

**May 30, 2012
Special Session
Committee of the Whole**

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

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Stickney met in Special Session on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, Conference Room, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Cook County, Illinois

Audrey McAdams, Clerk noted that the following were in attendance: President O'Reilly, Clerk Audrey McAdams, Trustees Horne, Walik and White.

President O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. He explained that he had received a flash e-mail from the State of Illinois concerning ITEP money that needed to have an application sent in by tomorrow.

The first agenda item concerning the Kidde Park was addressed by President O'Reilly. He noted that we didn't receive the grant because the concept of the park was too restrictive to the very young child. The application will have to be revisited by adding activities to include older children. It was recommended to add a golf putting green, bean bags, and a large glider sling. The consensus is to go with the new concept.

The football and soccer field agenda item was then discussed. Trustee Monty Horne and his son Jeff Horne have volunteered their time and talent and obtained equipment to make us a field. It required that they take down some of the trees on the south side to accommodate their plan. This end needs more work but it is pretty clear. Some of the parents chipped in to help out. Currently there is a mini-dozer parked there where it can be watched by the police. There are minimal expenses involved at this point.

The next action will be to seed it or sod it. Seed is the least expensive. Some talk was held about hydro-seeding.

Monty explained that JULIE is due to come out to survey. A water line was mentioned. There appears to be a line that goes to the three baseball fields east of the new football field. The water line wasn't originally dug very deep.

President O'Reilly informed us that the football field is of regulation size. There is a little area next to it for peewee soccer. This is a training opportunity that doesn't require a goalie. The next level field is 25 wide x 50 yards. This is half the size of the football field. It is currently staked out. We will have opportunities available sometime in the fall for both football and soccer.

The question arose to secure the use of the field. Trustee White felt it should be secured. Damage could be done on purpose. President O'Reilly explained that we would have to go out for bids. When we got the fence for the dog park, we got three estimated prices.

Monty Horne felt that the 5 foot fence would keep motor vehicles out of the fields. Some discussion was held about accessibility. Additional discussion was held concerning securing options especially to vehicles. There would be ruts that would prohibit play. They spoke of connecting the existing Little League fence to save fencing footage. Trustee Walik gave his opinion that he didn't think a fence would be needed along the tree line. He even recommended the use of cement barriers.

A question was raised over bleachers. Trustee Walik told us that 50% of the fields he visits are bring your own chairs fields. Most of the people are most concerned just to have a field.

Trustee Horne revisited the issue of using some of the existing fence. He explained that there is 75 feet between the baseball field and the new football field. He wanted some control over outsiders coming in using this field without a permit. Trustee Walik saw the need for an auxiliary to watch the area. President O'Reilly thought we could eventually have video security.

A question was raised over what others charge for a permit fee. Jeff Boyajian will be asked to come in for his input.

President O'Reilly promoted the fact that the kids will be getting a return for their money. Just like with Little League. When we give them the (village's) money they use it towards the kids or the fields, something to help the program. Will we include them in our annual contributions. They also brought up a football parade. Obvious networking will have to be held between the leagues and the village.

Mention was held about liability insurance.

Trustee Horne remarked overseeing the football team practicing over the last weekend with easily over 100 kids in attendance. The coach produced over 12 guys to help the next day in the construction.

Trustee Horne explained the crowing of the field dropping 1/8 inch per foot for proper drainage.

President O'Reilly also explained the need to get water over to the new field. There will be a mini hydrant brought in just like the Little League has.

President O'Reilly informed us of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant. (ITEP) It is federal money that goes through Illinois. The mayor's caucus sent out the information that included a list of twelve items that they accept for grants. One of the items was bicycle/pedestrian facilities. President O'Reilly checked with our Village engineer, Tim Geary, if this included bike trails. He suggested that it would have to be targeted at a

destination. Trustee White visited peopleforbikes.com and they provided information on the targeted area of Morton College. We foresaw starting at 43rd and Ridgeland, the start of our Veteran's Parkway, and go all the way to Pershing and on to Morton College. In phase 2 we could get the county to connect Harlem along the railroad tracks and come up to Ridgeland. This way it would connect to the big bicycle system. It is not a lot of effort to draw up a concept and submit it. But, the submittal had to be in by tomorrow. It is applying now and when you have it then you have to draw up what you are doing. Trustee White was encouraging to take advantage of this opportunity. The grant will supply 80% of the cost and we would have to cover 20%. If we were able to connect to the second phase with Cook County it would be an opportunity to circle around. President O'Reilly spoke to Cankar, the President of Novotny Engineering who told him that the grants are hard to receive. We even suggested that it could connect through the cemetery. The ideal situation would be a trail along the railroad tracks.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business at this special session, President O'Reilly adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Clerk

Approved by me, this 5th day of June, 2012

Daniel O'Reilly, President