

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

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Memorial Building Board Room
6:00 PM

Chairman Waverley called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Memorial Building Board Room.

Members Present: Chairman Waverley, Commissioners Conboy, Keane and George

Members Absent: Darren Baker

Staff Present: Heather Bereckis, Interim Manager of Parks and Recreation
Suzanne Ostrovsky, Management Analyst
Brad Bloom, Assistant Village Manager/ Director of Public Safety
Linda Copp, Administrative Assistant
Rob McGinnis, Building Commissioner

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner George moved approval of the December 5, 2016 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Keane seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Bereckis gave the report. They are considering splitting the winter/spring brochure. They had five new programs and their basketball team is growing.

Recreation Staff Report

Ms. Bereckis presented the staff report. Platform tennis has only five members outstanding. Revenue is up because of increased fees. The lodge revenue is down over last year, but there is a new marketing plan and the fees will be increasing. There were only three people at the open house, but two booked events. The marketing plan should help within the next six months. The summer brochure is set to be delivered on March 20th.

Recreation Financial Report

Ms. Bereckis commented on the financial report for November. Field revenues are currently down but some invoices are still outstanding. Ms. Bereckis explained about personnel and invoices. Programs for early childhood were miscoded and will be fixed for next month.

Ms. Bereckis commented that there is a new Commissioner for the Parks and Recreation Commission that is being sworn in tonight.

New Business

Platform Tennis Fee Structure

Ms. Bereckis explained about the delay in paying for memberships. The new fee structure is suggesting adding a \$50 late fee after October 31st so passes are purchased early in the season. Chairman Waverley commented on the fee increase for this year and they were approved by HPTA to cover the cost of Mary Doten as court manager. The base rate would be the same and the late fee would be a penalty. The letters go out in July so they have at least two months before the season starts. It could be waived for first time players if they join a league late. Commissioner Conboy made a motion to recommend an early bird rates for next year. Commissioner Keane seconded and

the motion was approved unanimously. The motion will go forward to the board and if approved beginning next season, late fees would start Nov. 1st.

Annual Pool Report

Ms. Bereckis pointed out that the pool photos looked good due to a drone being used. There will be some marketing and chemical expenses for this budget year. Staffing was up a little due to warmer weather. Chairman Waverley asked about the maintenance items. Ms. Bereckis explained what the items were and that maintenance is now put into the budget. Ms. Bereckis stated that overall attendance increased over the last three years. Resident pass sales are still declining but neighborly rates and 10 visit passes are doing well. The swim programs increased primarily due to the warm summer. Swim Team participation is increasing and the past two years there have been consistent coaches. Private lessons continue to grow primarily due to marketing and a discount for multiple lessons.

Ms. Bereckis suggested some ideas for special night events like teens or boy scouts. It would be after pool hours from 8-10 pm and inexpensive so staff costs could be recouped. Water polo will be a new class that will be offered the last two weeks in July when swim team ends. It will be marketed to swim team kids that would meet the requirements. We want to be competitive with other communities that are offering it. Adult water fitness class is another possible class but they go best early in the morning and the loud speakers could not be used early in the morning. Ms. Bereckis stated we want to use the dive well more during the lesson times. Ms. Bereckis commented about the new Recreation Coordinator Sammy Hanzel and her passion for special events.

Ms. Bereckis commented on the staff descriptions for the pool. Letters will be going out to former staff soon. Ms. Bereckis went through the satisfaction report and the primary users are those with young children. Majority of users are there 5 times or more. Staying open later in August during after school hours is difficult because in order to have staff there would need to be an incentive to get staff. We would need to have at least 8 staff to open the pool.

Ms. Bereckis commented that pool concessions have been done by C and W Concessions and it is up for bid this year. Parties and private rentals have increased slightly and weather is a huge factor on those. Ms. Bereckis stated that the pools will be painted before the season opens this year. The locker rooms will be painted and there will also be new shower curtains.

Discussion on Developer Proposal to make KLM playing field improvements

Ms. Bereckis commented on the new proposal by the developer at 55th and County Line to level the lacrosse fields at KLM. They would also add a walking path from the development to the park. It saves money because they won't have to find a place to dispose of the dirt from the development. All three fields would be done separately but there is a concern about the timing. Ms. Bereckis stated the bulk of the work would be done in the summer when there is no lacrosse.

The path down the center is preferable because of the disc golf course. Commissioner Keane asked what the benefit of the walking path is to the community. The walking path is a benefit to the new development to connect the paths. Mr. Bloom stated that the main purpose is for the community to have a walking path amenity to the Village connecting it to the new subdivision. Commissioner Conboy asked about draining issues. Mr. Bloom stated that there will be attention made for that. The Plan Commission is waiting for the Park and Recreation Commission decision to move forward with the plan. Commissioner Keane asked if there was any dollar value attached to it. Mr. Bloom did not know what the value of leveling the fields would be.

Mr. Bloom explained how the soil would be used and how much spoils there could be. The Commissioners discussed how different the park could look with the fields being level and adding

cement for a walking path. Ms. Bereckis stated the impact on the view from the Lodge would be minimal because of all the trees. Ms. Bereckis stated that the path will be simple but the current path would be marked with mile markers. The Commissioners suggested not taking away from the aesthetics of the park and not putting the walking path through the center. Mr. Bloom stated it would be called a cardio path so it would not have to be ADA accessible. This path would connect to the current path at KLM. Commissioner Keane stated he didn't think we needed another path but leveling the fields is a good idea.

Mr. McGinnis commented on the initial plan and how this could benefit leveling the fields and also help the builder get rid of some of the soil from the development. Mr. McGinnis stated that the edges of the fields would be brought up and he explained how the paths would work. There would be a public sidewalk from the property line to 55th and County Line and then loop back into the park. Mr. McGinnis stated that there is no intention to make it a sports park. Mr. Bloom stated that the village is looking at something tangible and apparent to the community and not putting money into maintenance. Commissioner Keane stated that he did not believe the path added anything to the park but adding to the condition of the fields was okay. Mr. Bloom stated that a more formalized plan could be brought back to the Commission that could be changed.

The Commission was in agreement for exploring the leveling of the fields but wants more information regarding the path. They agreed to move the recommendation to the Plan Commission.

Correspondence

Letter to Boy Scouts

Chairman Waverley commented on the letter that was sent to the Boy Scouts regarding using the picnic shelter.

Other Business

Parks and Rec Spring Marketing

Ms. Bereckis commented on how Sammy Hanzel created the slides for marketing. They will be on Channel Six and on social media. This is free marketing for the Village. The Commissioners liked the slides and stated they should be incorporated into the brochure. Ms. Bereckis stated that we are cooperating with the Community House first for programs before using Westmont or Burr Ridge.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be February 14, 2017. Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Conboy moved to adjourn. Commissioner Keane seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was declared adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Administrative Assistant