

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Alice Waverley in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:02 p.m., roll call was taken.

**Members Present:** Commissioners Darren Baker, Christopher Boruff, Patrick Conboy, Steven Keane, Heather Hester and Chairman Alice Waverley

**Members Absent:** Commissioner John George

**Staff Present:** Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation  
Brad Bloom, Assistant Village Manager/ Director of Public Safety  
Linda Copp, Administrative Assistant

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Boruff moved approval of the September 12, 2017 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Baker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Gateway Special Recreation Association Report**

Ms. Bereckis gave the report. The Agreement has been renewed with I-Parks for risk management. Registration for Hinsdale is declining with but increasing across the board. The majority of participants are over the age of 13. There are still participants over age 40. Ms. Bereckis stated that the adults participate in trips that are offered.

**Monthly Reports**

Ms. Bereckis presented the staff report for September, 2017. Gross revenue is around \$46,645 for KLM and there were seven more events than last year. Ms. Bereckis stated that net revenue has increased 28% and that the increased events were weddings or memorial services. The majority are through funeral director, Brian Powell who does not have a location. September and October are higher than 2015 and there are bookings through October of 2018.

Ms. Bereckis stated that the Winter/spring brochure will be delivered December 4<sup>th</sup>. There are a number of new events and the last movie in the park will be October 11. Commissioner Boruff stated that the food and wine event was enjoyable but suggested doing it on a Friday night. Ms. Bereckis stated that there will also be one in the summer with beer and food. Commissioner Hester asked if the movies in the park will all be in the summer. Ms. Bereckis stated there will be one each month next summer but the night will be moved to Friday.

Ms. Bereckis stated that the Fall Fest will be moved to the Community House due to the construction at the middle school. Fields are at capacity and invoices have been sent out. There have only been two rain outs this fall. Police help with the traffic for the cross country meets at KLM. Ms. Bereckis stated that platform tennis is trending higher than last year and a lot of the members are non-residents.

Ms. Bereckis explained how the expenses will be shown every 3 months because the numbers are not true for the programs that are seasonal. Commissioner Conboy would like to have the expenses

for the sections that are being presented. Ms. Bereckis will present the financials monthly on the focused areas and not the entire financial report. The full financial report will be presented every 3 months.

Ms. Bereckis stated that pool pass revenue was down primarily due to 10 visit passes but there was an increase in resident passes. August was cold so that month revenue was down. Commissioner Keane mentioned that he was surprised at the life projected for the pool. Ms. Bereckis will give the in depth pool financial report in November.

## **Old Business**

### **Pickleball Follow-Up**

Ms. Bereckis stated that the surveys to Brook park residents regarding pickle ball courts were mostly favorable. There is \$90,000 in the capital budget for resurfacing the courts. The additional costs would be nets, posts, pipes and fencing. The fence would be 4 feet. There is a donor that will provide \$3,000 for the additional expenses. There are a few residents that think there are not enough tennis courts but there are 18 of them, not including the high school courts. Ms. Bereckis stated that Brook courts are only used for recreational play and there are no lessons given there. Residents were not interested in paying for lessons.

Commissioner Baker asked how much additional outlay would be necessary. Ms. Bereckis stated that the \$3,000 donation would cover most of the difference in setup except for the fence. It would not cover the fence but that is not required. Ms. Bereckis believes that there should be enough money left from the amount budgeted to cover the cost of the fence. Ms. Bereckis asked the Commission for their opinions. Ms. Bereckis stated that the Community House has made about \$6000 in revenue through pickle ball. The outdoor courts have not seen a lot of use because most residents don't know there are courts there. Commissioner Hester stated she believed the Brook courts would need promotion. Ms. Bereckis stated that players do prefer to play outdoors and on dedicated courts.

Commissioner Boruff stated that he believes that a fence is a good idea to separate from the tennis players. Commissioner Hester stated that the survey shows the tennis courts are only used minimally each day. Ms. Bereckis stated that there were about 40 surveys returned and there was a 90% approval rate. Ms. Bereckis stated that this does meet some criteria for new adult programs that the community survey requested. Two tennis courts would be made into six pickle ball courts and the other two courts would still be for tennis.

