

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Memorial Hall – Memorial Building

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

Members Present: Commissioners Baker, Banke, Keane, Mulligan and Owens

Members Absent: Commissioner George and Chairman Kluchenek

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

Commissioner Owens moved approval of the February 11, 2014 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Baker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hassett commented on the ACA minutes from February 3, 2014 that they were included for information. There has been a subsequent meeting to replace the March meeting. The agreement for HTA has been approved by the Board.

Gateway Special Recreation Association

Ms. Hassett commented on the report. The budget process will start by planning for any capital items, which includes vehicles. There are two buses and one 20 passenger van.

Revenue Expense Report

Commissioner Banke commented on how good the platform tennis and KLM revenues are. Ms. Hassett stated that the KLM staff has been working hard to get back to the revenue expectations. Staff hours have been increased with hiring an assistant lodge manager.

Commissioner Owens asked about the expenses for the parade being scaled back. Ms. Hassett explained that 2013 was \$4000 over budget, so contracted services will be asked to perform at a lesser rate. Commissioner Owens asked about charging local political participants. Ms. Hassett stated that currently only a business pays to be in the parade. Ms. Hassett stated the logo of any paid business goes in the fall brochure. Ms. Hassett will ask ACA about charging politicians and will check with other municipalities to see what their policy is. The village president sends out the letters inviting the other community dignitaries. Commissioner Banke commented that it also helps the village be aware of who the elected politicians are.

Commissioner Banke commented about regarding a resident that asked about why KLM has a liquor serving policy that is different than the Community House. The resident thought it was easier to serve alcohol at the Community House than at KLM. Ms. Hassett explained what the liquor policy is at the Lodge. Commissioner Banke believes that the policies should compare with each other. Ms. Hassett doesn't know their policy because

they are a private organization but she will look at their policy regarding liquor. You can't self-pour from the table at KLM and the dram insurance could be different than the Community House. Ms. Hassett stated that the fund raisers are the challenge with the client not being able to serve the alcohol.

Recreation Program Report

Ms. Hassett commented that the summer programs could be affected if there are any more snow days. The ice rink is closed for the season at Burns and Melin. Commissioner Mulligan stated that the Melin ice rink was at capacity most of the time and there is some interest in making it larger.

Ms. Hassett stated that a vendor has been secured to put in a wedding arbor at KLM. The pool needs managers and a town team coach. The salary range has been increased, but no candidates yet. Staff has been talking to someone in GA who has a lot of experience for the town team. College kids usually only work 1 to 2 years so a teacher would be ideal because they always have the summer off.

Commissioner Banke asked if ads are posted on college job boards. Ms. Hassett stated that there is a charge for posting the ads, so staff is limited as to where we can post.

Ms. Hassett stated that the pump house at the pool needs work on the pipes. Some had frozen and when the weather thaws, repairs will need to be made. The walls of the pool will need repairs of around \$10,000. The tiles will be removed and painted on.

Pool membership super passes are sold out. Ms. Hassett stated that one of the Clarendon Hills board members is considering offering their friendly rate to Hinsdale, which is only \$40 more than the membership. This is currently only offered to municipalities that don't have a community pool. That would be detrimental to our pool. Ms. Hassett will attend their next board meeting if that is suggested. Commissioner Mulligan stated that she would also like to attend a meeting with CHPD.

Ms. Hassett stated that she is concerned about the condition of the fields. Last year they were being lined by Mid-March. It takes 3 weeks to get that done and there will not be time to do much maintenance because of all the snow. Staff will continue to monitor the fields. There will be a sign now at Veeck to say if the park is open or closed.

Commissioner Baker asked about the snow being in the lot at the pool. Ms. Hassett commented that the engineers had suggested moving it because of the weight of the vehicles. Public Services stated that they use dump trucks so they don't impact the parking lot as much.

Old Business

Hinsdale Tennis Association Lease Agreement

Ms. Hassett stated that the agreement was approved at the last ACA meeting.

Dog Waste Service Provider

Ms. Hassett has talked with the provider and they are still working on it.

KLM Charity Concert Discussion

Ms. Hassett stated that there has been no progress. The group has not come back with any plan or any more details.

New Business

Review of Pool Concession Proposals

Ms. Hassett commented on the proposals. Since 2005, C & W Concessions has been the current vendor. There was a larger number sent out but only two proposals came back. Organic Life is a new company but are only at one facility. The proposals are similar and the menu was broader at Organic Life.

Ms. Hassett recommends C & W Concessions since they know the business and have done a good job. Commissioner Banke asked if there were any complaints. Overall people are satisfied and there is room for improvement. Some new items have been suggested like iced coffee and smoothies. Commissioner Owens suggested having a pizza night once a week at the pool. Commissioner Baker mentioned that there should be some healthier options.

Commissioner Owens moved approval of recommending C & W Concessions for providing the concessions at the pool. Commissioner Mulligan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Proposed Community Pool front end procedures

Ms. Hassett explained the proposal. She asked for the ideas from the Commission about the wrist bands. Commissioner Owens liked all the ideas except for the wristband because it would make the facility feel more like a waterpark, but it could make people accountable. Commissioner Owens believes that the biggest problem is when residents come with guests. Ms. Hassett stated that during busy times, there would be a two cashier staff, one with the scanner. Turn styles can't be used because they are not ADA compliant.

Commissioner Baker stated that vigilance of the staff would help a lot. There needs to be more than one person checking patrons in. Ms. Hassett stated that it is difficult for the cashiers to stop the adults because they will be bullied. Ms. Hassett stated that there are real video cameras monitoring the pool. She is hopeful that with a new pool manager that the customer service will improve.

Review of School District Intergovernmental Agreements

Ms. Hassett commented on the Agreement and reaching out to S/D 86 about investing for their use of facilities. S/D 181 agreement is from 1996, S/D 86 states that their facilities could be used by the village. Ms. Hassett stated that we do use the high school pool and the field house. The only cost is for utilities.

Commissioner Owens asked why we stopped using the high school for swim lessons. Ms. Copp stated that there was low registration and too many conflicts with the high school. Ms. Hassett stated that the high school pool needs to be replaced and the question is when, how, what type and how does it get paid for. This would be an opportunity to partner with the community.

Commissioner Banke commented that the current agreement is appropriate but the tennis courts maintenance costs should be shared. Ms. Hassett stated that the courts are in the plan to be resurfaced in the five year plan. Ms. Hassett will ask for a 90/10 split with the school. Burns are the home courts for the varsity teams.

Commissioner Owens asked about the S/D 181 Agreement and if it was the most recent. Ms. Hassett commented that the agreement is unique and that there have been scheduling challenges and they accuse us of trivial damage. The school district is now paying for use of KLM and when we utilize the middle school for the fall fest, we do have to pay for overtime. Commissioner Owens believes that the agreement should be reviewed because it is 20 years old and there could be updates with the insurance and if the fees for custodial services are in line.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn. Commissioner Baker seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Secretary