

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
April 9, 2019**

Chairman Waverley called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building; roll call was taken.

Members Present: Chairman Alice Waverley, Commissioners John George, Chris Boruff, Darren Baker, and Steve Keane

Absent: Commissioners Heather Hester and Gregory Moore

Others Present: Hinsdale Central American Politics students
Brian Freel, Hinsdale Platform Tennis Representative

Staff Present: Brad Bloom, Assistant Village Manager
Sammy Hanzel, Recreation Supervisor
Maggie South, Administrative Assistant

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner George moved to approve the January 15, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes, as amended. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. A voice vote was held and all were in favor.

Liaison Reports

a) Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Hanzel reported Gateway is celebrating their 30th anniversary in May 2019; Hinsdale P&R will donate a prize for their raffle. Chairman Waverley asked Ms. Hanzel to invite Gateway to the Walk the Walk at the Community House

Monthly Reports

a) Recreation Staff Report – March 2019

Ms. Hanzel provided up-to-date pool numbers. She highlighted caterer and rental revenue at KLM Lodge. She discussed rental projections, stating staff continues to book events. Discussion followed regarding the KLM parking lot resurfacing. Ms. Hanzel explained parking will still be available; the resurfacing will be done in sections to eliminate the impact on events. Staff will avoid booking large events and make any prospective rentals aware of the resurfacing project. Discussion followed regarding potential negative impact on bookings. It was suggested that the number of handicapped stalls at KLM be increased. Mr. Bloom clarified parking space requirements. It was noted there is an upward revenue trend for KLM rentals. An Open House was held at KLM on March 14 for preferred caterers and vendors. Ms. Hanzel attended to promote the Brew & Q event. She explained how prom pictures will be managed.

Ms. Hanzel reported T-Ball registration is full, the summer brochure has been delivered and registration is open for residents and non-residents. There are 80 volunteers registered for Park Clean-Up Day on April 26 and the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 20. Super Passes have sold out once more. The pool opens May 25.

She updated the Commission on the status of fields.

Ms. Hanzel offered a few reasons why pool revenues have increased 33% and confirmed that more people registered for the Super Pass Lottery. Ms. Hanzel confirmed. Chairman Waverley asked if there was an increase in social media push and if the department was still looking for lifeguards. Ms. Hanzel stated that the Department is still hiring lifeguards, but that isn't unusual.

b) Parks Maintenance Report - February 2019

Ms. Hanzel described the report submitted by Mr. John Finnell. The Commission discussed how many hours were spent maintaining the ice rink for the short amount of time that it was open for the season. The Commission discussed the possibility of moving the ice rink to the tennis courts at Burns.

Old Business

A. Naming Rights Policy

Chairman Waverley and Mr. Bloom provided background on the Naming Rights Policy and why it is being revised. Most changes were structural. This policy applies to new parks or existing unnamed parks. Naming is for the duration of the lifetime of the facility. The department will now only require 200 resident signatures to petition the Village's Board of Trustees to name a park, building, or amenity. The possibility of commercial sponsorship names was eliminated. The waiting period for postmortem naming requests was reduced to five years from seven. There is also a requirement that any individual must have lived in the Village of Hinsdale for five years before a park, building, or amenity may be named after them. A new application was developed to better streamline the process. Mr. Bloom pointed out that the Policy is supposed to be a universal application and stated that his only concern is the signature requirement, as it isn't a barometer used by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bloom said that the Village would set up a mailbox on the Village website specifically for the issue and that a press release would be issued in the local papers and on the Village website. Mr. Bloom and Chairman Waverley stated that public comment is important and that no matter would really be too trivial. Mr. Bloom described historic naming rights in the Village and stated that the Village Board does not want to rename parks. Chairman Waverley stated that this policy does not apply to commercial naming rights or sponsorship. The Commission discussed the importance of public support.

Commissioner Boruff made a motion to send the Naming Rights Policy to the Board of Trustees as presented with the suggested change. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. A voice vote was held, and all were in favor.

New Business

A. HPTA Agreement

Bryan Freel introduced himself to the Commission. Chairman Waverley summarized the work done to hand over platform tennis to the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association (HPTA).

She highlighted the important points of the agreement between the Village and the HPTA. Mr. Bloom replied that, as the Village would be bidding, they would need to follow the standards of prevailing wage. There is a possibility that third party non-paddle tennis rentals would be held at the Hut once it is renovated. Chairman Waverley emphasized that the goal is for the Hut to become the premier public paddle tennis facility in the Chicagoland area. Chairman Waverley explained that the Village would be essentially giving a \$30,000 subsidy for HPTA to take over the program. Chairman Waverley explained the way costs have broken down in previous years and that the cost includes \$5,500 for utilities and a \$7,500 contribution to a joint capital reserve account. Chairman Waverley pointed out that HPTA and the Village will be sharing the cost of major capital expenditures. Mr. Freel said the idea is to begin construction on the Hut in April of 2020 and complete it by September 2020. Chairman Waverley stated that building more courts is very expensive and could be considered further down the line. Mr Freel and Chairman Waverley said that HPTA is working on a new membership system to increase numbers. Mr. Bloom pointed out that the Village will be changing to a calendar fiscal year, which may affect some of the details of the agreement. In answer to a question, Chairman Waverley confirmed that the Board of Trustees has been informed of the progression of the HPTA agreement as Trustee Hughes has been at every meeting and been very involved. Commissioner Baker motioned to recommend the Agreement to the Board of Trustees. Commissioner George seconded the motion. A voice vote was held, and all were in favor.

Correspondence

None

Other Business

a) Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for May 14. Heather Bereckis will be back. The summer schedule will be determined. The pool study report will be available in roughly four weeks.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Boruff moved to adjourn. Commissioner George seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor.

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Maggie South
Administrative Assistant