Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: August 28, 2012
Meeting: Public Meeting #1
Project Name: Lake Ellyn Park Master Plan

Agenda

7:00-7:15 Welcome and Introductions

7:15-8:00 Review of existing conditions and potential opportunities
  Context/Park Use
  Hydrology
  Landscape and Systems Integration
  Boathouse

8:00-8:15 DRAFT Goals and priorities

8:15-8:30 Next steps and group comment & question session

8:30-9:00 Open house with idea stations
  Landscape
  Lake/Hydrology
  Parking, access, and use
  Recreation
  Boathouse

General comment topics:
- Publicize public meetings
- Purpose of the Master Plan process
- Statistics on the community survey
- Collaborations with the Village
- Timeline

Hydrology:
- Previous draining of Lake Ellyn
- Historic springs
- Strategies for reducing algae
- Opportunities for improving the spillway
- Nutrient levels in the lake
- Water quality testing
- Be aware of abundant springs in the neighborhood.
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- Lake was dredged in 1990’s – Dave verified.
- Odor from the lake
- Potential flooding of nearby homes
- Daylighting the stream

Recreation:
- Opportunities for replacing the play equipment
- Natural play spaces
- Water play
- Potential for bandshell
- Purpose of Perry Preserve
- Passive recreation
- Tennis courts
- Recreation on the lake: paddle boating, sail boating (sunfish & pram), canoeing, and kayaking
- Quiet recreation in park, such as bocce pits and sand volleyball
- Opportunities for additional grilling locations.
- Extension of path network
- Additional fishing opportunities
- Enhancing ice skating
- Small structures, such as picnic shelters and gazebos
- Additional picnic and gathering opportunities

Ecology:
- Protect and restore the ecology
- Integrating native landscape systems in the park
- Opening views to the lake
- Erosion on the lake edge
- Controlling geese
- Provide better fish habitat

Parking, Access, and Use:
- Opportunities and challenges of parking near the park
- Connecting from surrounding trail systems, such as the Prairie Path
- Improve trails- consistent dimension, materials, smoothness, etc.
- Complete loop around lake
- Trail width
- Distance markers
- Directional signage
- Seating
- Safety concerns
- Improved lighting
Boathouse:
- Boathouse rentals and revenue stream
- Separate bathroom facilities
- Health and safety study
- Acoustics
- Use of building
- Flooding in building and flood prevention
- Rental pricing
- Historic preservation
- Interior décor
- Lighting and energy efficiency
- Historic windows and doors
- Fireplace
- Ceiling
- Mechanical systems
- Kitchen functionality
- Outdoor spaces related to the boathouse uses: patio, dock
- Boat rental and boat launch
- Opportunities for improving functionality for skating
- Dock improvements