

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
June 9, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Waverley called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairman Alice Waverley  
Commissioners John George, Darren Baker, Heather Hester, Chris Boruff, Steve Keane, and Greg Moore

Absent: None

Others Present: None

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Bereckis introduced the summer Parks and Recreation intern, Jack Scotellaro.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of minutes- January 14, 2020**

Chairman Waverley presented one correction to the draft minutes. Commissioner Keane motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Gateway Special Recreation Association Report**

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. She noted that all April through June programming was cancelled, and Gateway will be reviewing crediting all of the agencies. She also said that the Board will not be increasing the budget as discussed. Gateway is hoping to hold some programming in July, which will consist of mostly smaller programs and not summer camps. They are providing at home and virtual kits at no cost for participating families.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**A. Recreation Staff Report – May 2020**

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. The Lodge has not held an event since March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Lodge has been closed until the past two weeks. Tours are currently being conducted, with eight tours in a day being the most held so far. Staff is anticipating outdoor events, like weddings, will be able to be held beginning in July. Roughly 75% of events have been rescheduled, but some were not able to be rescheduled. Ms. Bereckis is hopeful that most events later this year will be able to be held. Staff are honoring a 100% refund policy and are not charging rebooking fees for rescheduled events due to COVID-19. We have not collected caterer fees at this point. Fees will not be required until the Lodge is open and will be prorated.

A Summer brochure was delivered. Ms. Hanzel and Mr. Scotellaro have been publishing a virtual brochure. Some smaller programs will be running, such as Mike Wiggins' 5

Star Soccer Camp, which has been very successful at Robbins Park. Staff are planning to publish a fall brochure, but have looked into only publishing a digital brochure with a postcard mailing. This digital brochure would be more interactive than the current PDF version on the website. Residents were polled, and although there was not a significant response, residents seemed in favor of moving forward to a digital brochure. The tennis courts are packed right now, with private lessons being conducted along with the high school camp and other community groups renting space.

Some special events have been cancelled. Taco Tuesday was postponed for hopefully the end of September. Park Clean Up has also been postponed and the Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled. Staff will be hosting a drive in movie on June 19<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Root and Bloom. If it is permitted, July and August would be regular movies in the park or potentially more drive in movies. Staff were able to conduct socially distant Easter Bunny visits throughout town with the Community House. A similar event is planned for the summer. Other events included a CLUE game in the parks with the Community House. Local businesses donated prizes for everyone who participated.

Fields were closed through May 29<sup>th</sup>, but are now open and being rented or used for programming. Staff has been able to accommodate a large number of field rentals from different groups. The bathroom floor at Burns has been refinished. Although bathrooms are not open to the public, they are available for program participants to use. All coaches are responsible for sanitizing the bathrooms and have been given supplied.

The OSLAD Grant is still going forward and staff are waiting for the transfer of funds to take place, however, Illinois Department of Natural Resources staff have been working limited hours. Once the funds are received, the bid documents will go to IDNR for approval, and then go to bid for pool work to be completed for the fall. IDNR has indicated that the full amount of the grant will be available. There has been limited information regarding the PARC Grant.

Pool passes are 67% down from last year, mostly in Super Passes. If the pool does not open, passes will be refunded.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Bench Donation-Bartlit Family**

Ms. Bereckis presented the request, which was approved by the Commission via e-mail. The bench should be installed soon. The request was approved.

#### **B. Bench Donation-Oak School**

Ms. Bereckis presented the request. The request was submitted by the Oak School PTO to be located at the Train Station. The request was approved.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Platform Tennis Hut Update**

No bids were received for the Hut. Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association has submitted a redesign for staff review. The redesign is considered a minor revision so it will not have to go

back through the approval process as it did last time. Many capital projects have been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**B. Grant Update**

Discussed as part of the Staff Report.

**C. Programming & Event Update**

Ms. Bereckis informed the Commission that a decision has not been made regarding the Fourth of July event.

**D. Pool Update**

Ms. Bereckis explained to the Commission that staff are working to open the pool while complying with the guidelines presented by Illinois Department of Public Health and the Governor. If staff holds lessons, they would be private lessons. Staff has been discussing the best and safest way to open the pool for the season. They are planning for how to adequately staff the pool. Staff sent out a survey regarding the pool. Roughly 1/3 of people indicated that they will not be willing to come back, but 2/3 were willing to come back if they knew what protocols were in place. Ms. Bereckis and Mr. Bloom discussed the financial impact of opening the pool versus not opening the pool, along with the staffing requirements for the pool per the Village's insurance, as well as the lead time needed to open the pool, which would be approximately two weeks. Mr. Bloom assured the Commission that the Village understands that the pool is an amenity that residents view as important, and the Village is considering all possible avenues while abiding by the Governor's guidelines.

The next meeting is scheduled by July 21. An August meeting is not scheduled. The normal meeting schedule will resume in September.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Boruff motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner George seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.