

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Tuesday, March 24, 2015
Old Board Room – Memorial Building

Chairman Banke called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall old board room.

Members Present: Chairman Banke, Commissioners Baker, Conboy, George, Keane, Mulligan and Owens

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Gina Hassett, Director of Parks and Recreation
Linda Copp, Secretary

Commissioner Owens moved approval of the January 27, 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Baker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Gateway Special Recreation Association

Ms. Hassett stated that there is not much to report except for preparing the capital budget and grant opportunities to replace the large vehicles.

Revenue/Expense Report

Ms. Hassett commented on the report. March is the 10th month of the fiscal year and revenue increased \$4107 due primarily to athletic programs. The rest of the programs are ongoing and they are 80/20 split. Expenses are down due to less capital projects.

Ms. Hassett stated that the first payment from Mary Doten has been received for lesson revenue and the second one will be received before the end of the fiscal year. Non-resident platform tennis participation continues to be strong. \$1,155 for lodge revenue, February is a slow month and revenue decreased 59% over prior year. Weddings decreased for that month because last year there were some weddings last year in February. October is best month due to fall colors.

Fields revenue rentals increased and have leveled off with use now that Veeck Park is back on-line. There may be some more revenue from baseball and softball. AYSO registration has declined so their payment has decreased their field revenue. Commissioner Mulligan asked if more fields can be used for lacrosse if soccer has declined. AYSO has M-F 4 – 7 pm and Saturday until 1:00 pm so some week night space will be given back. Ms. Hassett does not want to over use the fields. Men's softball will return to Veeck. Chairman Banke asked about reaching out to travel lacrosse leagues. The girls lacrosse team use KLM and the boys use some space at KLM as well but they don't pay since they are recreational. KLM is a challenge because there are no lights on the fields. Commissioner Mulligan suggested contacting travel teams for usage of the lacrosse fields since most of the players have to go up North.

Ms. Hassett commented that there is a small rugby program that also practices at KLM but Ms. Hassett doesn't want the fields to be abused. Little League uses the fields and they set up and drag the fields. The village doesn't have anyone to do maintenance on the fields for the weekends. Lacrosse and soccer fields are set.

Recreation Program Report

Chairman Banke asked if the swim membership and guest pass rates were approved by the board. Ms. Hassett stated that the board has approved them and sales are going well.

Ms. Hassett stated the brochure will be delivered on April 20. The spring programs are beginning this week. Gym space is not available in January and February. April 4th will be egg hunt. Park clean-up day is Saturday, April 18. The newspaper will be advertising the clean-up day and the Adopt a Park programs.

The athletic fields will be ready for the beginning of April and the soccer fields have been striped. Brook Park has not been used by Little League and they would like to use it again and the cost for maintenance will be shared with the village. The village awarded a new contract for mowing to Beary Landscaping and they have installed the plantings at KLM. The contract will include some additional scope of work and it includes the central business district.

Commissioner Keane asked what was included in the mowing. Ms. Hassett stated that \$20,000 will be budgeted to public services. The contract includes one mow per week, but the village manager can authorize additional mows if necessary.

Chairman Banke asked if there would be a dedication ceremony at Peirce Park. Ms. Hassett suggested that perhaps before an evening Parks & Recreation Commission meeting would work best. Notice will be given to members of the neighborhood.

Ms. Hassett stated that the ice rinks are done for the season. Next month the Commission will need to talk about the process and how dollars will be allocated. Chairman Banke stated that residents were not happy with only the small rink at Burns. Ms. Hassett agreed that the one small rink was not well received.

Platform tennis revenue is up and one additional payment will be received from Mary Doten. Ms. Doten has been valuable in communicating needs at the courts. There have been increased expenses to remove snow at the courts. A third party is hired and when there is more than two inches, they will come out to shovel.

The pool super passes went on sale on March 2nd and they were sold out in 10 minutes. Revenue for the neighborly passes is trending well and Ms. Hassett will keep the Commission up to date on those sales. Any pool maintenance can't be done until May 1st once the budget gets approved. The pump room heater is budgeted in this fiscal year. Ms. Hassett explained what the maintenance items will be, including a fall surface under the 3 meter diving board. A new veteran town team coach has been hired who is coaching for Westmont also. Last year everyone was happy with the coach but he took a full year round job at a high school.

Social Media Report

Ms. Hassett commented on the statistics of Facebook. It will be part of the packet on a monthly basis. The Parks and Rec Department drives the use of the Village website. There will be a new website before May 1st and it will include a feature for work orders that residents can follow.

Old Business

Park Clean-Up Day

Ms. Hassett noted that there has been a small amount of interest and the goal is to focus on the larger parks like Brook, KLM and Peirce. She hopes it will become an annual event. Some will

participate on another date since they were busy for that day. Commission Owens suggested someone to follow up with scout troops.

New Business

Veeck Park Pay Phone Discussion

Ms. Hassett explained that the phone is not used for emergency calls and wanted the Commissions opinion. The Commission unanimously agreed that the phone should be removed.

Hinsdale Tennis Association Lease Agreement

Ms. Hassett explained the lessons were under the village operations for the first time last summer. The revenue decreased somewhat but the village did receive \$5761. Competitive lessons are still handled by Tom Lockhart and he reported that his revenue was \$9960 for private lessons. The lease agreement is \$1500 and she suggested an annual increase of 5%. It makes him accountable for the private lessons. The Commission agreed to the \$1575 for the lease agreement. The Commission unanimously agreed to the new lease agreement amount.

Commissioner Mulligan asked about the flexibility when people only want to attend for one week at a time. Ms. Hassett stated that Ms. Bereckis has worked with him regarding scheduling. Burr Ridge will co-op the program with us this summer. The Burns tennis courts are in the capital budget for next year for \$160,000. The fence screening and some asphalt will need to be removed. Ms. Hassett explained the process for the repair. The Village will reach out to the high school to share the cost since they use the courts and KLM on a regular basis.

The village is concerned about the state keeping the funds that go to the municipalities. That amount would be about \$800,000 and the capital funding would be delayed if that happens. Commissioner Keane asked what the capital projects are. Ms. Hassett stated that they are anything over \$10,000. It is cash except for the Woodlands project which were funded by bonds. The others still in the budget are the carpet and banquet chairs at KLM, lane lines for the pool and the community pool survey will be done by a company that will do it for free. Chairman Banke mentioned to reach out to the clubs at the high school for fund raising.

There was discussion about when the next meeting would be. The Commission agreed that there will not be a meeting in April and a 6:30 pm meeting on May 12 with the Peirce Park celebration before the meeting.

Correspondence

Ms. Hassett explained about the procedure of how there used to be a parade marshal. There has not been one for the last few years. The correspondence was suggesting a specific person to be the grand marshal. The Commission thought it was a good idea to have the retiring principal of Madison School as the grand marshal. It will be included in the staff report for the board.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Mulligan moved to adjourn. Commissioner Keane seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was declared adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Secretary