

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
Memorial Building Board Room

Chairman Banke called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Memorial Building Board room.

Members Present: Chairman Banke, Commissioners Baker, Owens, George, Conboy

Members Absent: Commissioner Keane, Waverley

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Owens moved approval of the February 9, 2016 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner George seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Hassett commented on the packet. The website and record retention are being worked on for minutes and packets. The Village of Hinsdale website will link to it. Delivery date is still unknown for the vehicle. Ms. Hassett stated that the Olympic event went well at Hinsdale Central.

Recreation Staff Report

Ms. Hassett commented that KLM rental revenue increased 8% since last month. January and February are slow months and staff is looking at possibly closing the lodge in those months. This could result in lost bookings and would cause a problem for the Village programs that are held there. The board did approve the carpet and it will take about 4 weeks to order. The chair fabric will complement the carpet. The color pallet is similar to what is there. Applications for a new lodge manager will be accepted through March 11th.

Ms. Hassett stated that the Arts Center is still in discussion with a potential renter. A heating oil tank will need to be removed from the basement. It is about a 2200 gallon tank and has been there since the building was constructed. We did not know that it was there and the tank was behind a wall that was backfilled with sand so it couldn't be seen. The oil has been leaking and there are fumes so it is now obvious that it needs to be removed.

Ms. Hassett stated that the platform tennis season is wrapping up and the revenue is down slightly primarily due to non-resident memberships. There is one session of lessons that Mary still will need to pay for. The Commission sub-committee met to discuss the current license agreement. Staff has been asked to look at the total costs of maintenance and the revenues. Ms. Hassett commented that one of the objectives is to be on a more sustainable path for the requirements of cost for the facility. Chairman Banke explained about costs that are involved with the project, how much it costs to run, what the village costs are and what HPTA should pay.

Ms. Hassett stated that an engineer is reviewing the walkways and should have a proposal back in early April. Soccer and lacrosse fields are being striped and are scheduled to open the first week of April. Landscaping will also start early April and mowing will be early May.

Ms. Hassett stated that the early bird super passes were sold out before 8 am. We have a wait list but we don't anticipate getting anymore from Clarendon Hills. The summer brochure is in the final

stages. Ms. Hassett stated that the Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 and park clean-up day is Friday, April 22.

Commissioner Baker commented on his experience in the super pass line. He stated that the views of the community were mostly what staff has already talked about. They like the design of the Clarendon Hills pool but like the size of our pool. They go to Clarendon Hills until their kids are older. Nothing came out that was new or different that the Commission had already talked about. The process is understood and they all agreed that waiting in line was the fairest way to sell the super passes. Commissioner George asked about the program data and what the cutoff is on programs, specifically programs that showed only one participant. Ms. Hassett explained that any of those low number programs are co-op programs so they are with another park district.

Recreation Financial Report

Ms. Hassett stated that program revenue has decreased over the prior year. Some state that there has been lower participation in athletic programs and staff will continue to evaluate the programs to find the trend. Staff will not offer a program if it doesn't do well.

Chairman Banke asked if there are any improvements for the pool this year. Ms. Hassett stated that the pools will be painted and the lap pool will be sand blasted. One motor repair is scheduled for repair and the lap pool pump and motor are currently out for maintenance. The other pump will be done at the end of the season. Pool will open for the season on May 28.

Public Donation/Artwork Guidelines Update

Ms. Hassett stated that she is still gathering more information and will try to have it to the Commission before May.

Community Survey

Ms. Hassett stated that management Staff has asked to have the survey re-opened to try to capture the younger age residents. It will be merged with the current data. The data came from a lot of past users and not new or younger families. Commissioner Owens stated that she thought the response was great and wanted to know if we can capture email addresses for a designated age group. Ms. Hassett stated that this age group is under represented. Commissioner Owens stated that PTO meetings are not well attended, but residents pay a lot of attention to the S/D website and newsletter. Ms. Hassett goal is to have the data to the college to merge with the other data by mid-April.

Chairman Banke asked if there was a demographic response and what the timeline would be for the Commission to see the report. Ms. Hassett stated it probably would not be available at the next meeting.

New Business

Hinsdale Tennis Association Lease Agreement

Ms. Hassett stated this is the 3rd year where the programs will be part of the department. There are some lessons that don't fit into our lesson format so those are done as private lessons. There is a continual decline and it is offered at the Club level. This year the pricing model is changing and Tom Lockhart is frustrated because of the change to the program. Ms. Hassett stated that we do the marketing for the program and Tom will do two free clinics to try to capture more interest.

The license agreement allows Mr. Lockhart to teach the private lessons with a 5% increase. Chairman Banke stated that he does not think that there is as much interest in tennis as there used to be. There was discussion among the Commission about the high expectations put on kids for

sports programs. Commissioner Conboy asked if there are adult or senior lessons available through the department. Ms. Hassett stated that we co-op with Burr Ridge for some adult tennis lessons. Chairman Banke stated that every court at Burns Field have been filled since the warmer weather came and the courts were resurfaced. He stated that perhaps having a tournament would spark interest, especially with the Olympics coming this summer.

Commissioner Conboy made a motion to approve the license agreement. Commissioner Owens seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner George moved to adjourn. Commissioner Baker seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was declared adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Secretary