stand. Is that correct?
13 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes.
14 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, and the layout, the
15 location of any of the rest of the playground equipment?
16 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: -- it's separated by
17 age appropriate items.
18 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I think they need to add
19 more bucket swings.
20 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Bucket swings.
21 CHAIRMAN BOND: More bucket swings?
22 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I would agree.
23 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I think it shows four
24 over there.
25 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No, it shows two.
26 COMMISSIONER DINGES: It shows four, one, two,
27 three, four.
28 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: This pretty drawing,
29 it's saying --
30 COMMISSIONER DINGES: They didn't give us this
31 pretty drawing.
32 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Right, in ours --
33 CHAIRMAN BOND: Do you know the number of
34 bucket swings?
35 MR. ALEXOFF: So, the drawing shows three.
36 CHAIRMAN BOND: But do you know what the
37 number actually is?
38 MR. ALEXOFF: We will probably switching out
39 one of the all-purpose swings to four buckets. We've
40 heard it enough.
41 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: But otherwise, I think
42 the playground is great.
43 CHAIRMAN BOND: And the splash pad?
44 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I'm still kind of up with
45 the layout of all of the seat walls. I think Tev had
46 suggested, you know, moderation, you know, in terms of
47 the amount of seat walls and potentially the corners. I
48 think you can reduce that and potentially reduce the
49 potential for injury.
50 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, would you like to see them
51 come back with a modification to this particular, or can
52 we give them a definitive answer on whether or not we

1 want these removed or to stay?
2 COMMISSIONER DINGES: We could also just
3 recommend removing the south one, and then parents could
4 congregate on the north bench and then use those picnic
5 tables to the south. So, I mean I think you need some
6 sort of seat wall because I agree that when kids are
7 running around, what are you going to do? You're not
8 going to stand there and watch. You need somewhere to
9 sit.

10 CHAIRMAN BOND: Well, they have east-west.
11 So, the question is the north side. Is everyone okay
12 with the east and west seat wall?

13 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I don't think there's a
14 west, is there? I thought that was just the east curve.

15 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: No, there's a west
16 solid.

17 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Is there a west solid?
18 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Well, there's a rounded
19 one.

20 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, it's kind of two
21 different, there were two different --

22 CHAIRMAN BOND: In Plan L64 which I'm assuming
23 is the correct plan, not the prospectus --

24 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Oh, that long guy, I
25 didn't see that. I thought that was part of the --

26 CHAIRMAN BOND: There is a seat wall on the
27 north --

28 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, you're right. On
29 the west.

30 CHAIRMAN BOND: On the east and the west,
31 correct? So, the north and south are what we're
32 discussing. Or do we want to request that they come
33 back with an alternate or a revised scheme of the seat
34 walls?

35 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Well, I don't doubt the
36 recommendation of, or the experience of other locations.
37 I believe you said that Hubbard Woods, the actual
38 distance between the play area and the seat wall is
39 actually less than what you have currently, to what
40 you're proposing?

41 MR. ALEXOFF: Yes, when we talked to them,
42 when we're not going to stop, that would be one of the
43 recommendations that they made to us when we were
44 looking at the design, push them back a little bit.
45 Their recommendation was more for water control.

46 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: It seems like we have
47 a lot of room.

48 MR. ALEXOFF: But not about risk management.

49 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Could we push them
50 back farther?

