

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 21, 2019 – 7 P.M.

NOVI CIVIC CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with Commissioner Dooley presiding.

ROLL CALL: Dooley (Present), Thomopoulos (Present), Joshi (Present), Muzzin (Absent), Pratt (Present), Staab (Present), Torimoto (Present), Student Representatives Alex Fortsch (Absent), Ananya Kamalesh (Present).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved that the agenda be approved as amended by Commissioner Dooley and seconded by Commissioner Torimoto.

Voice Vote

Unanimous

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Approval of Feb. 21, 2019, minutes.

It was moved that the minutes for February be approved by Commissioner Thomopoulos and seconded by Commissioner Pratt.

Voice Vote

Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Walkable Novi – Commissioners Muzzin & Thomopoulos
Commissioner Thomopoulos said the last meeting was last month and the next meeting will be either 4/18 or 4/25. It will be updated on the calendar, once determined and will focus on a status update of project implementation and to talk about the prioritization and ranking system.
- B. Novi Park Foundation – Commissioners Staab & Torimoto
Commissioner Staab said there was a meeting scheduled for 3/18 and moved to 3/28. Funding, Pour on the Shore planning and other items will be reviewed.
- C. Grants Committee – Commissioners Dooley & Joshi
Commissioner Joshi said 2019 grant applications were discussed, including for the Baseball Tomorrow Fund to light the diamonds at Power Park and one for the National Council on Aging with Lyft that will give transportation for the seniors to educate them on using Lyft and other shared-ride experiences. The next one was for Michigan State Youth Soccer Association for soccer goals and equipment. Another was for Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for the Sizzling Summer series that happens in July and August, and then another one with Michigan Humanities Council also for the Sizzling Summer series and the summer camp in July and August. She said she believed we were still looking for grants for cemetery funding, but haven't found anything. And then there was the University of Michigan school sustainability project with the environment, where basically the master's students will look into the ITC Trailhead Park and come up with a master plan for the three properties on natural habitat, topography and things like that to submit to the City of Novi.

Commissioner Pratt asked if there were veterans buried there and did we look at veteran grants? Director Muck said we looked at some grants through Daughters of the American Revolution, but they were very small grants. Commissioner Dooley said several people are looking into various grants and that's one of them.

D. Parks Updates

Commissioner Dooley said the updates are an opportunity for the commissioners to visit the parks and give updates as to what's going on in the various parks. They're assigned parks as their responsibility and do presentations on updates.

1. Fuerst Park – Commissioner Staab

Commissioner Staab said he visited on 3/16 and Township Hall had weathered the winter pretty well. He displayed photos of signage at the park on the location's history and different areas of the park. Staab said he didn't notice any cracks settling from the winter. The grounds were in pretty good status as far as no trash or large fallen tree limbs. The park was once an old apple orchard. The events board promoted upcoming events with the May golf league, Hawaiian and Polynesian dance on a Saturday, Memorial Day, Euchre tournament and more. The bathroom was still closed for the season. He did notice some people out and walking around despite the weather.

Commissioner Dooley said there's been standing water in one area of the park in the past and asked if that had been resolved? Commissioner Staab said it has greatly improved, but there were still a mix of soft and frozen spots. We'll have a better idea in April.

Commissioner Joshi asked whether there was still a possibility new art sculptures being installed at the park? Deputy Director Ringle said it's still evolving, but the concrete pads were installed at the park so different sculptures can be placed on them over time. Different sculptures fit differently on different pads and we're looking at grant funding for that, as well as working with a local artist who could be a curator for us.

Commissioner Torimoto asked if Township Hall is available for rent and how much use does it get during the winter? Deputy Director Ringle said it's closed during the winter and winterized, but is available for rent during the summer. It has original flooring and some tile, so bringing the salt in during the winter would be damaging.

2. Meadowbrook Commons – Commissioner Thomopoulos

Commissioner Thomopoulos said it hadn't been that long since her last visit, but she went by the commons area where the goose waste was and there was no waste or geese this time. Everything looked really good. She drove around the residences this time. The parking lot had been redone about a year ago and it and the buildings all looked in great condition. It was a cold, blustery day, so she didn't see any folks about. The park areas were clean and well maintained, free of debris. There was one bollard that was down and an entrance to the main building needs to be repainted. There's a gate enclosing a dumpster across from the gazebo that wasn't fully closed. She said she also noticed sidewalks on the opposite side that had caution tape around them, so there may have been some heaving and is planned for maintenance when the weather breaks.