The Commission discussed the issue. Ms. Bereckis stated how we are still providing the needs for tennis players. Mr. Bloom suggested that a press release could be put in the paper with the information and that this improvement is not required to go to the village board. Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the conversion of two tennis courts at Brook Park to six pickle ball courts. Commission Boruff seconded and the motion passed unanimously

### **Benches and Waste Receptacles**

Ms. Bereckis presented the options based on the aesthetics of the parks. They would be used in the field areas and along walking areas. The player style benches would stay in the high traffic areas. They are more expensive and they have to be installed on a concrete pad. Ms. Bereckis stated that the trash cans would need to have a lid. The part that contains the trash must be portable so they can easily be emptied but can't be moved.

Commissioner Conboy thinks there should be something more special than what is presented in the brochure. Commissioner Hester asked how many benches are needed for each park. Ms. Bereckis stated there would be anywhere from 3 – 8 benches at each park. Commissioner Boruff stated that

he didn't like the resin benches in any style and prefers wooden. The Commission liked the wooden style bench on example one. Ms. Bereckis stated that wood benches are repainted every 3 years. Commissioner Conboy shared some other benches that were poly that he thought would look more appealing. Ms. Bereckis stated that the benches would need to be 6 foot. Ms. Bereckis stated that player benches are around \$300 and wood benches would be over \$500 and Public Services does suggest the poly with the look of wood because wood is more maintenance and don't last as long.

Ms. Bereckis stated that there is currently \$1500 in this year's budget and that will buy the current style that we have. Ms. Bereckis stated that we need direction on how they will be replaced. Chairman Waverly believes that we need to start by park and replace all in that park. Commissioner Baker asked if there is an inventory; Ms. Bereckis stated there is no history. The Commission discussed about the needs and what is appropriate for replacement. Commissioner Conboy will forward some of the types he prefers. Commissioners Keane and Conboy will concentrate on styles for the meeting next month.

The item will be discussed again in November to decide on a style that all the Commissioners accept.

### **KLM Wireless**

Ms. Bereckis gave the update on the wireless internet. The current system is hard on the staff and IT staff. The first option will allow 100 users at a time. The second option is for 300 users for \$500 more. There is no money budgeted for this year and money can be reallocated for the upgrade for this year.

Commissioner Boruff made a motion to approve the wireless internet at KLM and the Commission agreed unanimously.

### **2010 Pool Audit**

Ms. Bereckis stated that the audit was presented to show the projected life and all the items have been addressed to date. There are new items being addressed and staff is suggesting putting an audit in the next year instead of four years from now.

### **New Business**

#### **Melin Ice Rink**

Ms. Bereckis presented the annual request. The residents by Melin Park set it up and maintain the ice rink and the village fills it with water. Mr. Bloom stated that the village is self insured for the liability. The Commission unanimously recommended this annual request.

Ms. Bereckis stated that the liner has been ordered for Burns and there will be some weekend staff hours at the warming house.

### **Platform Tennis Membership Types**

Ms. Bereckis commented on the new type of membership being suggested for league subs. It would be for sub players that don't want to pay for a full membership because they only play occasionally. It would be a ten visit pass and monitored by Rick Larsen and HPTA.

Chairman Waverly explained the reason for this proposal. Commissioner Hester asked how HPTA is going to enforce this. Mr. Bloom explained the upside of doing this is that it would generate some more revenue for those that don't want to pay for a full membership.

Chairman Waverley made the motion to sell a 10 visit pass for paddle player subs for \$100 for residents and \$150 for non-residents. Commissioner Baker approved the motion and Commissioner Conboy seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Other Business**

Ms. Bereckis stated that on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> there will be sleep out at Burlington Park from Christ Church in Oak Brook and Bridge Communities. The event will run from Saturday at 9 pm through Sunday at 8 am.

### **National Recreation and Parks Conference Follow-Up**

Ms. Bereckis commented on the National Park and Recreation Conference in New Orleans. Ms. Bereckis and Ms. Hanzel met a great group of people. The host of American ninja warrior was the conference host. She highlighted the classes they took including Rolling Down the River with historic restoration, historic buildings being used for ghost tours and the value of historic properties. Ms. Bereckis thinks KLM could be used for historic, themed events. They talked about unconventional programming that facilities do like historical reenactments, classical concerts and art shows. Ms. Bereckis commented on many of the new things that could be done at KLM and how to capitalize on themed events.

Ms. Bereckis commented that she also went to a Pickleball class about how to expand the program for the future. They did emphasize that the players will be demanding.

### **Adjournment**

Next meeting will be November 14. Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Conboy moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hester seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was declared adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Copp, Administrative Assistant