

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE**  
**Administration and Community Affairs Committee**  
**Minutes of the Meeting March 7, 2011**

Chairman Geoga called the meeting of the Administration and Community Affairs Committee to order in the Board Room of the Memorial Building on March 7 at 7:31 P.M.

**Members Present:** Chairman Doug Geoga, Trustees Bob Saigh, Bob Schultz and Cindy Williams

**Staff Present:** David Cook, Village Manager; Darrell Langlois, Assistant Village Manager; Gina Hassett, Director of Parks and Recreation, Amy Pisciotto, Information Technology Coordinator, Sandy Mikel, Administration Manager and Timothy Scott, Community Development Strategist

**Also Present:** Park and Recreation Commissioners Jeff Curran and Scott Banke, skateboard users and Gateway participants

Chairman Geoga suggested changing the agenda order so the students and others present could be heard earlier in the meeting.

**Discussion Regarding Repairs/Maintenance of the Skateboard Park**

Park and Recreation Commissioner Banke spoke about the needs of the skateboard park. He encouraged the Committee to not listen to misconceptions and provided the facts about the sport. He stated that the growth trend is growing every year, but a lot of other sports have declined.

Trustee Saigh asked Park and Recreation Commission Chairman Curran the position of the Park and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Curran stated that the Commission knows that there are repairs and maintenance for the current layout that need to be changed. He stated that the users are from other communities as well and the users are willing to help with the redesigning of the park. Commissioner Curran stated that the Park and Recreation Commission unanimously voted for the skate park to remain open.

Chairman Geoga asked what the capital expenditures would buy. Commissioner Curran explained what the newer materials could be and the other considerations for long term options. Ms. Hassett stated that users are not looking for large pieces and \$15,000 would be reasonable for a five year plan. She suggested that a fence with a turnstile would keep the bikes out of the park.

Chairman Geoga asked the skaters present if they wanted to address the vandalism issue. Hinsdale user Alfonso explained that having a volunteer monitor the park could help with the vandalism. He stated that there are users that would volunteer to monitor the park.

Trustee Saigh asked if that was feasible for someone to constantly monitor the skate park. Alfonso believes that there would be improvement if the park was monitored. Trustee

Schultz stated that he believed the Westmont Park was closed when there was not an employee there and thought that would not be practical for the location in Hinsdale.

Ms. Hassett commented on the discussions that there have been on the skate park location and the small investment that could be done at the existing park. Trustee Schultz gave his opinion on the vandalism and tagging that has been done to the park and still suggests that the park should be closed. Ms. Hassett stated her concerns with taking the park away. Trustee Saigh stated his opinion that he thought the park was in fairly decent shape, but questioned who in the Hinsdale community used the park.

Commissioner Curran gave his comments about why the park is in this location because of neighbor's preferences. He commented that the graffiti is cleaned up by Cook County for no charge. Commissioner Curran stated that most of the damage is from bikers that do not belong in there. He also stated that since there has been no activity in the park, the use of the park has been less. He stated that the police have stated that the use of skate boarding in town has been less since the park was open.

Ms. Hassett stated that the fencing and turnstile cost could be part of the proposed \$7,500 amount in the proposed budget.

Dan from Clarendon Hills talked about the graffiti and there is more because the skate park is older. He feels that it has a lot of potential and should be kept open to bikers. The pieces are designed to be modular.

The other Trustees did not give an opinion on whether or not the skate park should stay open.

### **Finance Commission Report on the Gateway Special Recreation Association**

Chairman Geoga gave a brief introduction regarding the Village's participation in the Gateway Special Recreation Association. This matter has been reviewed and discussed by the Finance Commission in order address large cost increases experienced over the recent three year; specifically, the total agency contributions for all Gateway members have increased by \$101,294 or 25.1% since 2009, which well exceeds the rate of inflation and is not reflective of the recessionary environment. There are also questions regarding pricing structure and participation rates. The Finance Commission report recommended that the Village try to encourage Gateway to freeze 2011 contributions at the 2010 rates; there did not seem to be adequate justification for the cost increases and if they refuse to do this the only alternative for the Village is to consider withdrawing. The Village is required to give notice by April 1 for a withdrawal to be effective July 1, 2012.

A number of Village residents and Gateway participants spoke out in favor of Gateway and the vital role the agency plays in providing special recreation opportunities. A representative from Gateway spoke in order to provide some information and noted that decreases in state funding for social services are part of the reason for cost increases.

Trustee Schultz stated that he does not support withdrawing from the Gateway program and strongly questioned why the Village was even undertaking this review let alone

considering withdrawal Gateway. He noted that Hinsdale is the second largest contributor and it is important for the Village to participate. If the Village does not participate, the special recreation tax could no longer be levied. Trustee Williams agreed with Trustee Schultz.

