

MEMORANDUM NO. M18-011

TO: Buildings & Grounds Committee
FROM: Dean R. Bostrom, Executive Director
Craig Talsma, Director A&F/Deputy Director
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RE: Demolition and Potential Sale of Twinbrook School Property
DATE: February 15, 2018

Background

Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54 Board of Education approved the demolition known as Twinbrook Elementary School located at 1035 Ash Road in Hoffman Estates. Twinbrook Elementary School is located adjacent to Birch Park which is owned and maintained by HE Parks (see attached map).

Also attached is a letter which was sent to all property owners located within 300' of the Birch Park boundaries by Ric King, Assistant Superintendent of SD54. The letter addressed to Birch Park residents stated SD54's intent to demolish the school building and convert the property into open green space. The letter also states that a public meeting will be held on February 20th at 7pm at the Triphahn Center as part of the B&G committee meeting. As part of the public meeting the park district will provide an overview of a proposed IGA whereby HE Parks would purchase the land from SD54 following the demolition of Twinbrook Elementary School. As part of the IGA, the park district would not purchase the property until the land is restored to open green space per the park district's approved grading and seeding plan.

Implications

Birch Park currently consists of 3.527 acres and includes a playground and intermediate size soccer field. The Twinbrook property encompasses approx. 3.339 acres. If the park district approves the IGA and proceeded with the purchase of the Twinbrook property, the land would remain as open space with established turf until the park district completes its updated CMP which is scheduled for completion in 2019. The CMP will address future plans for the entire 6.866 acres of property including both the existing Birch Park and the Twinbrook school property. Public meetings will be held with residents regarding future development plans for Birch Park (including SD54 property). As of 2/15/2018 the park district received no requests for additional information from residents.

Recommendation

The purpose of the public meeting was to obtain public input regarding the proposed plans for the park district to purchase the property once the land has been converted into open green space. The proposed IGA will be presented to the A&F committee and Park Board on 2/27 to consider the proposed IGA between HE Parks and SD54.