

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
MINUTES  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Monday, July 23, 2012 @ 6:30 PM  
Memorial Hall Board Room**

Chairman Kluchenek called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall board room.

**Members Present:** Chairman Kluchenek, Commissioners, Banke, George, Griffin, Mulligan and Owens

**Members Absent:** Ed McCarthy & Bill Otto

**Others Present:** Trustee Geoga; members from Hinsdale Swim Club, Hornets Swim Club and Westmont Swim Club (see attached list)

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

Commissioner Banke moved approval of the June 18, 2012 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Gateway Special Recreation Association**

This will be tabled until next month.

**Liaison Reports**

Ms. Hassett explained the report. Ms. Hassett reported that the July 4<sup>th</sup> attendance was lower due to the hot weather. The Arts and Crafts Fair had 35 vendors who didn't come. Next month there will be a financial recap.

Ms. Hassett reported that the Veeck fields will probably not be ready for the fall. The north end is not developed enough and the east end of the small soccer field is wet. The Eagle Scout that is doing the disc golf course is hoping to have it open in the fall.

The KLM OSLAD contracts will go to ACA in August. The pool revenue has a spike in the 10 visit passes and daily attendance is up due to the hot weather. Ms. Hassett reported that the KLM Lodge Sub-committee met and one of the Committee members is reaching out to local businesses to see if there is any interest in taking it over.

**Park & Recreation Commission Follow Up Items**

**Swim Club Meeting Recap**

Chairman Kluchenek thanked all the members of the Hinsdale Swim Club (HSC), Hornets Swim Club and Westmont Swim Club for attending. He stated that the Park and Recreation Commission is looking at the best interest for the village and that is why there

are some concerns from the other clubs. Chairman Kluchenek explained what the goal is for the pool and the demand of the 50 meter lanes by other swim clubs.

Commissioner Owens explained the value and goal of protecting the asset of the pool. She explained that appropriate fees have not been assessed for the usage of the pool time by the swim teams. She explained the process is to whom should it be rented and how the hours should be divided. Commissioner Owens explained the new Agreement and the concerns of the usage. Hornets Swim Team has asked HSC to relinquish ½ hour of their morning swim time and to eliminate the first time slot of the Village swim lessons.

Ms. Hassett explained that the participants in the 9:05 time slot could be absorbed into the other three times. Commissioner Owens read one of the paragraphs in the memo from Ms. Hassett regarding the impact of eliminating the first time slot of lessons. Commissioner Owens stated that eliminating the first time slot and the revenue generated from the swim teams during that time would exceed the revenue from swim lessons.

Ms. Hassett reported that the goal of the Village Board is to recover the cost including chemicals and staff costs. Commissioner Owens stated that the goal is to increase the fee to \$17,000 within three years, which would include the loss of revenue from the three day swim meet when the pool is closed. Ms. Hassett stated that the swim lessons at 9:05 have about 90 kids and she believes that they could be absorbed into the other times. Ms. Hassett explained that AYSO also had their fees phased in over a three year period. She explained about other recreation sports teams that use the fields and their fee structures.

Ms. Hassett explained that prior to a few years ago HSC had exclusive use except for the Town Team. Westmont and Hornets use the lap lanes on the weekends and evenings. Ms. Hassett commented on the schedules of the other teams. HSC also uses Hinsdale Central. The High Schools are not always available in the summer due to maintenance.

Pete Stukis, 1618 Royal Oak Road, Darien, Co-President of Hornets Swim Club spoke regarding the arrangements at the pool. He stated that that they were under the understanding that when HSC contract was up that all agreements would be reviewed and negotiated. Mr. Stukis spoke regarding their request and the goal for their team and was not to displace any HSC time, but to find some pool time for their swimmers. They have asked for 90 minutes, which included 30 minutes of HSC time and 60 minutes of swim lesson times. He stated that significant misinformation has been circulated about the intent of the Hornets Swim Club. They have helped with the HSC meets and many will become team mates at Hinsdale High School. Competition should be limited to swim meets. They believe that their proposal could work and don't believe that HSC losing 30 minutes will impact their program. Mr. Stukis stated that the Hornets are withdrawing their proposal for the morning pool time at this time. Mr. Stukis thanked the Parks and Rec staff and the Commission for their time.

Lisa Derezinski, VP of HSC stated that the HSC has supported the program and they have brought on the Master swimmers. They have worked with the Hornets to work out time for both teams. Ms. Derezinski stated that four days ago HSC believed that there was a proposal and the same afternoon it was withdrawn. She didn't have any issues with the other clubs but feels the relationship with the Village has deteriorated.

Ms. Hassett commented that the goal is for the entire swimming community. She explained how the numbers were calculated and what the Village Board would be willing to accept. She commented on the dialog of good faith that she has had with the swim teams. Ms. Derezsinski stated that was not what was heard.

Kathy Kinsela, 5661 S. Monroe, Hinsdale spoke regarding the HSC program and the cost of the program. She asked about keeping the costs reasonable when there are multiple children involved.

