

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Waverley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Heather Hester

Others Present: Rich Klark, WT Engineering
Tom Lalonde, Williams Architects

Staff Present: Brad Bloom, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety
Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
Sammy Hanzel, Recreation Supervisor
Maggie South, Administrative Assistant
George Peluso, Director of Public Services

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes—July 23, 2019

Commissioner Boruff motioned to approve the draft minutes as presented. Commissioner Keane seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor. The motion passed.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. There was nothing major to note. Registrations are going well at this time. Gateway used Hinsdale's softball fields for their softball league this summer and it was a success. They are currently seeking staff.

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Recreation Staff Report – August 2019

The Lodge is doing well. The new photos will be presented at the next meeting. The new marketing and website will help as well. August was a good month and higher than 2018. Fall brochure has been delivered and programs have begun. Fall Fest has been moved back to Hinsdale Middle School. The last pool event was Dog Days of Summer on September 7. The pool is officially closed and will be drained soon. Upcoming events are Movie in the Park, Fall Fest, Holiday Express, and Breakfast with Santa.

Field rentals are booming. New football and soccer groups are requesting field space all the time. Veeck is popular as it is a lit soccer field. So far, the weather has been cooperating. Football, soccer, and lacrosse have started at various parks. Cross Country is taking place at KLM.

The unofficial pool numbers will be presented at the October meeting, with the final wrap-up happening at the November meeting. Aquatics Coordinator Brian Powell will be present to meet the Commission at that time. The new Pickleball courts were opened prior to the meeting. Chairman Waverley was very complimentary of the new pickleball and basketball courts at Brook Park. Pickleball programming will be expanding in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Pool Audit

Mr. Peluso presented the report for the Commission and introduced the guests from Williams Architects. The main concerns are the filters and the lap pool deck and gutter system. The Commission asked for clarification regarding the electrical components and the deck settlement. Mr. Peluso pointed out that many things can cause the settlement, including age. The Commission also inquired what the average lifespan of a pool of this size would be in this climate. The engineers described the condition of the pool to the Commission. The structure is in good condition. Some pools can last 40 - 50 years. The filters and gutters need to be replaced to maintain operations. Potentially, these repairs could increase the lifespan by 15 - 20 years. The Commission asked about the potential causes of the deterioration and the time commitment to repair the grout. Chairman Waverley asked the engineers about the potential costs associated with this work. She also asked if the pool could make it through another season. The engineers answered that it is possible. However, the more water gets into the grout, the faster it will deteriorate, and it is not cost effective to break it up into two years. Mr. Peluso assured the Commission that Public Services will do everything they can to keep the pool open. Further clarification was given regarding the timeline to make repairs and what requires further investigation. The engineers recommend doing soil borings to see what the soil conditions are under the deck. The engineers further clarified how significant the work would be on replacing the deck. The condition of the pump house was discussed. Any work that may need to be done to the building would not interfere with any new filters. Mr. Peluso suggested having a meeting at the pool to view the areas of concern. The Commission and engineers discussed the order in which things need to be done and the bid process, as well as what changes could be made to the deck area. The engineers described what their companies do for the Commission and their backgrounds in the aquatics industries, including renovations of existing pools as well as design of new pools. They discussed comparable pools in the area. The Commission discussed at what point the pool should be replaced, as the previous pool lasted about 30 years and the pool is currently 27 years old. The engineers feel that the pool is structurally in good shape. Mr. Bloom asked if there would be an option to put in a liner if the shell of the pool began to crack. This means that any investment made now would still be valuable, even if the shell began to deteriorate. Mr. Bloom then asked if it would be better to line the pool now. The engineers pointed out that they did not see a potential for a problem with the structure of the pool, so there would be no need to line the pool. The Commission discussed replacing the raindrop and kiddie slide feature rather than repainting them. The electrical surges and needs in the future were discussed. Chairman Waverley asked if the pool could make it through the season without doing the grouting or painting. Mr. Peluso assured the Commission that Public Services would do everything possible to make sure the Pool is operational for the 2020 season. Ms. Bereckis noted that there is potential in years 3 and 4 for new features, such as a climbing wall or new features in the baby pool. She further clarified that while certain items need to be done to maintain the pool; there is room for the Commission to make suggestions about new and exciting potential features. The Commission would like to see the Pool grow with new amenities for the community.

B. Park Bench Donation- Rinder Family

Ms. Bereckis presented the request to the Commission. She noted that the new benches at Robbins Park have all been installed and they look wonderful. This particular request is for KLM from the Rinder family. Benches will be installed at KLM next. Then Stough, Melin, and Dietz will be installed in that order. Commissioner Baker motioned to approve the request from the Rinder

family. Commissioner George seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Pool Improvement Planning

Nothing to add.

B. Mission and Vision sub-committee

Ms. Bereckis discussed the need for a sub-committee regarding this issue. Chairman Waverley and Commissioner Boruff both indicated that they would be willing to serve on this. Commissioner Boruff discussed his desire for goals to guide the Commission as they make decisions. The Commission then discussed whether there was an actual need for a mission and vision statement and the ways the Department manages its budget. Mr. Bloom gave an overview of the role Commissioners play in Village matters. Ms. Bereckis noted the importance of community park stewards and the value of Commissioners helping in this capacity. A decision was made to not move forward with the development of a general mission and vision statement at this time.

C. Combined Pool and Paddle Passes

Ms. Bereckis presented the idea of selling dual pool and paddle passes. The Commission questioned how many people currently purchase both and the possibility of cannibalizing sales of one or the other. They expressed the need for data before they explore the idea further.

D. Construction Update

The construction of the new pickleball courts at Brook Park is complete and the ribbon cutting ceremony was held. The resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts at Brook and Stough Parks are done, as well as the parking lot at KLM. The courts at Peirce are scheduled to be resurfaced next. Mr. Bloom provided an update regarding the Tollway.

E. Eagle Scout Project

Ms. Bereckis presented the Eagle Scout Project to the Commission. Cole Harris and his Troop renovated the nature playground at KLM. Cole was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by President Cauley at the most recent board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm. Commissioner Boruff seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

ATTEST: _____
Maggie South, Administrative Assistant