Commissioner Staab asked where the heaving sidewalks are? Commissioner Thomopoulos said they're near the entrance off Cherry Hill Road and probably don't get a lot of offseason use.

3. Novi Dog Park – Commissioner Torimoto

Commissioner Torimoto said the dog park is next to Novi Ice Arena. He parked at The Sports Club of Novi tennis courts and used that trail down to the park. He said he went when it was 32 degrees and the snow was starting to melt. There are small- and large-dog areas that use fobs to get in and out. The Weiss Nature Trail goes from The Sports Club of Novi and there's actually a trail area that comes through the woods and to the dog park from the back side. Along the upper side of the park, there are some play structures there for the dogs. There were about 4-5 dogs there and about constant traffic. On the website, it talks about some drainage improvements in 2016 and he said he remembers how it was really bad before those improvements. It's gotten a lot better, but with the slope you end up with pooled water. There's a lot of traffic and the number of parking spaces was sufficient. The key fob system is a great system with double doors to help manage the dog traffic going out. The dogs talk to each other and the owners clean up. They have some really nice poop bags. The garbage cans are set up well. The play structure is really fun. A more consistent grassy area could maybe help with the drainage. Director Muck said they did some test areas last year using snow fence to section areas off and re-establish turf. Torimoto said he talked to people and they were really happy. Commissioner Dooley said it's a great place for people to socialize with their pets.

Commissioner Joshi asked if the nature trail area requires parking elsewhere?

Commissioner Torimoto asked if it was City property? Director Muck said the housing development north of the park put that trail in, but the City now maintains it. It was meant to connect that neighborhood to the dog park.

Torimoto said he had parked at The Sports Club of Novi. Torimoto asked if you're allowed to park there? Muck said The Sports Club really wants that to be for their members only and the ice arena works with them to put out signage during large events saying "Sports Club members only." They can park at the ice arena and walk down. It was meant to be a neighborhood connecting trail.

4. Pavilion Shore Park – Commissioner Dooley (Feb.)

Commissioner Dooley showed photos of the park from a walk-through he did. He said it's an incredible park. It was a beautiful day when he went up there. He said what he likes about Pavilion Shore Park is the monuments to show the history of this area. It was quite a place in its day. The City has done a remarkable job of showcasing what this place used to be. One of the new areas since he's been there is the play structure. Dooley said it's a very nice play structure and the view is incredible. He pointed out the bicycle repair station, more history displays and a sign about the type of fish in the lake. He said you could hear the ice cracking and it was hauntingly romantic. Dooley said an area was marked off and asked if it was tied into beachline erosion? Director Muck said it ties into the shoreline erosion restoration project that will be going on this summer. Dooley said there's some winter damage near the restrooms at the pavilion. There's also a trash can by the playground structure that's been shifted and needs to be anchored again. He said walking through the park everything was great postcard views. He pointed out the parking lot addition on the east end of the park.

Commissioner Thomopoulos asked about the electrical boxes near the pavilion and why they're not landscaped. She said she expected it to appear differently in different seasons, but noticed it's only landscaped on three sides and is open facing the road. She said it would look better with some evergreen landscaping, if that's possible. She also asked if it would be possible to get dog waste bag stations installed in two opposite locations at Pavilion Shore Park? She said it's

used quite a bit for dog walking and she wished her neighbors cleaned up after themselves, but they don't. Commissioner Dooley said he was expecting to see goose poop, but he didn't see any goose or dog waste, and there were some dogs out there. Thomopoulos said probably 98 percent of dog owners take care of it. She said there's a stand at Lakeshore Park with bags. Director Muck said there's a couple theories about why you don't do that. First, being an open park, people are going to go grab the whole stack. We had that happen at the dog park when it first opened, so being able to keep it in supply in that busy of a park is going to be hard to do. You also don't want people to get accustomed to waste bags being there and not bring their own, and then find an empty container. That's one of the reasons why we haven't spread those across all of our parks. Lakeshore is the only one other than the dog park. We really want people to police themselves and not rely on them.

