

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, May 21, 2012 @ 6:30 PM
Memorial Hall Old Board Room**

Chairman Kluchenek called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Old board room.

Members Present: Chairman Kluchenek, Commissioners Banke, Griffin, George, Mulligan, Dougherty, McCarthy, Owens and Otto (arrived at 7:20 pm)

Others Present: Trustee Chris Elder; residents Molly Bowater and Jacquie Fowler representing Hornets Swim Club

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

Chairman Kluchenek welcomed new Commissioner John George to the Commission.

Commissioner Banke moved approval of the March 19, 2012 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner McCarthy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Liason Reports

Ms. Hassett explained the report. She stated that the Commissioners need to take the Open Meeting Act training on-line.

Ms. Hassett stated that ACA had no action items. The Gateway budget was approved for the next fiscal year beginning July 1st. Trustee Geoga asked Gateway board about the increase in the budget. It increased 2.5% and he wants their fiscal year to coincide with the Village's fiscal year.

Chairman Kluchenek asked where Trustee Geoga stands on the withdrawal issue. Trustee Geoga will speak with the other Trustees independently. Mr. Hassett explained the items that have been done for the Gateway budget and the issues that Trustee Geoga has with Gateway.

Ms. Hassett stated what the contribution would be from Hinsdale for the next fiscal year. She explained what a great resource it is for the community. Commissioner Mulligan suggested that the Commission contact the Trustees regarding how important this organization is.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion to put Gateway on the agenda for next month. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hassett will let Trustee Geoga and Dave Cook regarding the motion.

Ms. Hassett explained how the school district has been involved recently. Commissioner Banke suggested having a participant in attendance at the meeting. Chairman Kluchenek thought that would not be appropriate at this initial meeting.

Monthly Reports

Ms. Hassett explained the reports. The finance reports are not final for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. Ms. Hassett explained the report to Commissioner George. Ms. Hassett explained that the one area of concern is the lodge because the revenue is down. Chairman Kluchenek explained the KLM sub-committee. Ms. Hassett explained what this sub-committee will be doing and how they will be reviewing the operations. The new lodge manager and two members of the Commission sat down and explored potential options for the lodge. Legal is reviewing the deed and different options will be investigated. Some upgrades may be necessary in order to make it useful for business use.

Chairman Kluchenek asked what the risk management item is. Ms. Hassett explained what this number was.

Ms. Hassett explained the activity report and the race event. The village proceeds will be approximately \$10,000. The weather was cool and the race was tied to earth day. There were 330 registered and around 220 that actually raced. Commissioner Mulligan commented that it was well run but was disappointed that it was mostly RML participants. Commissioner Mulligan felt that part of it was that there was not a tangible item that the money was going for. Ms. Hassett reported to ACA that the disc golf could use the proceeds since that came in over budget. Ms. Hassett commented on forming a Parks Foundation with the funds.

Ms. Hassett stated that the pool will open Saturday and the pool fence should be done tomorrow. Chairman Kluchenek asked about how sales are going. Ms. Hassett stated that she is looking for volunteers for staging for the parade. New things for this year will be a t-shirt for purchase on-site to be part of the craft fair. There will also be entries for community children that want to walk in the parade. They will have to pre-register and walk with an adult. The June and July water bills will have the buck slip for the donations.

Ms. Hassett explained the work at Veeck and the sod has been laid and looks great. It should be done in about a week. The fields will be off line until next spring.

Ms. Hassett stated that Disc golf went out to bid. The Bid was \$8500 and the concrete alone was more than budget. Ms. Hassett has encouraged the enthusiasts and eagle scouts to work with installing the disc golf without the t-pads. Chairman Kluchenek asked about getting sponsors for the baskets. Commissioner Mulligan had concerns about using sponsors and Ms. Hassett expressed the challenges there could be for getting sponsors.

Ms. Hassett stated that if volunteers are used, there would not be a concrete pad and that would allow for movement of the baskets. The players really want an 18 hole course. Commissioner Owens asked what the procedure is when a group requests services in the parks. Ms. Hassett stated that it depends on what it is and explained how the disc golf came about. Staff will always look at the big picture to see if the need and space is there.

Chairman Kluchenek asked the cost benefit analysis even though it is grant funded. He stated that he has had questions from residents about why a disc golf course would be installed when streets are falling about. Commissioner McCarthy stated that the number one reason for considering an activity is what the benefit to the residents is.

Commissioner Dougherty stated that this activity is good for the middle school and high school age kids. This could help with generating more people into the sport. Ms. Hassett stated that she believes we will know if the course is getting use because of the wear on the ground.

Ms. Hassett explained that Burns Field is heavily used and a few pieces of playground equipment have been replaced.

Ms. Hassett stated that the skatepark opened later than usual and is uncertain how the equipment will hold up. The village spent \$6000 of material plus time and labor on the park. Ms. Hassett commented that some of the equipment will hold up but if it doesn't the questions will be if it should be taken out and removed. The park will no longer be locked at night. Commissioner McCarthy suggested that motion lights be installed. Ms. Hassett stated that if there were lights, kids would probably still skate.

Commissioner Banke reported that the skate group is happy with the new configuration with the benches and believes that the usage has increased. They are also very happy that it is no longer locked.

Commissioner McCarthy suggested getting sponsors for the park. Commissioner Banka's son wants to host events in the summer to raise funds for repairs. Ms. Hassett stated that the capital plan has some funds for new pieces and that the trend is a skate spot so that could be an alternative.