51 MR. ALEXOFF: I think we could. Sure.

52 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I think I --

1 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I mean if you could,
2 you know, the north one I like because I like how it
3 separates that splash pad from the rest of the park, you
4 know. The south one I think you can get rid of because
5 you have those picnic tables that sort of combines that
6 area. I think that makes sense. But if you could just
7 push them back even a foot or two, maybe it makes sense.
8 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I think I struggled with
9 the pinch of those, the two on the sides. So, the two
10 on the, you know, the one on the north and the one on
11 the south. So, I could, I would be more comfortable if
12 the one on the south were eliminated.
13 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: At the picnic table
14 area?
15 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Where the picnic table
16 area is. You have the seating and the furniture. I
17 understand the desire to separate the rest of the park
18 from them.
19 CHAIRMAN BOND: I would just as soon eliminate
20 the north and the south, and keep east and west. If you
21 wanted more seating, then add it into that curve and
22 just make the curve longer, and get rid of the idea that
23 the kids, exactly what you're saying, Kathryn, might
24 pinch between that and fall. So, we have to come up
25 with a decision here.
26 How many Commissioners want to keep that
27 north wall?
28 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Maybe you can ask how
29 many are ambivalent.
30 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes, are there,
31 there's planting behind it, so I mean just as a screen
32 to separate it from the rest of the park, there's
33 planting behind that anyways, is that correct?
34 MR. HORNING: That's correct.
35 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: So, you can keep that
36 planting, get rid of the hard surface of the bench on
37 both the north and south side, and then keep the other
38 two.
39 CHAIRMAN BOND: That's true, and the planting
40 as --
41 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Keep the planting --
42 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: But the other side of
43 the story on that one though is that the seat keeps the
44 kids running both ways.
45 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes, but you could
46 have hardy plantings that if kids wanted --
47 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I mean you could --
48 MR. ALEXOFF: Or at some point if we feel
49 there's an issue with seating, we can always add another
50 picnic table in.
51 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes.
52 MR. ALEXOFF: You know, our seat wall concept

1 is really used because it is the one area of our park
2 currently that we have seat walls that see used all the
3 time. It's very, very easy for people to sit on,
4 whether they're adults with children. It is an area
5 that gets used. So, when we're looking at the spray
6 area, that's not going to be a whole area that we're
7 having water, but yet we wanted the seating area that
8 could be used throughout the year.

9 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, I understand.

10 MR. ALEXOFF: That's really where we tied that
11 on.

12 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I just think we need to
13 balance it between the, you know, design concept and the
14 functionality and the potential --

15 MR. ALEXOFF: Yes, and if at all, we could at
16 the worse --

17 CHAIRMAN BOND: I'm sorry, I'm sorry, but no,
18 we're just discussing amongst ourselves. So, then we
19 will, if there's a reason --

20 MR. ALEXOFF: That's fine, I'm sorry.

21 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I have to say, Kathryn,
23 I was right in that same spot with you, but if their
24 carriers aren't increasing their cost, that means they
25 haven't had the claims against them in other water
26 parks. So, that relieves my concern. Now, I don't
27 care, if you want to remove the north and south, I'll
28 support you on that. I'm just saying I'm not bothered
29 by them anymore.

30 CHAIRMAN BOND: Well, I think we're all in
31 agreement with removing the south, correct?

32 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Right.

33 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And if you want to
34 remove the north, let's remove the north.

35 CHAIRMAN BOND: That's it then? Eliminate the
36 south seat wall, and if, you know, that's it. Is that
37 agreeable?

38 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Are you okay with that
39 Kathryn?

40 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, I am.

41 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Okay, then let's remove
42 the south.

43 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay. I think we covered
44 everything, right?

45 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: That's everything,
46 right.

47 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, that should be it. We
48 have the picnic shelter, the site amenities, lighting
49 and landscaping.

50 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I would make one more
51 comment about the planting.

52 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I am just concerned about
2 how that rain garden works with that, you know, with the
3 playground. I would just recommend taking a little
4 closer look at how that lays out. I understand what
5 you're trying to do. I just, I can see it coming in,
6 you know, three years.

7 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Couldn't they just
8 separate it by planting? Have a berm or plantings?

9 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Even if there's lawn in
10 between the --

11 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Or heavy plantings they
12 can't walk between to deter them?

13 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Or plantings, right, you
14 know. I could just see, you know, the kids just running
15 through there and, you know, it will never be as
16 successful as you want it to be.

