

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
Monday, April 15, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
Memorial Hall Board Room

Chairman Kluchenek called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Memorial Hall board room.

Members Present: Chairman Kluchenek, Commissioners George, Owens, Mulligan, Keane, Baker, & Otto

Members Absent: Commissioners Banke and Griffin

Others Present: Chris Elder

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

Chairman Kluchenek welcomed the two new members.

Commissioner Mulligan moved approval of the March 18, 2013 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports

- Administration and Community Affairs Committee
- Chairman Kluchenek reported that the ACA minutes will be included in the reports.
- Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Hassett explained the capital projects opportunities. The vans are the big capital expense in the budget. The budget is recommending a 1 1/2% increase as appropriate. Ray Graham does show a loss for the programs.

Monthly Reports

Ms. Hassett explained the reports. She pointed out the expenditures for KLM and park improvements that will be coming yet in April. Chairman Kluchenek asked about highlighting items that were significantly above or below projected amounts. Ms. Hassett explained that general interest covers lego camps and that is the extra revenue there. The line item for paddle tennis was for electrical repairs.

Commissioner Owens asked about pool revenue figures being over last year. Ms. Hassett stated that registration is up over last year.

Ms. Hassett commented on the egg hunt and that the event went very well and the weather was great. Robbins Park was a great new location. Mobilization for the lacrosse fields will start when the weather cooperates and that will take about 6 weeks.

Chairman Kluchenek asked about the Frisbee golf course. Ms. Hassett stated that it is very popular and interests all ages. It is undecided if there will be another tournament.

Chairman Kluchenek asked if there could be a revenue tournament sponsored by the village. Commissioner Owens asked for last year's numbers to determine if we should have it again and suggested having a class.

The new budget year includes money for new shade structures, parking lot resurfacing and chairs. The virtual tour is up for KLM and is also on Facebook. Ms. Braun will be at the May meeting. Jennifer Braun will focus on the outside sales.

Commissioner Owens asked about pool managers at the pool. Ms. Hassett stated that there are 4 new managers, but no head manager at this point. Abby King will be the head coach for the town team.

Commissioner Owens asked about the printer of the brochure. Ms. Hassett explained that they print the brochure for cost and other towns use their services as well. Ms. Hassett explained that they are the biggest printer in the state.

Chairman Kluchenek asked about the meeting with Bill Barre about the lap lanes. Commissioner Mulligan explained that they are happy that there will be an agreement. Ms. Hassett stated that there will be an attempt to have the lap lanes out by 6 pm and it could be earlier. Weekends the lap swimmers will get 4 lanes and they may rent the time after the girls swim club lanes on the weekends in August.

Commissioner Mulligan asked about the non-resident pool membership rates. Chairman Kluchenek explained that it was decided to give all non-residents a 20% discount and it will be capped at 50 memberships.

Old Business

Robbins Park Proposal

Ms. Hassett stated that it was a discussion item at the board. Discussion was what an acceptable amount would be for rent. Mr. Medick and Mr. Laux will be at the next board meeting. The Plan Commission would be the next step and that is a 3 – 4 month process. Chairman Kluchenek stated that the issue is also what the percentage would the village revenue be. Ms. Hassett explained that vendors are a 80/20 split, but this doesn't really apply to this venture. The feedback from residents is still a question, but it is a preferred use because it is already a concession use. Ms. Hassett stated that the neighbors concern is that there would be late night hours and more people in the park.

Commissioner Mulligan asked about co-marketing the idea. There could be field days in the summer to draw attention to the concession stand that would not normally be open. Chairman Kluchenek asked if this could be a test case for Burns. Ms. Hassett stated that Burns doesn't have a concession stand and is a historic building. It is used in the summer for tot camps and snacks are stored there.

Sports Agreements

Ms. Hassett is working on the agreement for Little League and the HLL board member is in charge of working the fields and staff.

New Business

Park Inspections

Commissioner George commented on some items that are missing from Burns Park playground. He stated that all the Commissioners should team up and walk the parks. Ms. Hassett shared on the findings from prior years inspections. There is a recommendation that each park has guidelines. Chairman Kluchenek stated that it should be thought about generally and try to apply strategic thought. The village has approved the five year plan for maintenance.

Commissioner Owens asked if there staff that inspects the parks regularly. We rely on residents to tell us when there is a problem since there are not a lot of staff to do that. As public service staff walk through, they are checking for issues. The risk management firm is providing training in basic important issues. Commissioner George asked the useful life for playgrounds. Ms. Hassett stated that it is generally 8-10 years but it depends on much use the park gets. Peirce Park is the oldest and will be replaced next year.

Chairman Kluchenek asked for a breakdown of parks geographically once there are 9 members again. Commissioner George also suggested that the village website give photos of park equipment. Ms. Hassett said that there can be new photos that can be used, but there are restrictions on what can be done.

Commissioner Mulligan asked if we are bound by the village's website. Ms. Hassett will talk to IT. Someone would need to maintain it and it would be nice for field closures. Commissioner Otto suggested hitting the realtors for some money and asked if there would be someone who could update the website. The problem with a free website is the limitations. Chairman Kluchenek suggested putting together recommendations for the next meeting.

Chairman Kluchenek thanked Bill Otto and Diane Griffin for their service.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Secretary