After additional discussion, Village Manager Cook stated that the Village will ask the Gateway Board for an extension of the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to try to find a reasonable accommodation for everyone. Chairman Geoga stated that ultimately any formal decision will be an entire Village Board action item.

### **Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2011**

Trustee Williams moved approval of the February 7, 2011 minutes. Trustee Schultz seconded and the motion passed unanimously with changes.

### **Monthly Reports**

#### **Treasurer's Report – January 2011**

Mr. Langlois reported on the Treasurer's report. Revenues continue to trend upward and the village has received two income tax payments. The state is still three months behind. Mr. Langlois reported that the census numbers indicated new population is around 16,816, which is a 3% decrease. That will result in about a 5% decline to the Village from the state. The Trustees had no questions for Mr. Langlois.

#### **Park and Recreation Activity Report – January, 2011**

Ms. Hassett stated that a new module has been added to the webtrac software to allow pool pass renewals to be done on-line. Village engineer, Dan Deeter has met with MWRD regarding the storm water plans for the platform tennis courts and the picnic shelter. The pump at the pool is out for repairs.

Chairman Geoga asked Ms. Hassett about the Duncan Field availability situation. Ms. Hassett stated that we have never had any other organization that wanted the field. This year the field has been permitted to someone else Monday through Thursday. This will jeopardize the practice times for Little League. She hopes to hear back from the FOIA on who is permitting the field. The Village has always mowed this field and removed the trash.

Trustee Williams asked about the \$200,000 in funds that were allocated for Duncan Field. Ms. Hassett stated that the funds will be allocated for projects at KLM since the Duncan Field project is not going forward. The projects will be under \$200,000. Trustee Williams wanted to know why the remaining funds could not be allocated to Gateway. Chairman Geoga explained that the budget is a compilation of over runs and under runs that flow into an aggregate fund balance.

#### **Economic Development Director Report**

Mr. Scott reported on a spring promotion of a retail event. The event will be held on April 29 and 30. Mr. Scott plans on bringing EDC Commissioners to the event. A media plan is being drafted. There has been some tenant interest and he is still exploring the outdoor sign option.

Chairman Geoga asked about the reference to the outdoor option in Mr. Scott's report. This might be located at Veeck Park that would not be a visual impact to the village. He reported that the attendance was good at the Wedding Walk. Ms. Hassett stated that KLM did participate at the event and Dena Reetz did talk to a lot of brides.

**Communications/MIS Coordinator Report**

Ms. Pisciotto reported that three special emails were sent during the blizzard. Trustee Saigh asked Ms. Pisciotto if there were any transmission problems with the videos. Ms. Pisciotto reported that she does not have a feed for Channel 99, but only the feed in her office. Village Manager Cook explained how the transmission works.

**Approval of Waiver of Fees for Hinsdale Center for the Arts for Use of KLM Lodge**

Trustee Williams moved approval and Trustee Schultz seconded. Trustee Saigh stated that a token fee amount should be considered since it is such a substantial amount and KLM is looking for revenue. Ms. Hassett stated that this is the third year they have made this request. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval to Waive the Formal Bid Process and Award a Contract in the Amount of \$32,756 to Mortenson's Roofing for the roof repair at KLM and to waive the formal bid process and award a contract in the amount of \$14,000 to Heat Engineering for the removal and repair of duck work at KLM Lodge**

Ms. Hassett stated the roof repairs have been deferred for many years. She is asking for the bid process to be waived because it is a specialty roof and it would be difficult to come up with a scope of work for the project. She stated that Mortenson's has done the work at Memorial Hall satisfactorily. Trustee Williams moved to approve the motion and Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval to Waive the Formal Bid Process and Award a Contract in the Amount of \$29,500 to Atlas Restoration for the Community Pool Pump House Foundation Repairs**

Trustee Williams moved approval of the request and Trustee Schultz seconded the request. Trustee Saigh asked Ms. Hassett if the Village could be looking at a more serious problem. She stated that there is a ten year warranty. The motion passed unanimously.

**Award of Bid #1489 to Alaniz Landscape Group in the amount of \$24,149 for Repairs to the Retaining Wall at KLM**

Trustee Williams moved approval of the request and Trustee Schultz seconded the request. Trustee Geoga asked Ms. Hassett if we have used this vendor before. The references have been checked and Public Services have used them in the past. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale**

Trustee Williams moved approval of the request and Trustee Schultz seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of a Resolution Extending the Period of Participation in the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) for a Period of Three Additional Years and to implement the renewal rates with the Medco prescription utilization bundles**

Trustee Williams moved approval of the request and Trustee Schultz seconded the request. Village Manager Cook explained the plan design. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, Trustee Saigh motioned to adjourn. Trustee Schultz seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Darrell Langlois  
Assistant Village Manager/Director of Finance