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August 26, 2019

ADDITIONAL AGENDA MATERIAL

ITEM:

6.41 Emails from residents regarding trees in Hibbard Park.

From: Norwood, Karen
To: Norwood, Karen
Subject: FW: Hibbard Park Vault Location for Flood Control Project
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 3:03:30 PM

From: Bielinski, Bob <bielinskib@wilmette.com>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:53 PM
To: Frenzer, Tim <frenzert@wilmette.com>; Braiman, Michael <braimanm@wilmette.com>
Subject: Fwd: Hibbard Park Vault Location for Flood Control Project

Bob Bielinski
President, Village of Wilmette
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Begin forwarded message:

From: vaughn leath <vcleath@hotmail.com>
Date: August 26, 2019 at 2:48:57 PM CDT
To: "bielinskib@wilmette.com" <bielinskib@wilmette.com>
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Subject: Hibbard Park Vault Location for Flood Control Project

Dear President Bielinski and Members of the Board of Directors for the Village of Wilmette

My wife and I are long term residents of Wilmette going on 40 years this October. One of the reasons we moved to Wilmette is the beautiful trees that are found everywhere in this community. We attended the Park District meetings and were successful in getting them to save the cottenwood grove at Community Playfield. Thornwood park was well represented and I believe they are satisfied with the plan at that park. No one spoke for Hibbard Park including me, and I am sorry for that. I toured the area and noted the 8 trees in question, a nice variety of mature trees and worth saving if possible.

I respectfully request that the board seriously consider the plan that requires only two trees to be removed. I believe the Park Board would honor that decision if the Village agrees to it. Please keep in mind that flooding will never be completely

eliminated in Wilmette, we can only alleviate it to some degree. If the vault size has to be reduced somewhat at Hibbard in order to save the trees I think that would be prudent decision to make it a bit smaller. I understand the Hibbard vault will require a pump so perhaps a solution could be to make the vault a little deeper in order to save the trees. We live in a Tree City USA. Let's honor our commitment to keeping Wilmette green and beautiful.

Thank you all for your continued excellent service to our wonderful community

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From: [Norwood, Karen](#)
To: [Norwood, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Tuesdays Meeting
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 10:51:03 AM

From: Ben Tolsky <bentolsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2019 1:02 AM
To: Bielinski, Bob; Barrow, Peter; Dodd, Kathy; Kennedy, Gina; Kurzman, Joel; Plunkett, Senta; Sullivan, Dan
Subject: Tuesdays Meeting

Dear President Bielinski and the Wilmette Village Board,

You probably have noticed that over the last couple of days I have been organizing the community around Hibbard Park to protect the trees in our park. We all support flood relief in West Wilmette, but we also support high quality parks and protecting our trees. Hibbard Park is a special place for us, for me it is where my children love to play. We do not refer to it as Hibbard Park, we simply refer to it as THE park. In many ways it is an extension of our home. The same is true for almost all of my neighbors who live around or near the park, as well as some neighbors who live further away but still enjoy visits to the park. I have started a petition that you may be aware of, I've advertised it in the park, on Nextdoor, and spent this evening knocking on doors to get the word out. In the approximately 30 hours it has been online I have gathered 53 signatures from Wilmette residents (many more if you include people from around the country and world have also supported it). Feel free to view it at <http://www.SaveHibbard.com/>. Also, as you are all Wilmette residents, please feel free to sign it as well if you support both flood relief and Hibbard Park, we appreciate all the support we can get.

What I'm asking you now is for permission to speak at the village board meeting on behalf of all of my neighbors. I know that every resident is entitled to speak at board meetings, but I have prepared a speech, which I will be happy to provide to you prior to the meeting if you wish. At the park board meeting speakers were limited to 3 minutes, I don't know if that is the same at your meeting, but if it is I'm hoping that you may allow me to go a little bit longer. I just read it and it took six and a half minutes. Of course, I still may refine it over the next several days, but I promise I will keep it around the same length.

Also, prior to the meeting I will be attending the kindergarten enrichment open house at the Rec Center which is scheduled to go until 6:30. It is quite likely that my children may choose to come with as well, they were present at the park district board meeting, as well as helped me knock on doors and pass out fliers tonight. Don't worry, we have phones to keep them busy and my wife would be there as well so they won't cause a disruption. However, moving little kids is never easy, so I hope that you will be willing to accommodate me in case I arrive a

little late. If you like, you can even call me to get an ETA at 847-975-2323.

On behalf of all the neighbors of Hibbard Park, as well as those who live further away but still enjoy it, thank you.

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