17 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: And the idea of that
18 rain garden is to control water, right? But that far
19 corner, right, I mean that southwest corner is really
20 the wettest part about that, right, that spills over to
21 that. So, would moving it back towards the corner help
22 water?

23 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Or increase it.

24 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Or increase it. Yes,
25 I don't know what the answer to those are.

26 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, why don't we say we
27 want a barrier between the splash pad and the playground
28 and rain garden? We want you to look at some sort of
29 barrier.

30 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, and it could be
31 lawn.

32 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: It could be vegetation,
33 yes.

34 COMMISSIONER TALTY: It could be lawn. You
35 know, I just, thinking about kids running off of the
36 rubberized surface in through the rain garden, then it
37 just never kind of taking off like it could, you know.
38 So, maybe the thought of putting that farther in that
39 corner if you have the room, and I know there's
40 existing, I'm assuming those are existing trees?

41 MR. HORNING: Yes.

42 COMMISSIONER TALTY: The rendered, you know,
43 there's, maybe that's the thought, you know. You have a
44 mulch strip of 10 feet in between the playground and the
45 rain garden that would perhaps keep the kids from just,
46 you know, using it as a --

47 MR. HORNING: So, an acceptable barrier might
48 just mean separation?

49 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes.

50 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Correct.

51 MR. HORNING: Doesn't mean a fence.

52 COMMISSIONER TALTY: It doesn't mean a fence.

1 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Rose bushes.
2 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Or even shrubs, or maybe
3 it does, just from an aesthetic, but just some sort of
4 removal I think from there.
5 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, would you like for them to
6 come back with the changes to the rain garden?
7 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I don't think it's
8 critical.
9 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And that's not our
10 thing, that's the drainage people, right?
11 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Well, no, but it's
12 landscaping.
13 MS. O'NEILL: But if it changes, you know, if
14 it changes due to the engineer's people, then it would
15 definitely come back to you.
16 COMMISSIONER TALTY: It's more of a
17 suggestion.
18 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I think we've made our
19 position clear for them.
20 MR. HORNING: Yes, we understand. Not a
21 problem.
22 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And you will think about
23 a fence.
24 MR. HORNING: Yes, sir.
25 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I would like to put
26 something in about the picnic tables being removed as
27 part of this whole plan because I think that's --
28 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes. The ones in the
29 southeast.
30 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes.
31 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, I believe that's all of
32 our action items for this evening. So, let me put
33 together the motion.
34 So, we have a motion to approve the
35 proposed picnic shelter to continue the landscaping and
36 hardscape of the north side of the park until September;
37 to replace the dilapidated picnic tables in the
38 southwest corner of, southeast, sorry, southeast corner
39 of the park; to eliminate the south short seat wall of
40 the splash pad; to consider additional lighting for the
41 picnic shelter with adjustable switching; the addition
42 of four bucket swings to the playground equipment; and
43 the approval of the playground equipment and layout as
44 proposed; and a barrier between the rain garden and the
45 playground/splash area.
46 May I have a motion?
47 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: So moved.
48 MS. O'NEILL: No, you have to make a motion.
49 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I'll make a motion to
50 pass.
51 CHAIRMAN BOND: Do I have a second?
52 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?
2 (Chorus of ayes.)
3 CHAIRMAN BOND: Any opposed?
4 (No response.)
5 CHAIRMAN BOND: All right, the motion passes.
6 Thank you for your time this evening.
7 MR. ALEXOFF: We appreciate it.
8 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, the next Architectural
9 Commission meeting is July 8th. The Petitioner Teddy
10 Kossoff will be requesting a handicap ramp at the
11 entrance. So, motion to adjourn?
12 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So moved.
13 CHAIRMAN BOND: Do I have a second?
14 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Second.
15 CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?
16 (Chorus of ayes.)
17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Meeting adjourned. Thank you,
18 everyone.
19 (Whereupon, at 9:20 p.m., the above
20 meeting was adjourned.)
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