

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
Monday, December 17, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
Memorial Hall Board Room

Chairman Kluchenek called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall board room.

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

Members Absent: Commissioners McCarthy and George

Others Present: Trustee Geoga

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

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

Liaison Reports

Ms. Hassett stated that there was nothing from ACA.

Ms. Hassett commented that the job posting for Recreation Supervisor closed Friday and interviews will start at the first of the year.

Monthly Reports

Staff is waiting for one piece of playground equipment for the nature based playground at KLM. That should be put in during the holiday break.

Old Business

Athletic Usage Agreements Sub-Committee Update

Chairman Kluchenek commented on the sub-committee and they are reviewing and making revisions to the agreement. Progress is being made and the next meeting there should be an agreement to review.

It will be an agreement for all sports with a little change for Little League.

Gateway Special Recreation Association Sub-Committee Update

Chairman Kluchenek stated that the sub-committee has met as a group and they are still in the fact finding stage. They have learned from the attorney that the village does not have an obligation to participate. Commissioner Owens clarified that we do have to make reasonable accommodations for participants. Commissioner Owens commented on her visit at the last Gateway meeting.

Chairman Kluchenek asked Commissioner Owens to explain the concerns of the board members from the other villages or park districts in Gateway. Elmhurst concern was allowing one member to ask for changes to the standard contract. They felt they were being held hostage by one town and in principal felt they needed to vote against the change. The concerns were administrative rather than substantive. Ms. Hassett stated that only Elmhurst voted against the change to the Agreement. Ms. Hassett stated that other towns levy more than what is needed.

Chairman Kluchenek asked why Elmhurst is against it even though the withdrawal is still 15 months. Ms. Hassett stated that they feel that every year someone could threaten to leave and that makes them feel bullied.

Chairman Kluchenek stated that being responsive should be foremost on the minds of board members. Commissioner Mulligan commented on the understanding of the special needs in the community. They are still fact finding and the need is growing in the community. She explained how many of the potential participants are being mainstreamed in the schools when they should be involved in this program.

Commissioner Mulligan stated that it is not easy, but very complex. Commissioner Mulligan stated that the community is growing and some of their needs are met at different levels. Ms. Hassett stated that she has had conversations with the school district. They don't have social outlets at the high school level now that HCA has closed. Ms. Hassett explained that Gateway has Saturday groups for high school students and that she has also talked to the athletic groups. They have had some participation from parents in order for the child to attend.

Commissioner Banke commented on the EVE development and wanted to know if the needs of that facility could be helped by Gateway. The development is for 55 years and older. He stated that perhaps they could be helped by Gateway. Chairman Kluchenek stated that the need is there and growing but the question is the appropriate cost. Commissioner Owens stated that we need to be aware of the needs of the community. Chairman Kluchenek stated we need to know the costs and if there is an alternative. Ms. Hassett stated that there is no way of duplicating the program if Hinsdale drops out.

Commissioner Owens mentioned thinking ahead and anticipating future needs. Chairman Kluchenek stated that we want an organization to service all constituents and not have the feeling of being bullied or disinterested.

Commissioner Owens stated that she felt that most of the other communities were supportive. Ms. Hassett stated that if the change for one is good as a whole the goal is to help the participants.

Chairman Kluchenek asked Ms. Hassett to explain the change to the Articles of Agreement. Ms. Hassett explained that an agency currently needs to notify Gateway of any withdrawal by April 1st. The withdrawal would be effective June 31 of the following year. The change would be the withdrawal date of July with effective withdrawal date of August 31st. If Hinsdale was to withdraw, the biggest issue would be to a change to the programs and how to fund the difference.

Commissioner Otto moved to accept the Agreement, Commissioner Mulligan seconded. Commissioner Otto stated that the benefits outweigh the costs and we need to do it for the community. All Commissioners voted to accept the Agreement. Ms. Hassett stated that by the end of January all the other villages will have taken the Agreement to their boards.

New Business

- Ms. Hassett stated that the Melin ice rink will be filled on Friday. There is no plan for the village to fill the Burns Field ice rink soon.
- Commissioner Griffin asked about the lifetime memberships for paddle. Ms. Hassett stated that last year's membership did not cover the debt from the new courts. There are some memberships still being sold to reduce that debt. HPTA needs about \$6000 this year and if there aren't anymore big capital expenses, they could probably be paid in about 1½ years.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Banke moved to adjourn. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Secretary