~~5. Village Wood Lake Park – Commissioner Pratt (Feb.)~~

STAFF REPORTS

A. Administration Division – Director Jeff Muck

1. Lakeshore Park Update

Director Muck said we've been working with our consultants, engineering firms and Community Development Department, and now we're getting ready to take this to the Planning Commission next week. If you've been on the City website or social media over the last day or so, you've probably seen this posted. Additional plans for the Planning Commission packet will be posted early next week. Some of the highlights we've moved forward from since this went to Council in October, you'll see the building is approximately 6,200 square feet and was moved back into the park. One of the original plans had the building up at the front, so it was moved back away from the road. That was something we heard loud and clear from citizens is that they wanted it away from the road and front of the park, so that has been moved back. Pathway safety was another big one that came up. Right now, we have the path that runs along the front of Lakeshore Park. The new pathway would come into the park. This is a City-owned parcel just to the west, so you'd be able to go to the back of the park to the mountain bike trails and hiking trails or cross over and continue through the park out onto the road. That was something we needed to look at. There were some discussions with widening that pathway, but due to some engineering standards, you couldn't widen that without taking out a significant amount of trees and electrical poles, so we felt it was in the best interest to move it into the park. That was something we heard from our residents. The library kiosk is going to be located north of the building, no longer attached. We met with the kiosk vendor and library staff and the recommendation was to move it away from the building for ease of use and access. They felt that was much more accessible where people could pull right up. We've even discussed having two potential reserved parking spots for that, but we're not sure yet. We moved that away from the building, but it also doesn't take up a portion of the building or outside of the building, as well. Screening with the residents is another thing Council wanted us to look at. When you look at this, you may think this doesn't look like a lot, but keep in mind this is a conceptual. This doesn't take into account any existing screening. We're continuing to be committed to screening both sides of the park. Don't think there's five trees on the conceptual, so there's only going to be five trees here when all is said and done. We have the

opportunity every year during spring and fall plantings with our tree fund, and that's the exact stuff that tree fund can fund, is to put in additional trees and bushes on either side of the park. So we're committed to doing that, as well. Just keep that in mind when you're looking at these. We don't want you to think there's two trees here, so there's only going to be two trees in the final design. There may be more. Those are really the main points to point out on the site plan. As for the layout of the building, natural look and feel, "up north" feel and more like a national park. Some of the original versions were too modern for a lot of peoples' tastes, so this has been scaled down to a more rustic, natural look. Thinking about sustainability with a lot of this, it'll have a metal roof and the interior will have a lot of sustainable practices, as well. The interior of the building will have a small vestibule for people waiting for their parents to stay out of the rain and elements, a small lobby for people to congregate and feed into the interior bathrooms. We have men's, women's and a family restaurant. When you come into the building, there will be the one Lakeshore camp room. That's where we'll hold our camps and programs. Storage right off the camp room so it's easily accessible for tables, chairs, craft supplies and things like that you'd need for our programs. You have, like any building, electrical and mechanical rooms, a janitorial closet and IT. One of the things we heard from City Council is they wanted Wi-Fi availability, so you need an IT room for that. The smaller multi-purpose room can be used for small group activities. If there's a thunderstorm and there's a 100 kids in the main room, this can be used for smaller breakout activities such as crafts. It's also key if there are any kids with any sensory issues or other issues, they can go in here with other kids or counselors. The outdoor bathrooms – a big key to this building was to have separate bathrooms for exterior and interior – these will be for beach users and park users. The current building it's a mix with camp kids and park goes all together, so this will be separated out. That provides a lot more safety and security for the camp kids, as well. We have a women's, men's and family restrooms again. The next steps are final review processes with Community Development, the architects and engineers are making final tweaks. Wednesday that will go to Planning Commission. After that, it will go out to bid and Council will need to award that construction contract. After the construction contract is awarded, we'll have a pre-construction meeting with the selected contractor and that's really when we get into the nuts and bolts of when we're closing the shelter, what dates are we closing the playground, when are we opening the road up to the back of the park. That's another thing we heard loud and clear was to keep the park open to mountain bikers and trail users. The Pavilion Shore playground was an initiative by City Council to get that playground built as a nice alternative to Lakeshore while it's under construction this summer and into the fall.

