

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Greg Moore

Others Present: None

Staff Present: Brad Bloom, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Safety
Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
Sammy Hanzel, Recreation and Marketing Communications Manager
Hilary Poshek, Lodge Manager
Maggie South, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes- November 10, 2020
Commissioner Boruff motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Keane 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 highlighted several programs of note.

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Recreation Staff Report – December 2020
Ms. Bereckis presented the report. Lodge rentals look robust for the coming year. These numbers could change as the COVID-19 situation remains in flux.

Some winter/spring programs were cancelled due to COVID-19 mitigation efforts, but staff is hoping to resume programming in mid-January. The summer brochure will be printed and delivered to Hinsdale residents, and will be posted online. Staff is also sending out a monthly newsletter on the first of every month. Events over the holiday season included the Hinsdale Turkey Trail, which was a very popular event, and sold out Socially Distant Pictures with Santa. Staff were able to accommodate some walk-ups for photos with Santa. Over 300 letters were sent to Santa and replied to. This free event will return next year. Staff also introduced a popular ornament-decorating contest, where the trees in Burlington park were decorated with ornaments submitted by residents. Upcoming events include the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Park Clean Up Day, and a spring pop-up event.

Fields are being booked for spring usage and space is filling up fast. Staff has started a new social media segment featuring Mr. Finnell called "Fridays With Finnell". The first episode was regarding the ice rink at Burns Field.

OLD BUSINESS

A. The Lodge Caterers- proposed changes to preferred vendor policy

Ms. Poshek presented the proposed changes to the Lodge catering policy based on the Commission's feedback. Staff is proposing that preferred caterers be charged a \$250 application and marketing fee annually and a flat \$250 fee per event. Drop-off food will be eliminated for larger events. Outside caterers will be charged a \$500 fee per event and will be required to submit an application and documentation. Based on 2018-2019 events, the Lodge could see \$15500 in caterer revenue using this proposed plan. The Commission was in favor of the proposed changes. A voice vote was called and all were in favor.

B. Park Survey Review

Ms. Bereckis presented the surveys. The surveys were overall more positive this year, due to Mr. Finnell's staff and the input from the Commission. The first issue was regarding trash receptacles and park benches. Trash receptacles will be replaced as they can be, but they are very expensive, but they will be replaced over the next 5 years. Picnic tables are also very expensive, and would need to be put into the Capital Improvement Plan. The second issue is playgrounds that do not meet the current standard. Playgrounds can last up to 25 years or longer. A member of Mr. Finnell's staff is being certified as a Certified Playground Safety Inspector to make sure all of the parks are up to standard. Playgrounds are scheduled to be replaced over the next several years. The next item is regarding sidewalks and parking lots in disrepair. Sidewalks, paths, and parking lots will be replaced as part of the Master Infrastructure Plan over the next few years. Other minor issues will be handled as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Pickleball Survey Results

Survey results were overall positive, with a few minor issues regarding scheduling and availability of courts.

B. Update on Tennis Summer 2021

C. Update on Pool Concessions Summer 2021

Mr. Distasio from Baldinelli's let the Village know that they will be selling the business, but they are committed to selling concessions at the pool this summer if they are able to.

D. Next Meeting Date- February 9, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner George motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Boruff seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.