



Village of Homer Glen

**14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

May 9, 2018

**Board of Trustees
Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Village Community Room
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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on May 9, 2018 by Mayor Yukich at 5:07 p.m. in the Village Community Room, 14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**C. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mayor George Yukich, Trustees Sharon Sweas, Keith Gray, Beth Rodgers, Christina Neitzke-Troiike and Brian Burian. Trustee Carlo Caprio arrived at 5:16p.m. Village Clerk Ann Holtz was absent. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Administrative Analyst Sean Keane, Administrative Assistant Yelana Bowes, Facilities Manager John Robinson, Deputy Clerk Gina Villasenor, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Economic Development Director Janie Patch, Director of Planning and Zoning Vijay Gadde, Finance Director John Sawyers, Assistant Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky and Village Manager Michael Mertens.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

F. PRESENTATION OF FINAL DESIGN PLANS FOR THE ACTIVE CORE AREA OF THE HERITAGE PARK DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Yukich turned the meeting over to Mr. Jim Petrakos, Project Principle Architect with TRIA Architecture, Inc. Mr. Petrakos then introduced Mr. Nicholas Graal, Senior Staff Architect with TRIA Architecture, Inc. Mr. Graal started his presentation by first discussing the photometric plans for the path way lights for Heritage Park. He stated that they looked at several different options for the lights because they wanted something low profile, sleek and something that met the Village's Dark Sky requirements. Mr. Graal showed the Board pictures of a lantern pathway fixture they planned to use. Trustee Sweas asked for the price but they did not have one at the time to give her. She then asked the number of fixtures that they would be installing. Mr. Graal stated there would be several across the pathway and then proceeded to show pictures of the Heritage Circle street light fixtures that would be installed in the park. Trustee Gray asked if these were the same light fixtures used in Cedar Brooke Subdivision. Development Services Director Salamowicz replied that they were different and it would be the first time the Village would be using such lights.

Mr. Graal stated that TRIA is looking to coordinate with the 319 Grant Project regarding the signage they planned to use in the park as well as incorporating into the Active Core project. Mr. Graal explained how he worked with his graphics department to come up with a branding for the park that they could use for each phase of the park. Mr. Petrakos showed the Board two pictures they came up with regarding the logo they would use for Heritage Park and he asked for feedback. Trustee Gray stated that the words "Homer Glen" should be tied into the logo. He also stated that Heritage is a very popular name used for landmarks and this is why it would be important for the logo to include Homer Glen. Mr. Graal also discussed the font that would be used. He stated that they went off the branding used on the Village website.

Mr. Graal then discussed where the logo would be placed throughout the park. He showed pictures with designs of the logo at the main entry way to the active core area. The logo would appear on a vertical stone walls at the front entry way. There would also be benches for seating. He then showed in progress renderings so the Board could have an idea of what the front entry way would look like. Mr. Graal stated they wanted to take some elements from Village Hall, mainly the tapered stone columns and the trusses in the main entrance, by bringing those elements into the park while still making it a unique structure. He then showed pictures of two glulam wooden arches joined together that would be the focal point to the entrance way. Trustee Gray questioned the maintenance on the glulam arches in which Mr. Graal replied there will be some maintenance over time.

Mr. Graal noted that since the park is being completed in phases, they want to make sure all the materials used across the park match. He brought in an example of a manufactured stone product that they would like to use. He stated the issue with natural stone is that it is more expensive and you cannot guarantee you will get the same exact color with each order. Facilities Manager John Robinson asked if the color was continuous through the stone and Mr. Graal replied yes.

Next, Mr. Graal discussed the smaller gateways that would be used to show the different entry ways to other areas of the active core. These smaller gateways would have a half way glulam wooden arch at the top instead of a full arch. Trustee Neitzke-Troiike asked if the gateways will have lights. Mr. Graal stated they are trying to find ways to light the gateways but that it has been a bit of a challenge because of the dark sky requirements. Trustee Burian stated that the smaller gateways with the half arch looked a bit unfinished and was wondering the cost difference to see if it might be better to do it at a smaller scale with the full arch. Mr. Petrakos noted that he did not have a cost put together at this time; however, everything in the plans are suggestions that they tried to scale down for the Board to discuss and provide final approval on. Trustee Burian stated that if there are only three entrances that would have the smaller gateways with the glulam arch, then it should not be a huge cost to do a full arch at all three entrances.

Mr. Graal then gave a brief description of the gazebo. The gazebo would have the same aesthetic and style as the rest of the park. The gazebo would not be meant for a picnic area but more for seating and could even be used for wedding pictures. Trustee Gray noted that he liked the gazebo and felt it would set the tone for other structures in the park. Trustee Gray also noted that it would be a good idea to have a better understanding on what the maintenance and cost will be on all of the wooden structures that will be put up in the park. Mr. Petrakos noted that they could look into that for the Board. Trustee Neitzke-Troiike asked if the gazebo would have power. Mr. Graal stated that yes, it would have outlets and could even have lights on it during the holidays. Trustee Sweas asked if the gazebo will have a ramp so it can be ADA accessible, which Mr. Graal confirmed. Trustee Sweas then asked about the size of the gazebo. Mr. Graal stated that it is 24-25 feet in diameter. Trustee Rodgers asked if there would be seating available in the gazebo. Mr. Graal stated that there would be seating in the plaza area with umbrella tables. Trustee Rodgers asked if it would be possible to put tables in the gazebo area, in which Mr. Graal affirmed; the gazebo is big enough in the inside if that is what the Board prefers. Mr. Graal then reiterated what Trustee Gray had mentioned, that the gazebo is intended to set the tone of the future development of the park. Mr. Graal then stated that any other architectural elements being added would pick up on the stone bases or the glulam architect structures currently being installed.

