

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

Tuesday, May 31, 2016  
Memorial Building Board Room

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

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

**Staff Present:** Gina Hassett, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Heather Bereckis, Recreation Supervisor  
Linda Copp, Administrative Assistant

**Also present:** Suzanne Ostrovsky, Management Analyst

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Owens moved approval of the April 12, 2016 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Baker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Gateway Special Recreation Association Report**

Ms. Hassett commented on the packet. The vehicle has arrived and Gateway should have it by mid-June. The board is still looking at web design for a link directly to the Association. Ms. Hassett will no longer be the chair of Gateway and Ms. Bereckis will attend the meetings. The goal is to have the website for the fall season.

**Recreation Staff Report**

Ms. Hassett reported that KLM rental revenue increased 1%. There are a few outstanding items that will post in May. The lodge will be slightly above budget primarily due to the increase in rental fees and longer times of the rentals. Commissioner Waverley asked about the expenses being so high. Ms. Hassett stated that is due to the new carpeting.

Ms. Hassett reported that HPTA is being asked by the Village to help recapture the cost of the walkways. There were no bids submitted. One of the companies included a platform tennis player and most stated that the bidding process is cumbersome. Public Services will be handling the project and it will hopefully be completed by the fall season. The village approval process is where the time comes in. The new bid date is not determined yet. There is continued dialogue on the capital projects for the courts. One contractor stated that it is the footings and supports that are the major components of the job.

Ms. Hassett reported that the Community survey was reopened but only 14 more surveys were received. Hopefully it will be ready mid-summer and the Village manager will then forward it to the Commission. Ms. Hassett stated that Ms. Gargano wants to be sure that the information is complete before it is presented. Commissioner Conboy stated that this is taking too long to get the results back. Ms. Hassett expressed that they need to talk to Brad Bloom that this is a pressing issue for the Commission.

Ms. Hassett stated that pool pass sales have declined. Ms. Bereckis stated that the pool opened a week later and now pass sales have increased about \$5000 from last year. Resident passes have increased from last year. Chairman Banke stated that Salt Creek was not able to open this weekend. Ms. Bereckis is marketing it in the Hinsdalean and there will be an open house this

Sunday. There will be a buy one, get one free coupon. Referral program will receive a guest pass for referring someone and be entered into a drawing for a free pass for 2017. There were 700 visitors on Sunday, compared to 100+ last year. The daily passes were \$3700 this weekend and the 10 visit pass doubled. Commissioner Owens stated that there is a definite difference when the weather is warm. Commissioner Owens stated that S/D 181 is off next week and wondered if next year the pool could be open in the afternoons. Ms. Bereckis stated that it is open 4-8 pm weekdays in the pre-season.

Ms. Hassett commented on the maintenance issues at the pool, 3 heaters are running and 1 needs replacement and that there is some loss of water in the lap pool. Some other items were life guard chairs. The budget process is trying to do more work in the fall instead of in April and May.

Ms. Hassett stated that programs begin mid-June. Plans are being made for July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and staff is looking for people on the parade route. Ms. Hassett explained how the staging works on the streets and then how you move to another location on the route. If there are enough people, the parade route could be covered. Ms. Hassett stated that she hopes that the Rotarians will help again.

### **Recreation Financial Report**

Ms. Hassett explained the preliminary report for April. Fitness and athletics are the biggest reductions in revenue. Some of the significance is because of the bad weather. Personnel expenses increased and contractual expenses decreased 13%. Those include landscaping and platform tennis. Commissioner Waverley asked about the Community House programs co-ops. Ms. Bereckis has reached out and staff met with the Community House and neither will abandon our successful programs. The challenges are when each teaches the same program with different teachers. The Community House has program space issues and we don't have any space except for KLM.

There will always be some cross-over between the two organizations. Platform tennis lessons decreased over the prior year. Operating expenses are trending over budget. The platform tennis agreement expires July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Village board would like to have an agreement in place before the current Agreement expires. Some of the Trustees have had a discussion with HPTA. Chairman Banke stated that if there is not an agreement by July 31<sup>st</sup>, the Commission could grant an extension for the agreement.

### **Old Business**

#### **Public Donation/Artwork Guidelines Update**

Chairman Banke asked if there were changes to note. Ms. Hassett stated that the approval criteria have had more detail added. The only thing suggested to change was from Commissioner Conboy. Commissioner Conboy suggested that on the form it should state why it is an appropriate memorial to the Village. Commissioner Waverley pointed out some grammatical errors. Commissioner Baker commented on where it talks about the Board of Trustees making a recommendation and how it has to come back to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Hassett explained on how the process works. It is first a discussion item and then the following meeting it would be voted on. The Commission will review these requests twice a year. Commissioner Waverley moved approval of the donation policy with the noted changes. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. The motion will go to the Board of Trustees for a first read at the next meeting.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Hassett suggested to the Commission having a meeting in July after the parade and board meeting, possibly July 26.

Ms. Hassett thanked the Commissioners for her time in Hinsdale and she has enjoyed her time here. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Hassett for her service and Chairman Banke stated that they have noticed a huge difference in the department.

**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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Copp, Administrative Assistant