

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 7:30 PM
Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge**

Chairman Curran called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 7:22 p.m. at the Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge.

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Curran, Commissioners Scott Banke, Marybeth Dougherty, Kathleen Mulligan, Ed Opler, & Bill Otto

Members Absent: Commissioners John Deppe, Diane Griffin and Ed McCarthy

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

Commissioner Otto moved approval of the April 18, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mulligan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports

April 2011 Revenue/Expense Reports

Ms. Hassett explained that there are still some outstanding expenses for some programs, KLM repairs and the pool.

Ms. Hassett explained that the pool sales are lower than last year, but sales started later. She explained that it is a struggle to keep the bathrooms clean and it takes public services all day just to stock the bathrooms. It would cost \$7000 to hire a company to do that. Some of the summer staff is not old enough to drive village vehicles so that limits what they can do. Ms. Hassett explained that there are only three full time people dedicated to parks. The seasonal staff works from May through August. The average summer worker makes \$3500. The Commission thought it would be a good investment to hire a company to clean and stock the bathrooms.

Recreation Program Report

Ms. Hassett shared the insert for the newspaper on Thursday. Chairman Curran asked what the cost was to print them. Ms. Hassett stated that the total cost was for approximately 20,000 of the inserts.

Ms. Hassett stated that there is no news on the OSLAD Grant and that the KLM south shelter has gone out to bid. The contractor hopes to be approved at the June meeting. Chairman Curran asked about the funding plan if there is no state grant. Ms. Hassett stated that the Lyons Township funds would cover the south shelter renovation but no other improvements.

Ms. Hassett has made a phone call to Lyons Township about additional funding availability. Chairman Curran asked if we know how next year will be handled if no funding is given out. Ms. Hassett stated that the Village would need to reapply.

MWRD is moving forward and hopefully by June we should have the permit. Ms. Hassett stated that there is approximately \$103,000 in platform tennis donations. Chairman Curran asked about the Zook House extension with MWRD. Ms. Hassett stated that the extension has been declined by MWRD and the Historical Society will be requesting a refund. The refund will come back to the Village since the Village is the one who requested the permit. The Historical Society will need to reapply when they are ready for the project to continue.

Ms. Hassett commented that the July 4th contracts have gone out and she is looking for vendors for serving concessions at the fair. Commissioner Dougherty suggested asking Taste of Home. Ms. Hassett stated that Rotary will be doing the turtle races once again and that there will no longer be any judging of the entrants.

Ms. Hassett stated that she and Village Manager Dave Cook will be meeting with Hinsdale Little League regarding field usage and a concession stand agreement.

Ms. Hassett stated that there has been great participation in the T-ball league that was offered for the first time. The final two games will be held at Robbins. She also stated that the Egg Hunt and Teen Flashlight egg hunt were both very successful. The fireplace at KLM will be cleaned and the kitchen cabinets will be painted. Commissioner Banke mentioned that someone at the firehouse might know someone that cleans fireplaces.

Ms. Hassett explained that pool sales are going well and she has communicated with lap swimmers. There is frustration from non-HSC lap swimmers that like to swim in the morning. The HSC contract will be reviewed. After town team leaves, there are two lanes available for the lap swimmers. Evening lanes are 25 meters. If attendance is low, the lanes could be changed to 50 meter lanes.

Ms. Hassett has explained to the lap swimmers that the staff goal is to serve the whole community and cannot guarantee that the swim lanes will be available in the evening. There is another year left on the HSC contract. Commissioner Mulligan stated that 25 meters can be just as good for the lap swimmers. Ms. Hassett explained how long it takes to put in the lane lines.

Ms. Hassett explained about the EPA reports. She stated that every time the pool is backwashed it has not been correct in the record keeping. Most of the water will be going to the sanitary sewer and then the pool should be able to not have the permit with the EPA. Ms. Hassett does not believe that the village will be fined.

Ms. Hassett explained that Capital projects are being sat on to wait to see what the state will be doing with the budget. Chairman Curran asked for capital projects to be on the June agenda. Ms. Hassett explained what the delayed projects could be. Commissioner

Mulligan commented about the sap at the tennis courts at Burns. Ms. Hassett state that the tennis courts need a full power washing at Burns and Brook also needs crack filling.

Commissioner Mulligan stated that the high school washed the courts in order to play on them. Ms. Hassett believes that the tennis courts cannot wait any longer for repairs.

Park & Recreation Commission Follow Up Items

Spring Field Use

Ms. Hassett stated that the weather has been uncooperative for spring usage and she does not want to have lacrosse at Veeck anymore. Lights have been left on and doors propped open. Commissioner Otto explained how more of the soccer fields are being taken over by the lacrosse players. Ms. Hassett stated that the clubs using the field need to communicate with each other.