Mr. Petrakos then discussed the options of different parts of the park that could be used for dedication. He gave examples such as the landscape rocks, pavers, trees, any of the structures, the courts or a specific area of the park.

Mr. Petrakos introduced Sarah Dreier, Senior Landscape Designer and Lori Vierow, Landscape Architecture Department Manager from GreenbergFarrow. Ms. Vierow first reviewed small changes that were made to the plans regarding the park. One change made was the design of the challenge course. The design was changed to make it look more curvilinear instead of being rectangular and still function in the same manner. This would allow for a small entrance way which would include a sign along with a map of

the area. Ms. Vierow then discussed the nature based play area. She stated that they changed the nature based play area by refining it further to allow for two play areas. One area will be for age's five to twelve and the other area for age's two to twelve. Ms. Vierow then showed example pictures of the different areas of the park so the Board could see the materials that would be used and to allow them a better idea of what it would look like. Ms. Vierow then discussed how they made changes to the design plan to work around a 24inch caliper silver maple oak tree that is located in the middle of the park so they would not have to cut it down. Ms. Vierow noted that they believe the tree will be a great focal point for the sensory garden. Trustee Sweas asked about other trees located west of the park. She wanted to make sure that they would not be cut down either. Ms. Vierow replied that only two trees located in the tennis court area are planned for removal and if the basketball court ever moves forward, there are two trees located in that area that will be removed as well. Trustee Gray questioned the size of the area since everything had to be shifted to save the tree. Ms. Vierow acknowledged that the area will be slightly smaller compared to the original design but not to where it impacts the design.

Grading was briefly discussed. Trustee Sweas asked Ted Hamilton, Senior Project Manager from H.R Green, Inc. if they will be doing the grading work at the park. Mr. Hamilton replied that H.R Green will be doing the mass grading while TRIA will be doing the fine grading. Trustee Sweas addressed concerns regarding everything looking flat. Ms. Vierow discussed that with the grading, the sidewalks will still have nice contours and areas will still have levels of elevation to them.

Ms. Vierow quickly went through the pictures of the challenge course/fitness stations. Ms. Vierow noted that there will be a shaded area for people to sit and read. Also, between where the challenge course is and fitness area is there will be a small plaza for people to gather. Ms. Vierow gave a brief explanation of materials and designs that would be used. She then discussed the tree of life plaza and described materials that would be used for the benches. Ms. Vierow stated that they are looking at thermory ash wood or recycled lumber for the benches. Ms. Vierow then mentioned that there would also be an area with brick pavers along a circle pathway and a stone veneer wall that will compliment the pavers. The nature-based play area would include a tree house, play stack logs, a timber play frame and a boulder area for kids to climb and sit on as well as benches. Trustee Gray asked what materials the tree house would be made from. Ms. Vierow stated it is a manufactured material that will be used on the tree house as well as the play stack logs. She also mentioned that there will be steppers for the kids to climb on and they also plan on using nature imprints in the concrete.

Next, Ms. Vierow quickly went through pictures of the tennis, pickleball and court game area. She stated in those areas they will be using backless benches because it will make it easier for people who want to sit and view the games on different sides of the courts.

Ms. Vierow then went through the sculptural play/sensory garden and stated that they plan on putting in a play stack area for kids to climb on. The play stack area will be sculptural, which will allow them to tie it in with the sensory garden. The play/sensory garden will also include a sundial, musical instruments, council ring, turf mounds, hammocks, a lit up pathway and picnic tables. Ms. Vierow stated that they will also be proposing trees to be put in within the sensory garden. Ms. Dreier then discussed the option of putting in custom tree grates that they designed which will be located in the sensory garden. Ms. Dreier showed pictures of four examples of the tree grates for the Board's opinion. One tree grate had a picture of a bloom, the next a key board and two were pictures of different types of musical notes. Trustee Sweas liked the bloom for the sensory garden. She felt it was the most appropriate. Trustee Neitzke-Troiike liked the bloom for the sensory garden and the second picture of musical notes for where the music area would be. The rest of the Board agreed.

Facilities Manager John Robinson asked a question regarding the lighting of the courts. He wanted to know if there would be on demand lighting or timers that would be set. Ms. Vierow stated they asked for on demand lights but will check into it.

Village Manager Mertens asked Mr. Petrakos to update the Board as far as timing and when decisions need to be made by the Board. Mr. Petrakos first asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns with anything discussed. Mr. Petrakos also asked the Board if there were any changes they wanted addressed. The Board had no objections to anything discussed. Trustee Burian reminded Mr. Petrakos that they would like the name Homer Glen tied into the signage. Trustee Sweas asked if they would be putting up fencing when the park is open to the public. Mr. Petrakos stated that during each phase they would be blocking it off with fencing until the work is complete but during that time residents will be able to use the park. Trustee Gray also noted that it would be nice to have lights around some of the court game areas and along pathways; especially, if there is access to the park at night. Mr. Petrakos then quickly went through the tentative project schedule. (See Attached draft of schedule). Village Manager Mertens asked Mr. Petrakos to go over the future areas of the park so the Board is aware of what is and what is not included. Mr. Petrakos noted that there is room available in other areas that can be built for future amenities such as a basketball court, or other courts if desired. Ms. Vierow also noted that they would be working on the grading in case future development is done on the park. Mayor Yukich thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for giving an update on the development of Heritage Park.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gray motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Burian.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Neitzke-Troike, Caprio, Sweas, Burian and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Gina Villasenor, Deputy Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated September 12, 2018