

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

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Memorial Building Board Room
7:00 PM

Chairman Waverly called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Memorial Building Board Room.

Members Present: Chairman Waverly, Commissioners Boruff, Conboy, Keane and George

Members Absent: Commissioners Baker and Hester

Others Present: Kimberly Fornek, The Doings

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 December 12, 2017 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes with changes mentioned by Chairman Waverly. Commissioner George seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Bereckis gave the report. They are in need of staffing mainly in aids and recreation leaders. They are down about 7 staff members. They are regular part time hours including nights and weekends. Ms. Bereckis discussed the draft financial report for their audit. The final version will come out next month. Commissioner Boruff asked about the hefty surplus Ms. Bereckis stated that the surplus will be saved for big expenses like a vehicle or facility rentals.

Monthly Reports

Ms. Bereckis presented the staff report for December, 2017. KLM for November was slightly better with one additional event. Year to date is over by about \$880. January was the busiest it has been in the last seven years. Staff is working hard to market to smaller events like showers and social events. There have been more birthday parties and memorial services. Commissioner Boruff stated that there seems to be a number of last minute events to increase the rentals.

Ms. Bereckis stated that the Winter brochure went out and registration has started. Most sports programs will not start until the spring because of not being able to use the school gyms. New programs are youth pickle ball, archery, badminton and Jr firefighters. Ms. Bereckis commented on the Holiday Express and how popular the event is. Easter Egg hunt is the next special event and then the park cleanup day.

Fall fields are done and spring requests are coming in. There is a rugby group that wants to use KLM. Fields will open around April 1st. Ice rink is open and the warming house is staffed in the afternoons. Unsupervised hours will no longer be offered at the warming hut due to some vandalism. The rink will probably not be open this weekend due to warmer temperatures but

hopefully will refreeze. Commissioner George stated that some of our brochures should be brought to the warming hut.

Ms. Bereckis stated that platform tennis is doing well and expenses are down. There was some increase in memberships, primarily from non-residents. We will begin to hire pool staff this month. Chairman Waverly commented on the agreement with HPTA and they hope to have answers within the next few months. The two month extension will go to the board next week. Ms. Bereckis commented on the maintenance schedule that John Finnell provided and how public services monitor the ice. Commissioner Conboy asked about the maintenance of the ice. Ms. Bereckis explained the process but when there is snow, the rink will close because public services will all be plowing the streets.

Old Business

- 1) **Park Benches** – Ms. Bereckis commented on the bench that would be the closest to the current one and some other options. She commented on some of the benches that would not need to be replaced. The \$30,000 budgeted would be a starting point for the budget. She stated that she wanted suggestions for the open park space. Commissioner Keane suggested that the Commission only look at the ones that do not need a concrete pad. The Commission agreed that was a good idea. Commissioner Conboy asked about the longevity of the non-metal benches. Ms. Bereckis stated that the wooden benches would have the shortest longevity.

Ms. Bereckis asked for the Commission to help with deciding the benches that are needed or can be removed. Commissioners George and Boruff volunteered. Chairman Waverly asked the Commission if they have an idea which style they preferred. Commissioner Conboy shared that he liked the metal benches throughout but that would need a concrete pad. Ms. Bereckis will find out if the option is available for the footings. The Commission commented on their choices.

- 2) **Super Pass Update** – Ms. Bereckis commented on the proposal to Clarendon Hills. They are okay with the 50/50 split but want to stay with 100 passes for this year and will revisit that for next year because they feel the pool is getting too crowded. Clarendon Hills will try to sell more Hinsdale pool passes. Commissioner Boruff stated that we should suggest having a total of 200 and if they don't sell 100, we get what they don't sell after a certain date.

New Business

- 1) **Bench Donation – Greg & Tora Ellis**
This donation is for the train station to replace an existing bench. It is in honor of their friend that rode the train with Greg daily. It would be near Casa Margarita on the south platform. The Commission unanimously approved the request.
- 2) **Park Bench Sponsorship – Craig Bradley**
This would be a donation for a plaque on a current bench at Eleanor's Park. It would be in remembrance of his pets. The Commissioners unanimously approved the request.
- 3) **Park Donation – Adam Linn**
This donation is a request for a flagpole at Peirce in memorial of Brooks Tonn. Little League would be paying for the installation and it still needs to be cleared by the family members. Ms. Bereckis stated that the Village has one style of flag poles and staff would determine the type of plaque. If the family approves, Little League will work with the Village for the verbiage for the plaque.

Mr. Linn is also requesting to name the west field after Brooks. There is currently no written policy and staff recommends that a policy be written for consistency. Historically, the village board has denied changing the name of any parks. Ms. Bereckis read some criteria from other towns for use on naming rights. The Commission discussed the naming of the field. Ms. Bereckis suggested having the policy in place first before a decision is made on naming of the field. Commissioner Boruff asked if there is a distinction of naming a field within a park rather than renaming of the park. Ms. Bereckis shared criteria from other towns regarding naming of fields.

Commissioner Conboy stated that the policies need to be consistent and provide perimeters. Ms. Bereckis stated that there is only one style of flagpoles in the village and the only negotiation is what is on the memorial plaque. The Commission agreed to the concept of the standard flagpole and they use the standard plaque. The Commission wants a policy in place before naming of the field. All Commission members agreed.

Correspondence

None

Other Business

None

Adjournment

The next meeting will be February 13. Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Boruff moved to adjourn. Commissioner Conboy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was declared adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Administrative Assistant