Chairman Curran asked Ms. Hassett to follow up with Western Springs lacrosse especially with the bad language issue. Falcon Football has requested to replace the scoreboard at Brook Park. By the new code, it does not have to go through site review by the Plan Commission. Chairman Curran stated that there could be a challenge to find electric at Brook.

Commissioner Banke stated that Hinsdale Little League is not sponsoring a Jr. League but there is a Red Dog league in place. He would like Ms. Hassett to follow up to be sure that they are part of Little League. Commissioner Banke mentioned that Brook has no indication that it is being used and can this program be justified if they are not paying for it at Veeck. Commissioner Opler stated it is a fair question to ask Hinsdale Little League.

Commissioner Otto asked if staff is willing to have the teams suffer the consequences for misuse. Ms. Hassett has a meeting with Hinsdale Little League next Monday. She has asked Dave Cook to support her in the decisions. Little League has not shown up for the meetings that have been requested.

Ms. Hassett explained that she wants documentation for the requests. Commissioner Mulligan stated that the fields are an asset and we need to be compensated for their use. Ms. Hassett that Little League has paid Molitor to move the bases without asking what needs to be done. Commissioner Banke stated that the Village can no longer afford to have a casual relationship with Hinsdale Little League. The Commissioners agreed that the fields are ours and we need to know what is going on the fields. If a contractor gets hurt, it can still be a liability.

Gateway Update

Ms. Hassett met with the School District and the meeting was very enlightening. The School District supervisor was not familiar with Gateway and mentioned that 1700 families have crisis that could be serviced by Gateway. Final end of meeting is tomorrow and Ms. Hassett will attend a parent liaison meeting. The School District has pulled out of LADSE but has surplus for a liaison. She believes that Gateway numbers will grow.

Chairman Curran mentioned that the School District should have a link on their website to Gateway. Ms. Hassett has explained how an SRA is funded to the school district. Commissioner Otto asked what family in crisis meant. Ms. Hassett doesn't know what they mean by that but it was a good meeting.

Veeck Park Update

Ms. Hassett stated that the cost is still being worked on for removal of the dirt. The timeline is still hopefully June.

Commissioner Otto stated that a Clarendon Hills resident mentioned that it could be partnered with Clarendon Hills for an area that needs some fill. Chairman Curran asked about the timing. Ms. Hassett stated the numbers keep changing as to how much dirt is out there and that the money earmarked for the foot path at Veeck could be used for the cost of the removal.

Commissioner Dougherty asked if the Village attorney has been asked about who is at fault. Ms. Hassett didn't know.

New Business

Senior Pool Pass Age

Ms. Hassett explained about the request for changing the age for senior passes. Commissioner Otto asked about scholarship programs for families with financial difficulties. Ms. Hassett stated that Dave Cook has mentioned that we need to adopt a scholarship program. Ms. Hassett will find examples for the Commission. Chairman Curran mentioned that we should include other programs. Ms. Hassett stated that most park districts exclude any contracted programs because we have to pay someone else for the programs.

Commissioner Otto stated that senior rates should stay what it is because most parents are older that still have kids in school. The Commission stated that they are thankful for the input but will keep the age the same.

2011-12 Platform Tennis Membership rates

Commissioner Mulligan stated that there has been approximately \$100,000 collected and quotes are being arranged. Wingren Landscape is doing the landscaping for the two new courts and she wanted to know if the dirt had to be removed. Ms. Hassett stated that all the dirt has to be removed. The specs will need to be changed for all the dirt to be hauled away.

Ms. Hassett stated that Glen Ellyn has stopped construction because there was not enough money raised. She believes that the total cost will be around \$175,000. Ms. Hassett stated that she has been left out of the discussions and Dave Cook has stated that the amount will need to be in hand before construction will start. There are bids already submitted for the cost of the courts.

Commissioner Mulligan stated that it took a couple of months to collect the money. She also stated that the rates should stay the same even though there will lost revenue for 2012 year. HPTA believes that there will be more growth with two new courts.

Sponsorship/Co-operative partnering

Commissioner Opler asked if there could be a sub-committee for bringing information to the Commission. He stated that there are passionate people in the community that want to improve things in the community. Commissioner Banke stated that the village would need to go along with the plan and the sponsorships would need to be 100% funding with no matching village funds.

Chairman Curran stated that ACA will need support from the Commission and Ms. Hassett will need to find out if anything is against the public meetings act. Commissioner Opler will work on a model for the Commission for the process.

Commissioner Mulligan stated that the capital funds raised from the 5 K run needs to go to something tangible that the funds will be designated for. Commissioner Opler asked how to proceed. A few Commissioners will meet and present something at the next meeting. Only two can talk to each other in order for it to not violate an open meeting act. Commissioner Banke stated that a blueprint can be given for the plan for the improvement.

Ms. Hassett stated that Hinsdale is a hard community to advocate for free money because the demographics are what they are.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Mulligan moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dougherty seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Secretary