Commissioner Thomopoulos said the update is very much appreciated. The concept and plans are very much improved from the plans of last year, so thanks for the modifications to address the concerns of the citizens. She said she thinks the kids are going to have an exciting building for their camp and the parents are going to be pleased with the clean and sanitary restrooms, so congrats on that. What's really great about this plan is it really preserves the green space at the front of the park so it feels park like. She said she likes the space up there and the pathway as an alternative to the road is fine. She said she thinks people will appreciate that. Instead of just going from one side to the

other, they can go through the park. Thomopoulos said she's hoping there will be a scattering of picnic tables along that area since people do like to picnic there. Commissioner Thomopoulos said parking at the rear was mentioned and asked if that was referring to 12.5 Mile Road? Director Muck said no, they intend to build the access road so people can drive to the back of the park so people can park near the trailhead. Thomopoulos said there's been a request for 12.5 Mile for parking, so maybe we should revisit that with Planning. Muck said we've investigated it and Deputy Director Tracie Ringle has had some conversation with the Motor City Mountain Biking Association since they've also expressed some interest. One of the challenges back there is the amount of trees you'd have to remove back there even to put in a small lot since you also have to avoid some residences back along there. We've worked with our engineering team and have a concept, but it won't be a Planning Commission item, it'll be more of a Council decision or directive.

Commissioner Thomopoulos asked if there would be something to rinse off with after the beach? Director Muck said there would be a foot wash station. Thomopoulos asked how that would drain? Muck said it would be part of the site plan and down into drainage. Thomopoulos asked to verify it wouldn't go down the sidewalk to the beach. Muck said he would follow up on it.

Commissioner Thomopoulos asked if any structural concerns with the tunnel to the beach would be addressed with this plan? Director Muck said they would be.

Commissioner Thomopoulos asked whether plans for the shoreline restoration be viewable when this goes to Planning Commission? Director Muck said no because the shoreline restoration is a separate project that's still being developed, but is still on schedule. That won't go to Planning Commission at all, as it's a maintenance project.

Commissioner Torimoto asked how big the Lakeshore camp room is compared to the current building? Director Muck said the current building only allows us to be licensed for 60 kids, but the new building would allow us to be licensed for 100. That doesn't mean just that room. That factors in bathrooms and shelter that you have to have. That's all factored into licensing, as well. Torimoto asked if the current bathrooms are connected, do they just walk in to get changed and come back out? Would they now have to go to the public restrooms? Muck said no, they'd go into the interior restrooms. The inside bathrooms would also be considered a changing room for the camp kids. Torimoto said it's great they're split from the outdoor restrooms. Muck said they can secure the doors while camp is in there. It makes it much safer where staff can monitor the lobby area while kids are coming in and out of the bathrooms.

Commissioner Joshi asked if the timeline is still to open it by next summer or spring? Director Muck said he would hope so.

Director Muck said, regarding public communication, we have notified the public we're not taking pavilion reservations. We've been telling people the park is still open. We'll post on our social media and Nextdoor when we do official close and we'll post signage in the front of the park with what's going on, as well. Muck thanked Parks Commission, Council and residents for their support. One Councilmember said it best when they said we'll never get a plan where 100 percent of everyone in the city will agree on, but this is a plan that we feel has met a lot of the needs and compromise and gotten to a good spot. We appreciate all the public who have waited on it and are good to move forward.

2. Park Project Updates

Director Muck said Landscape Architect Rick Meader has a tie to University of Michigan and brought forward that the School for Environment and Sustainability offers an opportunity for businesses and projects for their master's students to work on. We submitted a request to have a project that would provide the City a comprehensive master plan for all the adjoining acres of land in the Nine Mile and Garfield Road area and provide the City of Novi with recommendations for future use of the parcels that would benefit a range of users while protecting natural resources. We indicated the plan would hopefully include trails, natural habitat, invasive species removal, interpretive signage and things like that.

We've acquired two parcels through Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants; there's an ITC parcel we've had conversations with them about allowing us to connect; there's a parcel donated to us from the developer of Villa D'Este, now known as Terra; a comfort station for the ITC Trail and other areas owned by the City. It's a lot of land, but how do you tie it all together. We submitted a proposal for students in November and were notified in January that we made it to the cut to go to the career fair for the students. Only about 50 percent of the projects submitted get to go to the career fair. Meader and Muck went to the career fair at U-M and talked to about 15 students and shared some ideas with them and answered their questions. We estimated there were about 27 different proposals for projects. We were notified a team of three students wanted to come take on the project, so the three students are working on their master's in landscape architecture. They've already reached out to us and started asking questions about what we have for GIS data, topography, photos and land records, so we should have a good time working with these students and developing a plan. We've said we're going to ask them to present this to the Parks and Rec Commission when the project is complete. We're meeting with them in two weeks with the GIS Department.

