

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Waverley called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:04pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Chairman Alice Waverley, Commissioners Darren Baker, Chris Boruff, Heather Hester, and Greg Moore

Absent:

Commissioners John George and Steve Keane

Others Present:

Marty Brennan, HPTA President
Bryan Freel, HPTA Board Member
Kimberly Fornek, *Hinsdale Doings*

Staff Present:

Brad Bloom, AVM/DPS
Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
Sammy Hanzel, Recreation Supervisor
Brian Powell, Aquatics Supervisor
Maggie South, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes—October 8, 2019

Commissioner Boruff motioned to approve the minutes of the October 8 meeting. Commissioner Hester 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. The new bus has still not arrived, but should be arriving soon. Hinsdale is an area of major growth for Gateway, and staff is trying to find field and indoor space to further accommodate Gateway programming.

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Recreation Staff Report – October 2019

Ms. Bereckis called attention to the postcards that were submitted with the Commissioners' packets. Ms. Hanzel created publicity postcards for the Lodge following the design of the new brochure and rebrand. One postcard is a general publicity postcard with information about the Lodge and the other is a follow up postcard for Lodge staff to send after tours. The final Lodge brochure will be available for the next Commission meeting. The Lodge Subcommittee will meet in December to discuss catering fees and preferred vendors.

Fall programming is coming to an end. The Winter/Spring brochure is going to print and will be delivered to residents December 2nd. Registrations will begin December 9th for residents and non-residents. Ms. Bereckis highlighted a new Winter/Spring special event, Corks and Forks, which will take place in February at the Lodge. This will be an educational event pairing food from Taste of Home Catering and wines from Hinsdale Wine Academy.

The Fall Movie in the Park was moved indoors to The Community House due to inclement weather. The lottery was drawn for Holiday Express. Some spaces remain for the 11:00 AM

train, but the 9:00 AM train is full with a waitlist. Breakfast with Santa is full with a waitlist. Other upcoming Winter/Spring events include the Easter Egg Hunt and Park Clean Up Day. Due to snow, fields were closed a week early. The ice rink will go up when the fall clean-up is completed. Weather depending, the rink should be ready to go for winter break. The warming house will be staffed and will serve hot chocolate to skaters.

B. Treasurer's Report- May-Sept 2019

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. End of season field rental fees are due, which will boost field revenues. John Finnell is struggling with finding a horticulturalist, which impacted the staffing budget. No emergency repairs have been needed in the parks this year. Early Childhood did experience an increase due to new cooperative programs. Ms. Bereckis and Ms. Hanzel explained cooperative programming to the Commission. There were some minor expenses associated with Platform Tennis before the program was fully taken over by HPTA. A growth in revenues was due to increased sponsorships negotiated by Ms. Hanzel. The Lodge will see an uptick in expenses due to the purchases of a new range and fridge. Staffing at the Lodge was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Pool Report-End of Season

Ms. Bereckis introduced Brian Powell, Aquatics Coordinator to the Commission. Ms. Hanzel presented the report and described the different areas of the report, including pass sales, lesson enrollments, special events, and staffing. She noted that expenses are down, and explained the stub budget year to the Commission. An overall increase in revenue was noted in pass sales in Neighborly and Non-Resident passes, as well as in Daily Admissions. Potential changes to the pool hours based on peak visit hours were introduced.

Some slight declines were noted in private lesson enrollments and Town Team registrations for the 2019 season. Next year, Town Team will begin using an updated logo to modernize the program.

Some new special events were offered, such as Grandparents Day, Armed Forces and First Responders Appreciation Day, and the Mermaid and Pirate Meet and Greet. Dog Days of Summer was brought back for another very successful event. Some new events that will be offered for the 2020 season include Wellness Days and a Color War event. Members requested an Adult Afterhours Event. Staff and Baldinelli's are looking into the logistics of serving alcohol at such an event. Cardboard Boat Regatta was cancelled due to low enrollment and weather; Staff will reevaluate offering it next season.

B. HPTA Hut Design Review

Ms. Bereckis presented a general overview of the plans presented for the HPTA Paddle Tennis Hut design. Bryan Freel and Marty Brennan introduced themselves as representatives of HPTA and presented the plans to the Commission. Mr. Brennan called the Commissioners' attention to the main floor plan and explained what HPTA is proposing for the Hut, including a 28 foot addition with a basement extending toward the lacrosse fields at Katherine Legge Memorial Park. The main focus is on creating additional space for members and storage. Additional facilities, including an office for a paddle professional and an expansion of the existing bar will be added. The renovation will make the space more contemporary and comparable to other paddle huts in the area. The plans for basement storage, the outdoor deck, and summer usage of the courts were discussed. Commissioner Boruff inquired whether or not this will create any

disturbance for the neighbors. Mr. Brennan replied that HPTA will be reaching out to neighbors, but they do not anticipate any friction. There will be no changes to the area facing neighboring homes. The Commission was in favor of the proposed changes.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Construction Update

Ms. Bereckis informed the Commission that the courts at Peirce Park are complete, but they need to be striped. Due to weather, they cannot be striped until next year.

B. HPTA Update

Ms. Bereckis informed the Commission that the plans for the Hut will go to the Plan Commission and the Board of Trustees.

C. Grant Update

Ms. Bereckis provided an update on the status of the OSLAD Grant. The Village was invited to Springfield to give a three minute presentation to the board of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Village Manager Kathleen Gargano made the presentation. Staff should hear whether or not the grant was awarded in mid-spring. Because the pool is unique in construction and is widely used by the surrounding communities, Ms. Bereckis feels that our chances may be better than originally thought.

Ms. Bereckis also informed the Commission that the state may be releasing PARC Grants soon. PARC Grants are awarded to brick and mortar buildings. Ms. Bereckis is planning on applying for the Grant to make some much-needed ADA improvements to the Lodge facility.

D. Pedestrian Bridge Update

Commissioner Moore requested an update on the pedestrian bridge survey. Mr. Bloom gave a brief review of the survey results, noting that most respondents used the bridge for recreational use. Hinsdale residents seemed mostly ambivalent about the location. Those with homes near the bridge initially wanted the bridge to stay in its current location, but they would now like it moved. The Board of Trustees considered the resident input they received and recommended moving the bridge to the 47th Street location, which would connect Veeck Park with Spring Rock Park in Western Springs. The Village Board of Western Springs will consider the issue at their next meeting.

E. Meeting Schedule

There is no December meeting scheduled. The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Boruff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

ATTEST:

Maggie South, Administrative Assistant