

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Other Present: None

Staff Present Electronically: 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- March 9, 2021

Commissioner Moore motioned to approve the draft minutes of the March meeting as presented. Commissioner Boruff seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Boruff, George, Hester, Keane, and Moore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. A program brochure was included along with budget materials for the Commission to review. Hinsdale will be hosting Gateway summer camp this year at the Burns Field building. Ms. Bereckis presented the budget information and explained the ways in which Hinsdale contributes to Gateway financially. She also clarified the way in which Gateway determines contract fees,

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Recreation Staff Report – February 2021

Ms. Bereckis presented the report, beginning with the Lodge. Staff is cautiously optimistic. The school has picked up an extra day each week and is looking at some time in June, July, and August. COVID-19 numbers are on the rise, which could impact rentals. Ms. Bereckis reviewed the D86 Transitional Program that is currently renting the Lodge space. Staff is advertising for an event management intern this summer. Ms. Bereckis reviewed the current staff and staffing challenges at the Lodge.

The summer brochure was delivered and posted online on April 12. Ms. Bereckis called the Commission's attention to the new nature classes with John Finnell. Staff has created tree tags for trees at KLM that can be scanned to bring up the Morton Arboretum page on the specific tree. Mr. Finnell will be holding nature classes based on guided tree tours. Staff will also be starting a community gardening program utilizing the beds behind the Wellness House. There is a fee and the participants are allowed to keep whatever they grow. The newsletter continues to go out every month.

Ms. Bereckis shared the announcement provided to the community regarding summer pool reservations. Memberships will be sold this season. Reservations can be made online seven days in advance for members or three days in advance for non-members. Additional spaces and times have been added to accommodate visitors. Deck chairs will be back this season, as will locker rooms and concessions. Masks and health monitoring will still be required. Super Passes will not be available this year.

Egg-sploration was very successful. 12 big raffle prizes were awarded, and everyone who completed a passport received a prize. Socially Distant Photos with the Easter Bunny at the Lodge was also successful. Book Walk will begin at Burns in May, and Earth Day Park Clean-Up has 51 people plus a group from The Lane School enrolled. Burns, KLM, and Robbins will be the main parks for Park Clean-Up Day.

Field rental requests are still coming in. Robbins and Veeck are both at capacity, but there is some space at KLM for lacrosse. Park bathrooms are now open. Ms. Bereckis provided an update on the construction of the Paddle Hut.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bench Donation – Berry

Ms. Bereckis presented a request. There are two benches at KLM that have been updated but are not yet dedicated. Commissioner George motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Boruff, George, Hester, Keane, and Moore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Veeck Fenced Pad – Possible Uses

Ms. Bereckis presented the options for possible uses of the pad where the skate park used to sit. The skate park is still part of the five year plan, and staff are researching a matching grant to help fund it; however, it will not go back at the former location due to graffiti and vandalism concerns. There is potential that the pad could be damaged during the pedestrian bridge construction. Staff proposed a picnic pavilion or more pickleball courts. The pavilion would be

better suited in another location in the park. The space could fit about four pickleball courts, and they would not disturb neighbors. The Commission provided feedback on the different ideas.

B. Next Meeting Date – May 11, 2021

The next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting will be held via Zoom on May 11, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Boruff motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Boruff, George, Hester, Keane, and Moore

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

ATTEST:

Maggie South, Administrative Assistant

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