

**June 25, 2012**

**State of Illinois  
County of Cook  
Village of Stickney**

**The Village of Stickney held a Special hearing on Monday, June 25, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the Stickney/Forest View Community Room, located at 6800 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Stickney, Cook County, Illinois**

**Those in attendance: President O'Reilly, Clerk Audrey McAdams, Trustee Jeff White, Deputy Police Chief Frank Figueroa, Public Works Supervisor Cody Mares and various members in the audience.**

**President O'Reilly informed the audience that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the reissuance of the grant for the redevelopment of the Park on 42<sup>nd</sup> and Oak Park. The original grant was turned down because it was too age specific. We need to include older children activities as well. There are different areas to gain points. Some ideas were given about including a water spray. A bean bag toss was mentioned. The state has only so much money to pass out.**

**The original application had our total park acreage down wrong. We added 60 acres at Veteran's Park that includes some trees. This will add to our chances for a new grant.**

**We are changing the swings and the playground equipment. A pavilion will be added. There will be a new drinking fountain. More landscaping will be included. Another way to get more points is to include a rain-recovery-system that will be educational. It will be a butterfly garden that will collect the rain and nourish the flowers.**

**The audience was questioned about what they would like to see added. One of the audience members was in strong agreement to the water spray. She wanted to know the design of the feature. She hoped that it would be big enough. The description was given as some sort of a trickle down design.**

**President O'Reilly asked if the children have been to all of our parks. He then spelled out the locations of the following parks: The small park next to the library, Haley Park on 40<sup>th</sup> and Grove and Veterans Park. That park has the Veteran's Memorial, the playground, the sand volleyball court, baseball, a new football/soccer field, tennis, skate park, dog park, a new ice skating rink, and another baseball field.**

**Another audience member remarked over the parks being nice and clean.**

**President O'Reilly noted that some of the water park equipment is quite costly. It could cost in the millions. He provided information about changes that have already been made at Haley Park to cut down some of the berms that were in the park. Faith Community Church adopted an area to plant a garden. The basketball court has been resurfaced. There is a pavilion. This park is well utilized.**

A power point presentation was now shown. It was titled: **Outdoor Recreation, Master Plan, from LandTech Architecture.** An overall view of all of Stickney's park area was given. It included: The 66 acres that makes up Veteran's Parkway, Haley Park and then the park located next to the library. A suggested prototype of the proposed playground was shown.

President O'Reilly explained the proposed design of the playground. He started by saying it will have a rubber surface to protect kids if they fall down. He showed the splash pad. He pointed out the 16 foot square shelter. Berms and trees with landscaping and benches were pictured. An existing tree will be kept.

It was questioned where the bags for the bag toss game would be kept. It was suggested that they be kept at the library and available to check them out with their library card. Or, people could bring their own. The bean bag toss would be a permanent structure.

Pictures of the suggested equipment were shown on the power point. Current pictures of our existing parks were shown. Some future ideas were disclosed for Veteran's Park. The football field location was pointed out on the power point.

President O'Reilly asked for people to give their ideas for all of our parks.

Questions and remarks: One remark was that she likes the park because it is very clean. Public Works Supervisor Cody Mares said they are working very hard to keep the parks clean. He included the information about getting camera equipment that will catch some of the litter bugs. It is also a safety measure. President O'Reilly added that this grant would make cameras available in the park. Cameras will eventually be placed in all the parks. The police can study the films to discover any wrongdoing.

A question was asked if there was a chance to get multiple structures. We were told that it will be all one structure. The equipment is very expensive. The spray pad looks like a mushroom. The water trickles down. A suggestion was given that every park should have something like that.

President O'Reilly explained that the grant would supply some of the funding and we would have to add to the funding. We needed to make the park more versatile is what they want. The flower garden will collect the rain water and sprinkle the flowers. Currently at the back of the playground lot is a cellular tower. That will stay. Another tower will be added that will be an antenna for a new water meter reading program to upgrade the current procedure that is currently in use.

A final question referred to once we get the grant, when will construction begin. The response was, "Immediately".

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

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**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Audrey McAdams, Clerk**

**Approved by me, this 26th day of June, 2012**

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**Daniel O'Reilly, President**

**Attendance at June 25, 2012 10:00 a.m.**

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