Commissioner Pratt said the DNR uses them throughout the entire state and they do good work and really take what you want to do and put together a project. It's nice.

Director Muck said the ITC Trail is in progress even though it's winter. Winter is ending and we're moving into spring, but our contractor is working on boardwalks moving into wetlands. As soon as the frost laws are lifted, they'll get going. Bosco Fields project we've acquired the right of way we needed with the school district to install sidewalks along Beck. That project will break ground this spring, as well. Also, 4/23 tentatively, we're working on bringing in some small focus groups and breaking those out into stakeholders. We're going to bring out representatives from the school districts in Novi; our youth associations such as Michigan Jaguars, Novi Youth Baseball League and Novi Youth Hockey Association; business people and some of our advisory board people from cultural arts and older adults. These are meant to be small, intimate conversations with our consultant, parks staff and these stakeholders about how they see the Parks Department, where they think we should be going. One of the thoughts our consultant had would they would like to see some Park Commissioners present at those focus groups. They'll be held during the day and be an hour and a half at a time, so we'll send those out to see who's available and to see who would want to sit in on those stakeholder meetings. They'll be here at City Hall. Other future input opportunities; we'll be gathering input at

Spring Palooza. We'll have a unique activity with that. There will be an online survey coming up with a lot of questions with the park system. We'll be doing another community event, most likely on the north end of Novi in July. We're firming up a lot of those dates with our consultant. We're at the very start of the process and working to move forward.

Commissioner Thomopoulos asked about the timing for completion of ITC Trail? Director Muck said it all depends on Mother Nature; summer-ish. We did not get as far this past fall as we'd have liked to due to the weather.

B. Recreation Division – Deputy Director Tracie Ringle

1. Program & Services

Deputy Director Ringle said Engage! has been our largest marketing piece and has been the same reiteration the past 10 years, and it's going through a revamp. We'll be working together with Accuform Printing to produce six editions of Engage! bimonthly to all residents and businesses in Novi. The publication will actually be funded by ad sales, so it's actually a savings to the City despite adding two more editions. We'll be doing it at a cost savings. The rate sheet is posted for interested businesses. The first edition – July through August edition – will be hitting mailboxes in June. Our programs will be front and center along with articles and human interest stories. It's all City information, rec programs and articles. From programming, the information is very timely. Instead of four months in one edition, it's timely, you look at it and it goes wherever it goes in your home and you forget to look back at it. Every two months gives us more presence in homes, so we look forward to that and getting that started. Our Community Relations Department is leading that and we'll be providing our recreation information as we typically do. So, something to look forward to in mailboxes in June.

Ringle said the other big thing we're working on is summer camps. Collectively, summer camps is the biggest undertaking we have each year. Camp registration opened 3/1 with a bang. We had more than \$80,000 in revenue on that day with more than \$108,000 as the weekend total. That's just camp registration only. Camp PowerPlay is sold out. Camp Lakeshore is about 42 percent full, which is typical at this point the season. Cultural art camps are about five times higher this year than last, so Amelia Purdy-Ketchum has done a great job adding programs. Our sport camp registrations have also increased, but we don't have stats on that because some of the registrations go directly through the contracted camps. The ones we do have for the ones we do take registrations for are up, as well. Contracted camps – which is Scienstational, Kids Empowered, Carousel Acres farm camp – are all doing really well and numbers are great there. We have a broad range of camps from art to riding a horse and everything in between, so we're excited and still accepting camp counselor positions for Camp Lakeshore and PowerPlay. Adult softball begins the third week in April. We're waiting for the softball and soccer fields to thaw and be frost free so we can do some prep work there.

Commissioner Joshi said she just received an email today for a camp for cricket for kids in June and July at Wildlife Woods Park. She asked if we are still going ahead with construction plans at Wildlife Woods? Director Muck said we are, but there isn't a construction timeline for that yet. As of now, we're maintaining Wildlife Woods as is.

