

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING  
Monday, June 16, 2025 6:00pm  
East Conference Room, #337  
651 Prairie Pointe, Yorkville, IL**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board President Dan Lane.

**Roll Call:**

The Board members each introduced themselves. Tiffany Forristall, Jorge Ayala, Sammy Hall, Dan Lane, Sash Dumanovic

Absent: Kelly Diederich, Gene Wilberg

**Introduction of Guests, City Officials and Staff:**

The following staff and guests were present: Director of Parks & Recreation Tim Evans, Superintendent of Parks Scott Sleezer, City Council Liaison Ken Koch

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** None

**New Business:**

**New Cannonball Ridge Park Playground Equipment Purchase Proposal**

President Lane said the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the new Cannonball Ridge Park playground equipment purchase proposal. The current equipment is about 20 years old and due for replacement. Mr. Evans said the playground equipment company is only going to provide 30-day quotes due to potential tariffs and this quote is good until July 5<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 playgrounds there and one will be refurbished and not completely torn out as a cost-saving measure.

Mr. Evans said Alderman Funkhouser is in the ward where the playground is located. He reached out to Mr. Evans concerning the bright colors the staff had recommended and said he would like to see something similar to the current playground. Mr. Evans noted that the industry trends are brighter colors for safety, kids can see brighter color better and for sensory issues.

Mr. Evans told the Board what equipment they are replacing. He also listed the other amenities there including a baseball field, basketball court, skateboard nodes, swing, shelter etc. There are 2 playgrounds, one for ages 2-5 and the other for ages 5-12. Mr. Sleezer said there is a safety zone around all playgrounds and they have to fit the new equipment back into that footprint. There are also standards that have to be met for the Consumer Product Safety Commission for the safety zones.

Mr. Sleezer said he and the playground foreman worked about 6 months with the designer that sells the equipment. He said they get renderings from the manufacturer and share it with Parks & Rec staff for their feedback. He also discussed some of the current equipment. He said they

are keeping the dark green slide which faces north to prevent it from getting overly hot. He said when it was replaced four years ago, it cost \$7,000. Other dark colors will not be chosen since they get very hot. There is also ground-level equipment for wheelchairs. Mr. Hall asked if there is a plan for the sensory wall. Mr. Sleezer said there are 7 different areas that will fit special needs and he explained some of those features. Mr. Evans said Rotary Park is the first fully inclusive playground. The last 3 playgrounds they've done includes the features like this.

Mr. Evans asked if the Board wants to change the colors based on the Alderman's recommendation and Board members said they prefer the bright colors. Ms. Forristall asked if neighbors near the park could be asked for their feedback. They also discussed if the equipment would fade due to the darker colors. Mr. Sleezer said they chose "softer" dark colors and the powder-coating also does not fade as much. It was also noted that many neighborhood parks are now incorporating dark colors. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase the dark colors.

Mr. Lane made a motion to accept the design as it is and the bright colors chosen by staff. Roll call: Forristall-yes, Ayala-yes, Hall-yes, Dumanovic-yes, Lane-yes. Carried 5-0.

**Next meeting:** July 17, 2025

Mr. Evans said that is Riverfest weekend and the meeting might be postponed.

**Adjournment:**

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm with all in agreement.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Marlys Young, Minute Taker  
Not in attendance and transcribed from audio