Bob Pickering, 427 Birchwood Rd, Hinsdale spoke regarding the obligation of the Board to come up with a budget that will make it work. He stated that his children being part of the swim lessons have made his daughter become part of the Swim Club.

Chairman Kluchenek commented that the Commission are not the board and have no control over the budget and asked that the audience be sensitive to the issue of being fair. Commissioner Mulligan stated that pool hours have been cut to meet budget and the Commission does recognize and appreciate the Hinsdale residents on the swim teams.

Jim Audet, 23 Birchwood, Hinsdale from Hinsdale Swim Club thanked staff for the swim meet. He understands that the Commissioners are volunteers and stated that swim member parents are also volunteers. He stated that it is impossible to accommodate everyone in the clubs. He asked if movement can be done so an Agreement can be reached.

Ron Wentland, 722 S Adams, Hinsdale, commented on his membership with the pool and how it is an incredible asset and advantage to a wonderful facility. He questioned what damage could this do to HSC in the long term. He believes that additional clubs could hurt if the first session of swim lessons are not available. He wants the Commission to look at all the issues.

Amy Habeck, 437 S. Thurlow, Hinsdale commented that her children have been on the Town Team for 6 years and she helps with volunteering for the coaches. She does that because the pool is such a valuable asset and as a volunteer she sends or receives over 150 emails regarding the management of the Town Team. HSC requires that you go to Hinsdale Central so they cannot pull from Darien or Westmont. Ms. Habeck commented on the percentage of Hinsdale residents on the team and that percentage exceeds any other club.

Adam Cremieux, head coach from Westmont Swim Club stated that he is concerned about the fighting among the clubs. All swimmers have started with HSC and they don't want to take anything away from HSC but want to keep income and keeping the costs down. He appreciates being invited at the meetings and appreciates HSC offering the weekend spots. Adam wants to have all teams work together and thanked the Commission and HSC.

Commissioner Owens stated that one of the reasons for renting to other clubs is because the pool is under so much financial pressure. She wants everyone to consider that because the pool needs to be supported and many don't think of the pool as an asset. Residents need to be reminded to buy pool memberships and support it any way possible. She reminded the

residents that the pool may not always be there. Chairman Kluchenek reminded the audience why they are here and how we need to get to the full cost of running the pool.

Ms. Hassett summarized the Hinsdale Swim Club contract and that the goal is to get to the \$17,000 over a three year period. She also stated that \$10 for resident clubs and \$20 per lane for non-resident clubs would increase to \$13 per lane for resident clubs and \$26 per hour for non-resident clubs. Commissioner Mulligan asked about having prices being phased in so that other clubs are not priced out due to the increase.

Ms. Hassett stated that the fee is \$25R/\$50NR for athletic field usage. Commissioner Mulligan commented on longer term revenue. Ms. Hassett stated that there are no multi-year agreements for the other swim clubs.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion to accept the HSC agreement. Commissioner Banke seconded and the motion to accept the HSC Agreement was passed unanimously. Chairman Kluchenek asked Ms. Hassett about time for the Hornets and Westmont Swim Teams. Ms. Hassett explained that five lanes would be used for staff training on non swim meet days. She explained the times that could be available for the other clubs.

Ms. Hassett asked the Commission for the new lap lane per hour to be approved to go forward to ACA. Commissioner Owens stated that HSC members believe that the fee increase will be hard to absorb.

The Commission thanked all the Swim Club members for attending.

Commissioner Mulligan commented that there should be set fees and how many hours would be known ahead of time. Ms. Hassett stated that it is different than soccer and AYSO. Commissioner Banke feels that an incremental percentage would be appropriate. Commissioner Banke made a motion to increase by \$2 for the next 2 years. Commissioner George seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### User Agreement for Platform Tennis

Ms. Hassett explained the proposed contract with Mary Doten and that Ms. Doten has not supplied her financial information. Ms. Hassett stated that it would be detrimental to the paddle tennis program if Ms. Doten didn't teach the lessons. Trustee Geoga asked why she didn't supply the financial information. Commissioner Banke asked if we can approve the increase if we haven't seen the financial information. Ms. Hassett explained that Ms. Doten teaches private lessons in addition to the group lessons. Chairman Kluchenek asked if the cost to the village will go up. Ms. Hassett stated that the cost of maintaining the courts will go up because two new courts were installed. Ms. Hassett believes 3% is a small increase and feels that the revenue numbers from Ms. Doten are necessary and believes that they should be provided quarterly. Any increased usage means more gas and wear and tear to the courts.

Commissioner Mulligan stated that the two additional courts have helped the men leagues and the women's play time. Ms. Hassett explained that the non-resident membership fees are double. Ms. Hassett recommendation is the 3% increase. Commissioner Banke approved the motion and Commissioner Mulligan seconded the motion. The motion passed

unanimously. Chairman Kluchenek requested that language be included in the Agreement that Ms. Doten must provide financial statements.

**Adjournment**

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Mulligan moved to adjourn. Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be September 17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Copp, Secretary