

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2025**

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Development Review Board was held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025, in the Community Room of the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

I. Call to order

Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. Upon roll call, the following people were:

Present: Chairman David Crosby, Members Jane McCole, Mary Shoemaker, Elias Yanaki, and Corina Davis

Absent: Members Frank Martin and Maryanne Fishman

Also Present: Assistant Administrator Jessica Spencer and Attorney Anne Skrodzki

II. Minutes of the April 17, 2025, Development Review Board Meeting

A MOTION was made by Member McCole and SECONDED by Member Yanaki to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025, DRB Meeting.

By a voice vote, the motion passed.

Attorney Skrodzki swore in those who wished to testify.

III. Discussion Regarding The Application by the River Forest Park District to Amend Planned Development Ordinance #2643 Regarding Priory Park

Parks President Mike Grant presented the project for Priory Park and introduced Executive Director Mike Sletten who would discuss the project in detail. Dan Nichols, of FGMA, was also present.

Member Shoemaker asked about how to control the users of the splashpad. Director Sletten said that its expected that users not with this in mind will most likely move along soon enough. Member Davis concurred with Director Sletten.

Director Sletten noted there will be cameras at this site.

Member McCole asked about the timing of the splashpad. Director Sletten said they will set the apparatus to rotate the water flow.

Member McCole asked if it was typically a concrete surface or soft? Mr. Nichols responded that the intention of the splash pad was to not store water, so the concrete surface was the better choice. He further explained that there will be a silica sand mixture in the paint to assist with slip risks.

Member McCole asked about the plans for the current playground. Director Sletten noted that the sand will be removed. She further asked about the baseball and soccer fields, Director Sletten stated that there would be no change.

Member Yanaki asked about IDPH recommendations for the splashpad. Mr. Nichols answered that IDPH doesn't have guidelines for the splashpad surface, however they intend to include this silica sand in the paint as this is typically the surface coverage for shallow cement bottom pools.

Director Sletten noted that a more porous surface would allow for bacteria growth and would require significant maintenance. He also stated that he has been in communication with their insurance provider and they prefer the surface from a liability perspective.

Member McCole asked if it would be possible to replace it with rubber if there were a significant number of injuries. Parks President Mike Grant noted that they toured a number of local splash pads in part of their research, and he explained that one park district noted the significant challenges with the soft, porous surface.

Chairman Cosby asked about the locations of the windows in the structure. Director Sletten said the windows were located up high for the privacy of the users.

Chairman Cosby asked about the picnic tables, Director Sletten said that they would be like those already found in the park.

Chairman Cosby asked if the water fountain would contain a dog fountain, Director Sletten confirmed that yes, there would be.

Member McCole asked where the picnic shelter would be at the site, with the overhang. Director Sletten pointed it out in the presentation.

Chairman Cosby asked for final questions.

Member McCole asked about the monthly cost estimate. Director Sletten said they are estimating \$20,000 for additional water usage each year.

IV. Public Comment

There was none.

V. Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Member Davis and SECONDED by Member McCole to adjourn the May 15, 2025, meeting of the Development Review Board at 8:11 p.m.

By a voice vote, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Spencer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jessica Spencer, Secretary