

Village of Montebello Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2011

Attendees: Nick Altebrando, Bob Congionti, Tony Piazza, Robert Israel

Absent: Amy Rapoport, Warren Berbit, Esq.

Minutes:

Meeting called to order 7:30 at the MCC.

Minutes from 11/10 were approved – Bob C/ Bob I

Tony provided update that Spence has assessed the storm damage to Ponds Park and will have an estimate of the cost of repairs by next week.

The majority of the meeting concerned the AKRF proposals. The commission had sought clarity on the proposals and to find out if the costs could be reduced. Nick reported on his conversations with AKRF. He had specifically asked if the water levels could be raised instead of the ponds being dredged. The effect would ultimately be the same and perhaps the costs could be reduced. AKRF responded that there would not be enough room underneath the pedestrian bridges for the water levels to go much higher. Furthermore, there was concern that there are two areas where there are cracks in the breeches and at higher water levels, more water would leak through. It was suggested that a "staged" approach to fixing the ponds where whatever work was done could be built upon at a later date should be considered.

Tony suggested that in addition, the commission look into an educational program for the community regarding the selection of fertilizers that do not contribute to the algae issue. There was general agreement on this point however it was noted that the majority of landscapers around the Pines and the golf course already use fertilizers without nitrates so the effect of this campaign *is* likely to be slight.

Action Items:

- Tony and Nick will schedule a conference call with AKRF to obtain an estimate for the repair of the breeches.

- Commission will consider approaches to educate community on the use of fertilizers and their effect on algae growth.

- Tony to discuss proposals with the Village Board December 21.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 – Bob I/Nick A

Respectfully submitted by Bob Israel