C. Older Adults – Deputy Director Tracie Ringle

1. Program & Services

Deputy Director Ringle said Older Adult Services are working on the Memorial Day festivities and leading the parade that is Monday, 5/27. The day starts out with a 5k and 1-mile fun run at 8 a.m. The parade starts at 10 a.m. at Karim Boulevard and travels west to the Civic Center here. At 11:30 here is the service to conclude that day. All veterans, scouts, civic organizations and runners are invited to be a part of the festivities. All the information for registration is available at cityofnovi.org. "Batter Up: An All-American Grand Slam" luncheon will take place Thursday, 4/4, at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. It's Detroit Tigers' opening day and entertainment will be sponsored by Fox Run's Men's Chorus. It'll be sponsored by Mindful Home Transitions and Waltonwood Twelve Oaks. Registration is continuing through 3/28. The annual euchre tournament is here 4/6 where they play eight rounds and winner win gift certificates. "Financial Crimes, Scams and Identity Thefts" will take place 4/16 from 1-3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Detective Jeremy Stempien will offer a special seminar for the attendees on check fraud, imposter and check scams. The "Native Planting Gardening Tips" is a new program for the Older Adult Services Division. That'll take place 4/17 and Novi resident Drew Lathin will talk about native plants and why they're beneficial. The Novi Group Travel Fair will take place 1:30 p.m. 4/18 to tour a lot of different travel agencies and get an idea where they might want to take their next trip. New free fitness demo classes are being offered for two new classes that will be offered in July. The information is online or you can drop in to those programs. Chair yoga is Friday 3/22, 3/29 or 4/5 at Meadowbrook Activity Center in the morning. And then WERQ Dance Fitness will take place 4/23, 5/1 and 6/18 in the evening at the Civic Center. We're busy in the Older Adult Services office, as well as planning our fitness programs.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Resident Gary Zack of 359 South Lake Drive said overall it's a good job on the new Lakeshore Park plan. It's a lot improved on the last ones and a lot of concerns were addressed, which he said he really appreciates. Concerns that he still has involve the screening that was addressed and the noise from the deck facing the neighbors, as well as how often that'll be used. He hopes there will be good screening there and not go on all night long. He said he is concerned there isn't a lot of changing area; maybe just one stall in the outdoor bathrooms. Hopefully that's enough. He said he didn't see any on the indoor rooms, so you may have to use the existing stalls or the family room. He was hoping for more than that. He said he's concerned about the hours of operation for the whole park. He really thinks they should close the gate at 9 p.m. He sees people in there at 4 a.m. and 2 a.m. You don't know what they might be doing. They might not be doing anything wrong and just biking, but if there's a car back there anything could be happening. He also said he's concerned with light pollution from any new lights. He said those are all of his concerns. He said the garbage can at Pavilion Shore is at a 20-degree angle and needs to be addressed. The new seating area on the northeast side of the park, there's a lot of soil and erosion running off into the lake there. He said it's right across the sidewalks and going into the lake as a 6-inch gully that needs to be looked at. Zack said the exposed sand area needs to be cleaned by everyone every so often. It could be seaweed, a dead fish or trash that just floats up there. But since that area is sandy, it's something to have the guys look at. Also, regarding the Lakeshore plan, there was a very large tree down near the deck that

goes down to Shawood. He's hoping that got spared since it's a beautiful tree. Back to Pavilion, Thomopoulos mentioned how it looks when you come up to the parking lot from the pumps and stuff. Also, the island that's there when you first come up from South Lake Drive, the concrete is all broken on the curbs. It's not a very good impression coming into that area. It would be nice for DPW to clean that up at some point.

Resident Maureen Zack of 359 South Lake Drive thanked staff from moving the park building away from the front park area. It's such an improvement. Addressing the front layout area, additional changing stalls for the swimmers. In the new layout, she said she's only seeing one in each men's and women's restroom, so additional changing stalls please. She said she was also wondering if Camp Lakeshore needed extra storage room. She said the lobby looks way too big and more changing rooms and storage space could take away from the lobby while using that interior space. Zack said the roof seems to be unnecessarily high and expensive. She said the windows should be glass block to prevent vandalism since this building is in an isolated area, especially in winter. Having a lower roof line and having the glass block might not look as good, but maybe if less money was spent on the building, it'd be more usable so there's no vandalism. Thanks for all the input that's been going on with the citizens. It's appreciated.

