



Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

7:30 AM

Via Zoom Video Conferencing App

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Planning, Design & Construction Committee (PDC) Chairman Kennedy called the June 2, 2020 Naperville Riverwalk PDC meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Due to the shelter-in-place directive, the meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing App.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Bobby Carlsen; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy, PD&C Committee Chairman; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; Geoff Roehll, Riverwalk Commission Chairman; and Tom Stibbe

Absent: Valla Aguilar; Judy Brodhead; Pam Bartlett; John Cuff; Jeff Friant; and Amsal Khimani, Student Commissioner

Also Present: Brian Dusak, ERA; Monica Goshorn-Maroney, GRWA; Rick Hitchcock, Former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Laura McSweeney, City Staff; Carl Peterson, GRWA; Tiffani Picco, Park District; Mary Lou Wehrli, resident (until 7:47 a.m.)

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Comments from Hitchcock and Wehrli can be found under agenda item D.5.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Pat Kennedy

Approve minutes from the May 5, 2020 Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee meeting.

Attachments: [20PDCMinutes0505](#)

A motion to approve the May 5, 2020 Planning, Design & Construction Committee minutes was made by Roehll and seconded by Novack.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Park District - Tom Stibbe

- a. Annual Bulb Sale
The annual bulb sale was held online this year due to the covid19 pandemic. Additional items were also on sale due to the uncertainty of Centennial Beach opening. All items were sold within 12 minutes. Items can be picked up on Friday June 5, 2020.
- b. Riverwalk Restrooms
The restrooms at the Warming Shelter are open following the cleanup after two significant flood events. The restrooms at the Riverwalk Café are open but the restrooms at Fredenhagen Park remain closed.
- c. Closures Due to Covid19
Several Riverwalk locations and amenities remain closed due to the covid19 pandemic including the Visitor Center, Moser Tower/Millennium Carillon tours, drinking fountains and hardscape fountains.
- d. Park District Lawsuit with the State of Illinois
There is not much movement in the Naperville Park District vs State of Illinois other than a probably hearing with a judge on June 5, 2020.
- e. Centennial Beach
Cleanup and restoration following the two significant flood events in the past month have been a focus with Park District staff. It took over a week to pump river and rainwater out of Centennial Beach. The seepage from the river seems to be increasing through the levy. The stability and condition of the levy should continue to be monitored. Staff has partially filled the beach and have treated the water to discourage algae growth. The Park District is waiting for direction from Illinois Department of Public Health.
- f. Water Street
The plantings on Water Street seem to have come through the flooding unscathed

3. 2020 Riverwalk Work Plan (PA022) - Bill Novack

Novack reviewed the updated work plan budget stating that the Riverwalk Parking Lot Wall was repaired and the diseased trees on the east side of the parking lot have been removed and replaced with other plantings. Funds to replace donor plaques on the Jackson Avenue light poles will be replaced. During the last month, it was determined that the railings on the east side of the Paddle Boat Quarry are unstable. The curbing securing the foot of the railings is cracking and broken. Engineering Resource Assoc. (ERA) is exploring the damage and will create construction documents for the repair. The City will seek bids once the construction documents are complete.

4. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack

Following approval by the City Council, a purchase order has been requested for the engineering/design and creation of construction documents. The project is scheduled to go out for bid in late autumn or early winter. Construction is scheduled to begin in early spring, weather dependent. The construction timeline will take the carillon summer schedule into account.

5. Riverwalk Master Plan - Pat Kennedy

Receive the current draft of the Riverwalk Master Plan.

Attachments: [Draft Master Plan Version3 20200528](#)

Wehrli stated that she admires the work being done to move the Riverwalk forward but is concerned that the perception will be that the Riverwalk Commission has self-appointed the Master Plan and its official "The Bicentennial Project" when the community hasn't had a conversation about what the community might want for a Bicentennial project. The language pertaining to the Bicentennial project will be reviewed with her thoughts in mind.

Wehrli suggested that the Riverwalk may be interested in a Morton Arboretum grant to complete a tree inventory in Sindt Woods. She also shared her thoughts about some erosion of the shoreline on the west extension. Erosion of the whole Riverwalk shoreline will be addressed with the Master Plan Riverbank Ecological Restoration project.

Kennedy shared that a subcommittee met to review and update the format, drawings and text of the draft Master Plan. The PDC Committee did an in-depth review of the first few pages of the most recent version of the document. There was much discussion about the map and Sindt Woods as well as the Riverwalk boundaries on the west extension. The purpose of the Master Plan, how it will be used in future years and a timeline to update the document was also discussed. At the June 10 Riverwalk Commission meeting, Peterson/Dusak will share estimated costs, including approximate maintenance costs. A small group will meet to determine the suggested timeline moving forward as well as who the Master Plan partners are and how best to engage them.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

F. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Commission, June 10, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

**Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, June 30, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Commission, July 8, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, August 4, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
Either Zoom or Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

G. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Roehll; seconded by Stibbe.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator