

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Waverley called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Alice Waverley
Commissioners Steve Keane, Greg Moore, Heather Hester,
Chris Boruff
Absent: Commissioners Darren Baker and John George
Others Present: None
Staff Present: 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- September 8, 2020

Commissioner Keane motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Boruff 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. Gateway will move forward with the same budget to remain fiscally responsible. The budget will allow the organization to continue with their usual level of services with the option to purchase another vehicle. They are offering one on one play in the Burns Field building, which is going well. The new floor is very nice. Currently about eight children are enrolled, and participants work on developing different skills. Gateway is also offering platform tennis and it is going well. If the entire budget isn't spent, there was talk of issuing rebates to participating park districts and villages.

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Recreation Staff Report – September 2020

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. The Lodge has been impacted by COVID-19, however, the last few months have picked up. The school transitional program is at the Lodge four days a week and is planning to rent the Lodge through May of 2021. Every weekend date May through October of 2021 is currently booked.

Staff has not seen an impact regarding the brochure being available digitally. The next brochure will also be digital only. Staff will reevaluate for the summer 2021 brochure.

The next special event is Fall Fest on Saturday. Participants will receive a pumpkin and a goody bag. All participants needed to pre-register in order to safely conduct the event. Beyond that, the next events will be socially distant photos with Santa and letters to Santa. Staff will also be coordinating carriage rides for the holidays with EDC.

The lacrosse field at KLM is complete. Further information is forthcoming. Fields have been booked at capacity through the fall. The only deterrent is that soccer teams cannot book for games, but they are still booking for practice space. Baseball, softball, and lacrosse rental are robust. The lacrosse field at KLM will remain fenced off to allow it time to establish itself. Some new trees will be planted to replace those that are dead or dying.

Staff is still planning to put up the skating rink as usual, possibly without the hockey nets. There will be no warming hut access available due to the pandemic. It should be erected closer to Christmas, weather permitting. The Commission directed Ms. Bereckis and staff to investigate placing the ice skating rink on the tennis court for this winter.

The pool report is being built. Numbers look good so far. The final report should be available for next month's meeting.

Ms. Bereckis also reported on the parks maintenance report. During Park Clean Up Day, trees were planted, litter cleaned up, and beds mulched at KLM, and litter was cleaned up at Brook Park and Robbins Park. Staff is considering holding the event twice a year.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Park Bench Donation-Elmhurst Teachers' Council

Ms. Bereckis presented the donation request. This bench will replace an existing bench at Burlington Park near the fountain. The donation was made in honor of a former Village employee, Dan Schoenberg, who was a Village Engineer and Public Services Director for 26 years. All were in favor of this donation.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Next Meeting Date- November 10th, 2020

The next meeting will be held November 10th. There will be a heavier agenda. There will be no December meeting.

B. Park Surveys- Due November 20th, 2020

Completed park surveys will be due at the November 10th meeting.

C. Veeck Pedestrian Bridge Update

Ms. Bereckis presented the Commission with the final decisions regarding the pedestrian bridge.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the commission, Commissioner Boruff motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

ATTEST:

Maggie South, Administrative Assistant