

**NORMAL TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL
304 E MULBERRY, NORMAL, IL 61761**

I Meeting Opening

The meeting was held at the Normal Township Hall with the option to join remotely via Zoom in consideration of emergency COVID protocols. The meeting was called to order at 8:15am by Township Supervisor Sarah Grammer.

II Roll Call conducted by Township Clerk Pat Turner

Supervisor Sarah Grammer	Present
Trustee Sally Pyne	Present
Trustee Arlene Hosea	Present
Trustee Floyd Aper	Present
Trustee Art Rodriguez	Present

Staff Members Present

Rick Lewis	ARC Director of Operations (via Zoom)
Molly Camper	Program Director (via Zoom)
Sammi Scott	Communications Coordinator (via Zoom)

Others in Attendance

Cathy Bilow	Original Designer for ARC Greenspace Project
Michael Buragas	Farnsworth
Bruce Brown	Farnsworth

III Public Comment: None

IV New Business

A. Discussion and vote on design and plans for the ARC Greenspace Project

Sarah gave history of the ARC Greenspace project which has been in the works for approximately 2 years. She shared that recent cost analysis have come back higher than anticipated. The board was asked to consider options for completing the project after hearing from Cathy Bilow who created the original concept design for the project and from Bruce Brown and Michael Buragas of Farnsworth who reviewed the design and fleshed out details to assure its fit within the site.

The three options included the current design plan which was projected to cost \$210,032.86, an alternate design using non-permeable concrete estimated at

\$158,902.25 and a third option using “Unilock” Permeable Pavers with a projected cost of \$177,052.25. All of the estimates include design contingency costs.

Points raised during the discussion were matters of adequate drainage potential, eco-friendliness, options for rainwater collection, accessibility, raised bed gardening features, and potential water features.

Also discussed were material options such as natural rock, used concrete and permeable surfaces such as decomposed granite and permeable pavers. The board agreed that the \$200/ton cost for decomposed granite did not fit within the project budget.

Motion: Farnsworth reconfigure the design to use plan 3 with permeable pavers minus the water feature and make other changes necessary to lower cost as much as possible.

Motion: Sally Pyne
Second: Arlene Hosea

Aye: Art Rodriguez, Sally Pyne, Arlene Hosea, Floyd Aper, Sarah Grammer
Nay: None

V. Adjournment

Supervisor Grammer adjourned the meeting at 9:17 am.

Next Normal Township Board Meeting: Thursday, August 19, 2021 - 8:15 AM

Next Senior Advisory Meeting: Thursday, August 5, 2021 - 9:30 AM