Commissioner McCarthy commented on the dog issue at KLM. Ms. Hassett stated that the lacrosse player's play until dusk and the dog owners let there dogs run all over the place during the dog hours. Ms. Hassett is working with the police department about the issue. They have been asked to step up their patrol. Commissioner Dougherty stated that the dog owners are not following the rules if they don't have control of their dog and they should not be allowed off leash when there are sporting events in the park.

Commissioner Kluchenek asked how the rules can be enforced. Ms. Hassett stated that the option is to end lacrosse at 7:00 pm or start the dog hours later. The police will be out there this week to try to monitor the situation. She explained a situation that happened at Robbins with soccer and some cricket players. Commissioner Kluchenek commented that the police should have the right to remove someone from the park for reckless behavior.

Ms. Hassett explained the new pool fence and the new visibility. She explained that the pass sales are going very well and the 10 visit pass has been popular.

Park & Recreation Commission Follow Up Items Group on Offer

Ms. Hassett stated that Trustee Geoga talked to Darryl Langlois about the option and couldn't satisfy the Trustees so the issue will not move forward. Staff thought it would be a good marketing tool so they are very disappointed that the offer didn't go forward.

The Trustees didn't like the idea of when it would be good for. The deal needs to be good for 90 days. They wanted to sell it in July and be a lesser value than 10 visits. A compromise could not be reached with the Trustees. Commissioner Kluchenek thought there would pros and cons and thanked Ms. Hassett for the effort.

Hinsdale Swim Club Agreement

Ms. Hassett commented on the meeting with Jim Audit and one of the swim club members. Staff worked on the cost to use the pool and the actual cost is \$12,000 and they only pay \$3500. Trustee Geoga and Darryl Langlois felt that HSC should go to \$8000 for year one and phase into the \$12,000 in 3 years.

Ms. Hassett stated that the Hornets Swim Club wants some of the swim time if it is available. She explained that it was brought to her attention that HSC is subletting their pool time and the revenue would go to HSC. Commissioner Owens asks how we can determine if they are subletting the time. Commissioner Owens commented on the liability of this issue. Ms. Hassett will have a conversation with HSC regarding this issue.

New Business

Jacquie Fowler and Molly Bowater from the Hornets Swim Club, Hinsdale residents, talked regarding other swim clubs besides Hinsdale Swim Club. They want to know if there is an opportunity to serve a broader opportunity for other swim clubs. They believe that it could be used more efficiently for other swimmers. Commissioner Owens stated that 50% of the other clubs are Hinsdale residents. Ms. Hassett stated that there are two other clubs with a large proportion of Hinsdale residents that are requesting pool time.

Ms. Bowater explained that their goal is to want to utilize whatever time can be used and have about 10 swimmers per lane. They are willing to pay \$7000 for 2 hours of swim time. They want this before HSC signs a new contract. Ms. Hassett commented on the master swimmers that are part of HSC and there are 30 of them. They should be considered lap swimmers and pay for a membership.

Ms. Hassett commented that green space is based on residency with Little League. The pool has been opened to other groups and the question is what cost do we do for our own programs. HSC wants an agreement and Ms. Hassett recommends a one year agreement to see what it looks like.

Commissioner Otto asked about giving everyone two lanes and how much yelling goes back and forth. Ms. Fowler and Ms. Bowater feel the coaches yell from the end of the lane and they will be sharing the space with Westmont in the evening this summer so that will be a good test. HSC bylaws are not tied to having Hinsdale swimmers. Commissioner McCarthy suggests that we don't enter into a long term agreement so we are not locked into it.

Commissioner Banke stated that by subletting space HSC is showing that they have time available. Ms. Hassett stated that the agreement does not have to go to ACA in June, but HSC would like it for their operations to go then. The Agreement doesn't end until 2013.

Commissioner Kluchenek asked Ms. Hassett to have all the teams show up to try to allocate the time between the teams for available space. Commissioner Otto asked if HSC is a travelling or recreational club. Ms. Hassett stated that participants have to be in the Central high school district to be on that team. She stated that they are a competitive travelling team.

Commissioner Kluchenek suggested putting it on the agenda for June. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion to put this on agenda for June. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Commission recommends that the HSC agreement not be brought forward to ACA at this time. Ms. Hassett will send an invitation to the three groups using the pool currently. First priority is given to the residency numbers.

July 4th Parade

Ms. Hassett commented on the July 4th parade. We will still be outsourcing the craft fair this year and will run it in house for next year. Commissioner Banke mentioned that high school students are always looking for volunteer services. Commissioner McCarthy stated that we could charge schools to be in the parade and then split the pot for the winner. Ms. Hassett stated that it would be hard to get someone to manage that in July.

Five Year Capital Plan

Ms. Hassett commented on the five year capital plan. There isn't anything new, mostly maintenance. There are two items that have to be done, like park signs and upgrades to the bathrooms. The big thing at the pool is the parking lot and that has depreciated because of snow being brought there.

Commissioner Mulligan commented on the road at KLM going back to the paddle courts and that it should be included because of extended use. Ms. Hassett stated that HCA has requested use of the school district building and would also like to use the annex for their summer programs. Ms. Hassett explained what use they wanted it for.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner McCarthy moved to adjourn. Commissioner Otto seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Secretary