



3RD WARD MEETING MINUTES – ALDERMAN DENISE RODD

April 8, 2015

Ward Meeting was moved to the Des Plaines Park District Meeting to discuss the proposal of a “Pocket Park” at 968 2nd Avenue (between Oakwood and Walnut).

City of Des Plaines purchased the property after the owner passed and house went into foreclosure. Park District became interested in the property as a possible development into a neighborhood park.

Pocket Parks are increasing in popularity and are considered to add to a community by bringing out residents to enjoy their neighborhood, meet other residents and social activity for children.

Fence will be put up – height depends on city code.

Underground drains or flow wells will be built into the Pocket Park to alleviate drainage of waters into resident’s lots.

A light may possible be added as a back lighting scenario.

Park hours are dawn to dusk and will be enforced. Parks are patrolled daily.

First, the development of the property into a park (diagram was available to view) designed for small children. Diagram shows a path around the park with swings. No basketball court. Eventually, Park District will look to expand the Pocket Park by purchasing the “rental property” to the north.

An official survey was not taken to get a number of children in the neighborhood --- although residents from the area stated at the meeting that there are “a lot” of kids in area.

Park District will bid on the property at the April meeting.

Council will need to vote on the purchasing bid by Park District. (Topic is not on agenda for next council meeting.)

See you at our next 3rd Ward Meeting in May.

NEXT MEETING

Date May 13, 2015 – Prairie Lakes

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