

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairman Alice Waverley, Commissioners Chris Boruff, Darren Baker, Steve Keane, Heather Hester, Greg Moore  
**Absent:** Commissioner John George  
**Others Present:** Shawna Zsinko, D86 Tennis Head Coach  
**Staff Present:** Brad Bloom, AVM/DPS (Joined at 7:35PM)  
Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation  
Sammy Hanzel, Recreation Supervisor  
Maggie South, Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of minutes- November 12, 2019**

Commissioner Boruff motioned to approve the minutes of the November 12 meeting. 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. The new van has arrived. Another vehicle will be purchased next year. Hinsdale is the second largest group that utilizes Gateway's SRA services. Gateway currently uses Veeck for their softball field; However, Hinsdale does not have the space to accommodate a large camp. Gateway is looking at holding small camps of 10 to 12 people. Ms. Bereckis will be showing Gateway staff some of our accessible buildings, such as the Burns Warming House, the Annex at Katherine Legge Memorial Park, and the former Youth Center. Gateway is also supporting the Department's PARC Grant application for ADA improvements at the Lodge.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**A. Recreation Staff Report – December 2019**

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. The Lodge is still experiencing growth with some months in 2020 already booked. Feedback on the new logo and marketing material has been positive. The website should be available to view in the next week or so. The next thing staff will be working on is catering fees and how to make them more succinct. Ms. Bereckis pointed out that the Lodge and its parking lot are being rented by a film crew which is not reflected in the numbers presented to the Commission. Otherwise, the first quarter seems to be shaping up like previous years.

Staff is currently working on the Summer brochure. New events include the Corks and Forks event with the Hinsdale Wine Academy. Another new event was the 12 Days of Holiday Cheer Pop up Event, which was very successful. Over \$3,000 was donated by local businesses. This event was held in conjunction with the Economic Development Department. Staff would like to

hold more pop up events during the year. Breakfast with Santa went very well, as did Holiday Express. Egg Hunt and Park Clean Up Day are also coming up. Field space is almost completely booked for Spring. Bathrooms have all been winterized and Peirce Park has a new bathroom floor. Hopefully, weather conditions will be favorable in the coming week to open the ice rink. Staff will reevaluate how to continue to offer the ice rinks as the weather continues to change.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Summer Tennis Program/HTA**

Ms. Shawna Zsinko introduced herself to the Commission. Ms. Bereckis reminded the Commission of the prior discussion of the tennis program with Hinsdale Tennis Association and the Tennis Subcommittee. Ms. Zsinko will be directing the recreational program of two three week beginner tennis lessons during the summer season. The program will be led by Ms. Zsinko and Mr. Bill Alexander, who are both coaches of the District 86 tennis teams, as well as advanced tennis players from their high school team. Mr. Lockhart of the Hinsdale Tennis Association will still have first priority for afternoon court usage at Burns and will still be leading his Junior Tennis Camp.

Ms. Zsinko gave the Commission information on her background with the high school. She coaches tennis at District 86 schools and is now coaching the men's team at Elmhurst College, as well as coaching paddle tennis at the Butterfield Country Club. She is experienced with coaching children of all ages. Commissioner Hester expressed concern over the proposed hours of 8:00-9:00AM. Ms. Zsinko believed that the younger kids would definitely be willing to play at that hour; In addition, it won't be as hot at that time of the day. Ms. Bereckis also pointed out that much of the youth athletics camps that the Department offers begin at 9:00, which makes it convenient for families who want to participate in other activities. Commissioner Boruff added that half of this program has always taken place from 8:00 to 9:00. This is just bringing all age levels together at once. The Department has money budgeted for programming supplies that will be used towards purchasing age-appropriate equipment such as nets and balls for the younger kids.

Ms. Bereckis emphasized that the Department still wants to work with Mr. Lockhart and the Hinsdale Tennis Association. Mr. Lockhart will still lead his Junior Tennis Camp and his private lessons. She clarified that this will be a one-year agreement with the option to renew if both parties are in favor of renewing the program.

A motion was made to approve Ms. Zsinko as running the recreational tennis program from 8-9 at Burns Field. A voice vote was called. All were in favor, with Chairman Waverley abstaining. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Villages of Hinsdale and Western Springs reached an agreement that the pedestrian bridge will be put in over 47<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Pool Hours/Daily Fees Update**

Ms. Bereckis noted that hours will shift slightly to 11:30-7:30 on weekends. During the week the pool will be open from 12-7:30. Lesson times will also be shifted slightly to accommodate this.

Beginning this summer, the pool will offer a daily senior rate of \$5 for patrons 60 years and older. Twilight hours will also begin at 5:00 instead of 6:00.

**B. Grant Update**

Ms. Bereckis presented the preliminary drawings for the PARC Grant submission to the Commission. Anything outside of the dashed lines will be an addition. The egress would be enclosed and an elevator would be added. Hallways to the elevator would be widened to accommodate those using the elevator. ADA bathrooms would be added. These remodels would increase the amount of people permitted for events. The dining room roof would be raised, floor-to-ceiling windows would be added, the HVAC would be relocated, and the upstairs patio would be turned into a rooftop deck. Ms. Bereckis noted that none of the changes violate the Trust, per the architect. This would still have to go to the Historic Preservation Commission as the Lodge is a local landmark. These changes would also add much-needed storage space for events. Hardwood flooring would be added throughout the building to make it accessible. Ms. Bereckis clarified the terms of the PARC Grant for the Commission. Per the architect, it would take about 8 to 10 months to complete. The Grant would potentially be awarded in August of 2020. Work would begin January 2021. With these changes, Gateway could hold programming at the Lodge, as could the Department. The Lodge could also be available for general recreation.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11. The Tollway is beginning to work near the parks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Moore motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49PM. Commissioner Keane seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.

**ATTEST:**

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**Maggie South, Administrative Assistant**