

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
MINUTES  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Monday, June 21 at 6:30 PM  
MEMORIAL HALL BOARD ROOM**

Chairman Curran called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 6:40 p.m. at the Memorial Hall.

**Members Present:** Chairman Jeff Curran, Commissioners Banke, Dougherty, Griffin, Mulligan, Opler, and Otto (arrived at 6:45)

**Members Absent:** Commissioners Deppe and McCarthy

**Also Present:** Don Grigas, Liberty Suburban Newspaper and Amy Deis, The Doings Newspaper

**Staff Present:** Gina Hassett, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Linda Copp, Secretary

Commissioner Banke moved approval of the May 17, 2010 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mulligan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Reports**

May 2010 Revenue/Expense Report

Ms. Hassett stated that many May expenses have not been posted. June will be a better report of the expenses. Commissioner Opler asked if the budget has been formally approved. Ms. Hassett stated that it is except there may some concern about the funds provided through the state. If the Duncan field funds are not used, they will be used for three KLM projects.

The capital improvement amount budgeted is \$290,000, of which \$200,000 is for Duncan Field. Chairman Curran asked about the paving at KLM. Ms. Hassett stated that is going to bid in August. It will only be the roads, not the parking lots. Chairman Curran asked if the road would be widened. That is not part of the bid and that is beyond the scope of what is capable at this time.

Recreation Program Report

Ms. Hassett stated there was an ad run in the Hinsdalean about pool memberships. Men's softball is being played at the high school.

Commission Mulligan stated that the tennis courts are slick on the south side. Gina will see if it can be power washed. She also stated that the courts at Brook have a lot of dirt.

**VeeckPark**

Veeck Park service road is drivable. The fields were scheduled to be sodded on Friday, but it did not get done. The construction company has asked to be able to not have to follow the watering limitations once the sod is laid. The Village is responsible for reseeding the soccer field. More and more rocks have been removed and there is discrepancy of what is allowed. It will cost the Village about \$4,000 for the irrigation system and the reseeding. Ms. Hassett is

concerned about the grading of the burms on the north end of the lot for the growing of the grass. Good dirt may need to be brought in for the grass to grow.

The foul poles are not in the correct location. The right field is off by about two feet and will need to be fixed.

Commissioner Banke asked about the dirt on the north end of the park. It will be graded into the hillside. Ms. Hassett stated that it may be higher. There are also concerns about the drain tiles. Commissioner Banke asked about using the clay to recrown the ball field. Ms. Hassett stated that the quality of the dirt is not good enough to even raise the fields.

By the end of the summer, it will be revisited. Commissioner Otto stated that the fall actually is a better time for the fields to be used because of the rains that could come at that time.

### **Park & Recreation Commission Follow Up Items**

Ms. Hassett stated the heavy rains washed out the area by the Burr Ridge residents again by the paddle courts. Burr Ridge is going to help with expenses. Chairman Curran asked about the storm and if there were a lot of trees down from the storm. KLM lost a lot of tree branches and the water plant and public works had both lost power.

Some areas are still out of power and the stockpiling will be done at KLM. It will take about two weeks to clean everything up. Commissioner Griffin asked if we pay to have the mulch removed. The Village does have to pay for the removal and it is not high quality mulch. There may be a press release to say that there is free mulch at KLM. Some will be saved for the fireplaces at Burns Field.

Camps have started and some painting was done at the Annex.

### July 5<sup>th</sup> Parade Update

Alice's Angels will walk in the parade in Alice Mansell's honor. Salt creek ballet has purchased items for them to pass out. We are down on marching bands. Many groups do multiple parades and some of that is because of being on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have 3 musical groups in the parade. The deadline was Friday and the lineup will be worked on mid-week. There will be confusion because of being on Washington and also the rear streets will be exiting first.

It is easier to empty from the rear in order to avoid the gaps and for the parade marshalls on the corners. Commissioner Mulligan suggested an alternate route for the ambulances and police when there is an emergency. The streets have been assigned but a few more volunteers are needed.

Ms. Hassett explained that the most help is needed on Grant Street at First to keep the parade entries moving.

Burlington Park will again have the craft show and all tables have been sold. There will be the turtle races and inflatables. The West Suburban Concert Band will be performing. Ms. Hassett stated that the donations are still coming in. There are a few new businesses that are going to be participating. The donations help offset the cost of the parade.

### **Pool**

The memberships are down but are still coming in. Staff is the biggest expense. Ms. Hassett stated that over the weekend, there was the first private party. There have been some complaints from residents about the music. Residents have also said that they love the music. Chairman Curran asked about upgrading the system and if there could be a more focused area. The speakers could be lowered in a newer system and there is competition with the noise from the kids.

Starguard Aquatics will be coming to do their secret review. Staff will be questioned and video taped with the rating.

### **Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association Request**

Ms. Hassett stated that the Board did not meet last week because there was not a quorum. The meeting will be the 28<sup>th</sup>. The HPTA will be on the agenda ACA did vote to continue the dialogue with Burr Ridge and approved the dollar amount for lifetime memberships. Village Manager Dave Cook has had discussion with Burr Ridge Administration and President Cauley will be available after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Banke asked if the lifetime memberships have to be renewed every year as well. This year there will be a new permanent number assigned to each paddle member.

Ms. Hassett stated that Charlie Usher brought in the plans from the courts from 2004. MWRD has been contacted to see what will be necessary and hopefully it can be treated as a stand alone project. ACA will refer it to the Planning Commission.