Resident John Duneske of 357 South Lake Drive showed an image on the screen and said the blue arrow is the area of concern. It points east into his yard. He said it's a beautiful building and he loves it. Had it been further into the park, he wouldn't see anything and it would be fine there, too. However, it isn't. His concern is down to the screening. Duneske's concern is what kind of extensive screening are we going to have five, 10, 15 years from now? You can add trees with trunks that are 5-feet wide, but it's not going to do a lot for the screening, especially if you plan to put picnic benches on that boardwalk. He said it's beautiful and he'd but picnic benches on that boardwalk if we could, but those people are going to be sipping on Coke or pop or water and they'll be looking right into his house. That's his concern. Extensive evergreens, which he's hoping will be included in the presentation at Planning Commission, provides blockage. You're not going to get rid of the sound. He lives on the lake and has property across the road. He hears the cars and the people. But the visual part, he said he doesn't need people sitting there staring at him. He said he didn't see the elevation on the east end and doesn't know if it can be available for Planning Commission, but the back of the building is what he'll be looking at all of the time, along with the boardwalk he didn't know he'd be there. He said he thinks the current playground is where the new pavilion will be at. So anytime outside of the summer, people will see him. He said five to 10 trees that wide isn't going to cut it, especially when the leaves fall off. He pointed out the detention basin into Shawood Lake and is concerned his backyard will flood since it's part of a flood plain. Duneske said, when you put a project together, you try to satisfy as many people as you can. There's three houses east of the park. If there's anything you can do to be more extensive like some subdivisions. Councilman Mutch stopped over to take a look at it and there's a drop off over the fence line. You'd have to put 30-foot pines in there to block the building. That's not feasible, but if you can put evergreens at the top where the building's at, that'd protect the neighbors. Duneske asked Director Muck to bring that up at the Planning Commission or show the elevation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Representative Kamalesh asked whether The Sports Club is privately owned? Since it is, she said she had no question.

Commissioner Pratt said he had nothing to add and thanked everyone for the great, well thought-out work.

Commissioner Staab said thanks for the rendering and the Lakeshore Park renovation and remodeling. He said he has concern on the building, too. For 100 kids, that's great, but that's 100 kids today and as we continue to evolve. It's a step in the right direction. Going from 60 to 100 kids now, Camp Lakeshore continues to evolve and is a vast improvement on what we have today.

Commissioner Joshi said it was a nice meeting with all the updates on Lakeshore, camps and the increased registrations. She said it's an exciting time when Lakeshore gets updated, especially for the camp kids. She said her kids come to the current building and it really needs an update.

Commissioner Torimoto thanked everyone for the planning and being transparency, especially regarding Lakeshore Park. He's excited to get that and Bosco Fields going. That's near his neighborhood and the earth moving machinery is over there already. He said some of the bigger parks in the city are about to see some changes and he's excited for that. Lastly, with the brainstorming sessions 4/23, it's good to hear that stakeholders will be involved in discussions for long-term planning.

Commissioner Thomopoulos said thanks again for the update on Lakeshore Park. She said she appreciates sharing the details with the community. It's going to be an exciting spring based on all the activities coming up for the kids, sports enthusiasts and older adults. She thanked City Council and especially member Andrew Mutch for supporting the efforts for goose population control. We talked about it at the last meeting, but at the last Council meeting after Andrew Mutch came to a Lake Area Homeowner's Association meeting, he did request the City support allowing inventory of goose nest populations along City property on Shawood Lake, which will be conducted by the DNR-approved Goose Busters organization that Lake Area Homeowner's Association uses. With that information, we can find out if it's contributing to goose populations and that will be helpful information when we're deciding next year what we need to do. Thank you to them for listening to citizens, attending the Lake Area Homeowner's Association and following through with action. The website is fantastic. All the effort the City is putting in to address this is very much appreciated.

Commissioner Dooley said it's an absolute joy when we come to these meetings where it's so productive and a robust discussion. He said to those who come out that we do listen and make suggestions among themselves. The latest edition of Engage! has two wonderful veterans. Judy is one of them and works at Sam's Club. She's very proud of that picture and she loves hugs. And the sailor is at every Memorial Day parade, as well.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Thomopoulos and seconded by Commissioner Torimoto.

Voice Vote

Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Dooley at 8:29 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: _____

Jay Dooley, Chairperson

Shelley Thomopoulos, Vice Chairperson