

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Waverley called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Alice Waverley, Commissioners Chris Boruff, Steve Keane, and Greg Moore

Absent: Commissioners Darren Baker, John George, and Heather Hester

Others Present: None

Staff Present: 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- April 13, 2021

Commissioner Keane made a motion to accept the draft minutes as presented. Commissioner Boruff seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Boruff, Keane, and Moore

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Baker, George, and Hester

The motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. A 0% budget increase was approved. Numbers have been increasing to pre-COVID amounts. Gateway is using the Burns building for their camp this summer. Hinsdale is the only location that has a pool available for the summer. Gateway is still using Veeck for softball, and the state SRA softball tournament was also hosted at Veeck.

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Recreation Staff Report – June 2021

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. The Lodge is doing well, and is even booking weekday events including today's Eid celebration. Staff are also seeing an increase in bookings for memorial services. Staff will be partnering with the Hinsdale Historical Society to rent the Zook Studio next to the Lodge as part of a rental package. Part of these rental fees will help to subsidize the continued renovations to the Zook House. The Studio can accommodate up to 30 people and would be suitable for rehearsal dinners, cocktail hours, or showers. The school is no longer renting the Lodge but they may return.

Book Walk has been a successful event at Burns and KLM. Lunch on the Lawn has also been successful this summer as have the Unplug and Play events. Upcoming events include the Christmas in July movie with Santa and Mrs. Claus and the Book Walk at Robbins Park. The Independence Day Parade was very successful and was live-streamed for the community. The community has been very complimentary and the parade was very well-attended. Dog Days of Summer will be returning this summer.

Most of fall field space has been booked. Two Eagle Scouts are working on projects in the parks, one of which is the Nature Playground at KLM. The other is sprucing up Eleanor's Park in August.

The pool is doing very well and is exceeding where it was in 2019. Restrictions and uncertainty at other pools have brought many new members and an increase in rental revenue.

Ms. Bereckis presented Mr. Finnell's report to the Commission. He has added a category to his report to itemize various tasks he is called to deal with throughout the day, particularly due to increased vandalism in the parks.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Irma Butler Tot Lot-Equipment Replacement Review

Ms. Bereckis presented an older photo of the Tot Lot as well as a rendering of the proposed playground replacement equipment. All proposed equipment is ADA compliant and is similar to what is already existing. The layout will be the same with either a turf or poured in place surface. A turf surface is more easily replaced, but a poured in place surface is longer-lasting. Both are low maintenance. Staff will also replace the existing picnic shelter. Staff are seeking feedback for the colors of this playground and recommend keeping the colors consistent as playgrounds are replaced. A shared and consistent color palette will make the parks more cohesive and make replacing parts across playgrounds easier. The Commission provided their feedback.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. HPTA-Hut Update

Ms. Bereckis provided an update on the construction at the Paddle Hut. The outside framing of the building has been completed and all of the rough components inside will be inspected soon. Construction is proceeding on track.

B. Next Meeting Date- September 14, 2021, 7pm

The next meeting will be held at Memorial Hall on September 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Boruff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm. Commissioner Keane seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Boruff, Keane, and Moore

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Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Baker, George, and Hester.

The motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

ATTEST:

Maggie South, Administrative Assistant