

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

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Memorial Building Board Room
7:00 PM

Chairman Waverley called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00__ p.m. at the Memorial Building Board Room.

Members Present: Chairman Waverley, Commissioners Baker, Boruff, Conboy, Hester and George

Absent: Steve Keane

Others Present:

Staff Present: Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
Linda Copp, Administrative Assistant

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Conboy moved approval of the January 16, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Boruff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Bereckis gave the report. Registration for Hinsdale residents continue to drop slightly but nonresident numbers are increasing. They are primarily from Golfview Hills and Darien. Currently the individual must pay their own costs. Riverside has shown interest in joining Gateway but they border other communities that are not part of Gateway. The families would have to request to being included. Residents are down primarily due to aging out of the programs.

Commissioner Boruff asked if there is any outreach to this community. Ms. Bereckis stated that we have it in our brochure and schools have some resources. Most families will come to Gateway for assistance. Ms. Bereckis stated that Gateway has decreased some programming due to shortage of enrollments.

Monthly Reports

Ms. Bereckis presented the staff report for January, 2018. The lodge looks concerning but there have been smaller events that have less revenue. Next month the lodge manager Ms. Poshek will report on the marketing progress. There have been more inquiries but not a large number of big price events. There have been more showers that only use one floor. Summer has dropped but September and October are good months. Commissioner Conboy asked if there has been follow up on the marketing. Ms. Bereckis stated there is a survey and also phone calls being used for follow-up. Commissioner Conboy stated that strategic value needs to be the focus. Most of the weddings are under 120 people because the guests have to be split up if there are more. Ms. Bereckis suggested some Commissioners work with Hilary for marketing purposes.

Chairman Waverley stated that school parties could be suggested. The school board does have consistent rentals there.

Ms. Bereckis stated that the summer brochure has been sent for the first draft. The athletic programs will begin in April. There will be some new programs in the summer brochure and will be delivered on March 19. Many classes will be in conjunction with the Community House.

The next event will be the egg hunt on March 31 and then the park clean day on April 20th. There will be multiple parks this year and Ms. Bereckis would like the Commissioners to help. It is getting bigger each year. Scout groups usually like a big project. Ms. Bereckis stated that she hopes to have enough staff members for the parks with the help of the Commissioners. Ms. Bereckis stated that feedback has been that weekdays are better than a weekend.

Ms. Bereckis stated that fields are being filled for spring/summer with priority to AYSO. The ice rink is still closed due to all the snow. Public services hopes to have to open again by this weekend. It has to come down by March 15 to prepare for soccer. Ms. Bereckis stated there has been good feedback about the hot chocolate that has been available.

Platform tennis still has had growth and there have been a couple of ten visit passes for league players. The HPTA has an extension and they are working on the agreement with the Village. Ms. Bereckis shared the parks maintenance report and that all of the work is done by 3 people.

Old Business

Park Benches – The recommendation is to go with all metal benches.

Ms. Bereckis shared where benches would be placed and if they are existing ones. There are only three that would be in open fields that need the different footing. Some would be backless but all will be metal.

Ms. Bereckis shared the priority listing and the \$30,000 in the capital budget will take care of 16 benches which covers shipping and installation. The remaining years the cost would come from operating budget. Not all benches will need to be replaced so it will be fewer than 35 that was originally proposed. The playground benches would be different colors but the same styles. Commissioner Conboy emphasized to be consistent with the parks.

Ms. Bereckis stated that the bench comes with a matching trash can. The benches would be ready for installation this summer. Commissioner Conboy asked if the donation can be marketed as a sponsorship to help pay for the benches. Ms. Bereckis stated that she has had multiple requests for bench donations. She is sending a story to the paper regarding a new type of swing at some parks. Chairman Waverley suggested sending the park clean up day information to the paper as well.

Chairman Waverley asked about the picnic tables at some of the parks. Ms. Bereckis stated that the location of the benches would also be good for the sports teams.

Ms. Bereckis stated that the areas for benches will be marked before installation. Chairman Waverley thanked the Commissioners for their work to come to an agreement.

New Business

Hinsdale Tennis Association – contract extension

Ms. Bereckis commented on the license extension agreement with Tom Lockhart to teach private tennis lessons. His lessons have decreased so there will not be another increase. We will be offering a free clinic and the tennis sessions will be shorter. Ms. Bereckis is recommending a one year extension with the flat rate of \$1,900 and then look at it again next summer. Mr. Lockhart has provided the data to Ms. Bereckis for private lessons. His private lessons have increased in the past few years. Most of the coaches are high school students that are teaching lessons and that has

deterred some from continuing in lessons because Mr. Lockhart does not teach them. The ages of the children range from age 6 to 12 years for group lessons. The adult program did not run as group lessons.

The Commission agreed to a one year agreement and then renegotiate next year.

Addendum to Donation Policy

Ms. Bereckis provided information about local communities naming rights. She suggested having a smaller group to discuss it and commented on the precedent the board has set and how to incorporate that.

Chairman Waverley commented on what she felt was important to have in the criteria. Commissioner Hester stated she believes it is important to keep the names of the parks due to the historical significance.

Chairman Waverley commented on some of the highlights like the waiting period, a signed petition, and not renaming something that is already named. This will be a policy adopted by the Village and not just what applies to parks. Commissioner Conboy commented on checking the legal obligations on removing a name if necessary.

Ms. Bereckis stated that the attorney will have to approve any policy and then it will come back to the Commission and then finally back to the board for approval.

Correspondence

None

Other Business

Ms. Bereckis commented that the Concession contract is coming up for renewal. Request for proposals have been sent and three restaurants have shown interest. Clarendon Hills is keeping C& W Concessions. They are due the 23rd.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner George moved to adjourn. Commissioner Boruff seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was declared adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Administrative Assistant