### **Design Perspectives KLM/OSLAD Submission**

Ms. Hassett explained that Concept A was presented at ACA. The Board asked for two additional plans. Concept B removed the fitness stations and the walking path and Frisbee disc golf. Chairman Curran asked Ms. Hassett to prepare a spreadsheet with the items being included and excluded. Concept C removed the disc golf, fitness stations and the walking path and includes the field grading and the platform tennis courts.

HPTA has requested to not be included in the Grant submission. Concept B will probably be the one submitted for the grant. A new Southern shelter, repairs to the northern shelter, field regrading and the nature playground would be included. Not included would be the walking path, Frisbee disc golf and the fitness centers. Commissioner Dougherty asked why the fitness centers were eliminated. Ms. Hassett stated that the board didn't want that option. Ms. Hassett asked if the scaled back version would hurt us in getting the grant. Chairman Curran asked Ms. Hassett to get an estimate on the costs of the pavers in place of asphalt. Chairman Curran asked about being ADA approved.

Commissioner Otto asked where the money comes from to maintain the new items. Ms. Hassett stated that the maintenance costs would come from our regular operating budget. Field grading shouldn't be more maintenance but the picnic shelters would require some. Chairman Curran stated that an increase in rates would cover some of those costs.

Commissioner Banke asked if the costs were estimates or actual costs. Ms. Hassett stated that the prices are the design firm company projection. Every component will go out to bid. We are not on the hook for the design except for the south shelter which is Lyons Township dollars. Ms. Hassett stated that OSLAD will use the numbers that we give them. Chairman Curran asked

about the 3 options and that the 3<sup>rd</sup> option would not be going forward and wondered if there could be Frisbee golf added. Ms. Hassett will suggest it to ACA but there is not time to get a new concept before Monday.

Chairman Curran stated that the Frisbee golf has been on the master plan for the last ten years. Commissioner Dougherty said it is shortsighted to not provide an opportunity for the Frisbee golf age category. This could be added in a small amount of space. Ms. Hassett stated that the deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup> and we need to take this opportunity to get these improvements made and disk golf would be a nice addition and not diminish the look of the park.

Commissioner Mulligan stated that it is a great opportunity for this park and that there has been great input. Chairman Curran asked if Ms. Hassett has checked with the arborist of adding trees as part of the grant. Ms. Hassett will ask John Finnell about partnerships with Morton Arboretum.

### Duncan Field Progress/Status

Ms. Hassett stated that staff has met with Commissioner Gorman and have scaled back the plans. The Friends of the Forest still don't like the proposal so more updates still need to be done. Staff will continue to look for the long term use agreement.

Commissioner Banke asked if there is any feedback from the Friends of the Forest. The Friends would like nothing to be done. They would like it to be used with no improvements. The price tag to improve the ball field and install a foot path would still cost \$450,000. This would include new benches, dugouts and a backstop.

### **New Business**

#### Skate Park

Public Works has brought up issues with vandalism and graffiti at the skate park. There has been dialogue regarding if the skate park is in the wrong location. It will be monitored for the next year. It has been questioned if there still is a need for the skate park. Ms. Hassett states that there is definitely still a need for the skate park even though it does bring some challenges to the Village.

Commissioner Mulligan stated that the users could help with monitoring it and cleaning it. If the users are involved in cleaning it, they might be more involved in Commissioner Otto stated that the young people need to be involved. He asked how much normal damage was. Ms. Hassett stated that some of it was normal damage but the tagging is part of the sport.

Ms. Hassett stated the pool was also tagged. She suggested that there could be kids that become a "friends of the skate park" to help. Once the ball field is back in use, there will be more activity in the park and some of the bad behavior will maybe end.

Commissioner Banke also asked if the motion detector lights could be installed and they could be isolated to the skate park area. This could deter some of the destructive behavior. Commissioner Mulligan mentioned that there could also be lessons done at the park.

### Participation Report

Ms. Hassett summarized the report. It is difficult because some programs are different and may or may not be offered this year. Chairman Curran asked if there is a way to summarize year to year and trends. Ms. Hassett stated that our software does not have that capability.

Commissioner Banke asked if we pay attention to the school enrollment and pay attention to the age groups targeted. Ms. Hassett stated that the issue is that there may be too many camp choices. Our goal is to always have an offering for all ages. We fall short on the adult programs.

Staffs goal is to work with The Community House and HCA to work together and not repeat programs. Chairman Curran stated that the enrollment numbers are always helpful. Ms. Hassett stated that trends have a lot to do with filling the programs.

Commissioner Dougherty asked about the duplicate numbers on boy's lacrosse. Ms. Hassett stated that there were two sessions. The company we use now is a new company from last year. Commissioner Dougherty also asked about the private lessons numbers. Ms. Hassett stated that the season has just started and the summer registrations were not done by lottery this year so they were not purchased early as in previous years. They will continue to be sold.

### **Correspondence**

None

### Gateway SRA

Ms. Hassett presented the participation numbers. There will be a 5.5% agency increase. The Village might be about \$2,000 short in the payment. We will provide an aide if a child needs one.

### New Business

Next meeting will be July 19. There will be a tour of the pool at 6:00 and a 6:45 pm meeting at the Village Board Room. Commissioner Banke suggested a tour at Burns to look at the warming house and courts. If no meeting is needed in August, there will not be another meeting until September.

### **Adjournment**

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Dougherty moved to adjourn. Commissioner Banke seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Copp