

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioners John George and Steve Keane

Other Present: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes- January 12, 2021
Commissioner Boruff motioned to approve the draft minutes of the January meeting as presented. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion.
Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Boruff, Hester, and Moore
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioners George and Keane
Abstain: None

The motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Gateway Special Recreation Association Report
Ms. Bereckis presented the report. Participants are beginning to return to in person and virtual programming. Some participants are doing both. Gateway is using the facility at Burns for one on one programming and have wrapped up their platform tennis programming.

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Recreation Staff Report – February 2021
Ms. Bereckis presented the report. Currently numbers for the Lodge are trending slightly better than 2020 due to the D86 program. Events are being booked and staff is being cautious of spending. Most vendors were very excited and positive about the changes to the caterer program. Only one vendor has decided not to renew thus far.

The summer brochure will be printed and posted online in mid-April. The monthly newsletter is still being sent out.

The Valentine's Day pop-up was successful. Upcoming special events include the Great Hinsdale Egg-sploration and Socially Distant Pictures with the Easter Bunny. Ms. Bereckis provided details for the events. Both events have been sponsored so far, which helps the department cut costs, and both events are being held with the Community House. Bunny photos are currently sold out. Spring Park Clean Up Day will be held on Earth Day this year. Staff will be onsite and would like to be able to host the event at as many sites as possible. Staff is partnering with the library to host a Book Walk beginning in May. This event will take place in various Hinsdale parks. Most books will be geared at readers 10 and under. The Commission was in favor of the events presented.

The ice rink is done for the season. This year was a longer season than previous years. Ms. Bereckis would like to explore putting the rink on the tennis courts to enable staff to lock it up to prevent vandalism and make it faster to freeze.

Field reservations are booming. Some use is already taking place. Staff is looking to open bathrooms again in early April.

Ms. Hanzel and Mr. Powell have been working to interview pool staff. The pool will be opening Memorial Day Weekend as scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Pool Lap Lane Fees

Ms. Bereckis presented the proposed changes. Pool fees have not been changed since 2014. Staff compared rates to those of surrounding pools and found that fees are very low. Staff is proposing a slight increase in fees. The Commission discussed the proposed fee increase. No one was opposed to raising the fees.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Pool Membership/Fee Update

Ms. Bereckis brought the Commission up to speed on the status of the pool. Memberships will be sold this year. Ms. Hanzel has put together a flow chart for residents to decide what type of membership they should purchase. All memberships, a ten visit pass, and the daily rate are available. Memberships will go on sale on May 1. Ms. South and Ms. Hanzel have been working to set up an online reservation system through RecTrac for the pool. Visitors will be able to book up to a week in advance and can book one-time slot per day for open and lap swim. The Commission discussed the reservation process. Ms. Bereckis also provided an update on programming for this summer.

B. Pickleball Signage

Ms. Bereckis presented the pickleball signage included in the packet. The first piece is a Pickleball 101 piece and the second is a schedule and rules for the courts. The Commission provided its feedback. Staff will rework the schedule and bring it back to the Commission.

C. Next Meeting Date- April 13, 2021

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13 via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Moore motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Boruff, Hester, and Moore

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Keane and George

Abstain: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

ATTEST:

Maggie South, Administrative Assistant