

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Memorial Hall – Memorial Building

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 Baker, George, Mulligan and Owens.

Members Absent: Commissioner Banke and Keane

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

Commissioner George moved approval of the March 11, 2014 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mulligan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hassett commented on the ACA minutes from April 7, 2014 that they were included for information. The board approved the concession lease agreement. Discussion will begin with Mary Doten about keeping in comparison with other agreements. Others are all 80/20 split and Ms. Doten is 90/10. Chairman Kluchenek asked if the lessons are still a unique program. Ms. Hassett stated that there was some growth in lesson revenue but there weren't as many lessons because of the cold winter.

Ms. Hassett explained that Ms. Doten pays revenue on drills and lessons. Chairman Kluchenek mentioned that Ms. Doten does the administration side but Mr. Lockhart does not any longer. The next ACA meeting is first week of June.

Commissioner Baker asked about the vandalism at Burns and asked about the scanner that was installed at the pool. He also asked about the audio file that is installed on the computer. Ms. Hassett explained what the scanner is designed to do.

Gateway Special Recreation Association

Ms. Hassett commented on the report. Budget will be finalized at the June meeting. Chairman Kluchenek asked if there were any significant changes. Ms. Hassett stated that transportation is no longer with a third party but they forget to bill for day camp transportation. The cost is now about \$9000 instead of over \$40,000.

Revenue Expense Report

Ms. Hassett commented on the report. Commissioner Baker asked how the budgeting works since April is the last month of the fiscal year. Ms. Hassett explained that the numbers are not final numbers and she will provide the final numbers in the next 4 to 6 weeks. There will be two reports next month. The budget was approved on April 26th. The

budget process begins in November and there are always some unplanned expenses. Chairman Kluchenek asked how residents can look at the budget. Ms. Hassett stated that the budget is available on-line. Chairman Kluchenek also commented on the KLM revenue increasing and lower expenses. Ms. Hassett explained that staff was asked to show if the increase was due to increased rental revenue or the increase in rates. Chairman Kluchenek asked if the lodge manager, Jennifer Braun can attend the next meeting or in July.

Commissioner Mulligan asked about platform revenue and if it was due to the increase in teams. Some are individual memberships but we don't always know who plays in the leagues. Hinsdale is the only place that has a rec program that has a family membership. It is hard to compare since others don't have the same type of membership program. Ms. Hassett stated that the non-resident rates are high compared to the resident rates and we don't get much increase of non-residents. The outstanding court debt is about \$18,000 and it will be very close to being paid by year-end.

Recreation Program Report

Chairman Kluchenek commented on how good the egg hunt was and that there was a record amount of attendance. Ms. Hassett stated that the fields have been a challenge because of the bad conditions of the fields.

Chairman Kluchenek asked about the 4th of July. The political candidates will now pay a fee to be the parade. Elected officials will not have to pay, only the ones running for office. Chairman Kluchenek asked if any Commissioners were interested in participating in the parade to show who the members are. Many Commissioners already help with being parade marshalls.

Ms. Hassett stated that park maintenance is ongoing. There have been four incidents of vandalism at Burns. The windows are being changed out to plexiglass. A dvr system will be purchased but it won't be wifi. It is dark and so it can't be seen. There have been increased patrols by the police at the park. No citations have been issued.

Old Business

Ms. Hassett stated that the wedding arbor has been installed at KLM. There are some new tenants that might be interested in the old HCA building. The pool memberships are down because of a cold summer last year. \$8500 of super pass sales can't be made up. Ms. Hassett stated that there won't be any more super passes sold for the season. Clarendon Hills is anticipating having the same amount as last year. They will be meeting once the pool opens and have continuing discussion about the future of the pools.

Commissioner Baker stated that there is a significant difference on the family memberships. Ms. Hassett stated that we continue to not have growth and memberships are weather driven. People are not thinking summer when the weather is cold and dreary.

Commissioner Owens stated that the weather is definitely a factor. Ms. Hassett stated that there are many variables. Commissioner Mulligan asked for Clarendon Hills data regarding ages of members. Commissioner Owens also stated that Hinsdale golf club is going to have a pool this summer too.

Commissioner Owens asked what a block sleeve is that is shown as an expense. Ms. Hassett stated that one is stuck in the pool due to the freezing and they will be paid by Hinsdale Swim Club because they are the primary user.

Ms. Hassett reported on the new Town Team coach. The new coach is a professional coach relocating from Georgia. He has experience with coaching high school students. He wants to be an all around swim coach so staff hopes he will stay a few years.

Commissioner Owens asked about postings on Facebook. She suggested having residents "like" the page to advertise memberships. Ms. Hassett stated that Ms. Bereckis does post on Facebook for classes. There also have been weekly ads running in the Hinsdalean advertising the memberships. Commissioner Owens suggested putting a blurb on Facebook regarding the new Town Team coach.

Commissioner Mulligan asked about the field at KLM. Ms. Hassett stated that they hope it will be done in the fall and that the burm construction will be done first.

New Business

Discussion regarding Adopt-A-Park Program

Chairman Kluchenek commented about the program. Ms. Hassett stated that these are fairly common. She thinks at the very least, there should be a clean-up day for residents. A lot of debris appeared once the snow finally melted. It could be schools, business or groups. The village Parks staff and crew leader would give instructions to volunteers.

Chairman Kluchenek asked if there were any down sides to it. Ms. Hassett stated that it is time consuming. Some parks need more attention than others. Commissioner Owens likes the idea even if it is only a clean-up day. Parents are always looking for volunteer opportunities for their children that are close by.

Chairman Kluchenek asked if the businesses would have to be in Hinsdale. Ms. Hassett stated that it would be a good idea for it to be a Hinsdale business that would sponsor the event. There would be guidelines and it would need to be decided if signs would advertise the business.

The Commissioners believe that if it is advertised, that they will be eager to help. It would be time and effort or a business wants to donate food or flowers etc. The Commission gave Ms. Hassett the authority to come up with guidelines. Commissioner Baker would like to know how the communities handle it if the donor doesn't take care of the park.

Peirce Park Playground Replacement

Ms. Hassett stated that this is in the budget and hopes to have the quotes back by next week. It is the oldest playground in the community. The design will include ADA accessible equipment. There will be a meeting for all residents around the park that will be invited to attend for input. The old equipment will be taken out and sent overseas by Children around the World. The design company will look at the trees and all the elements that come into play.

Commissioner Mulligan stated that the park inspections need to be done. Commissioner Owens asked about new features at the pool. There won't be anything new this year. The most practical amenity is the climbing wall which is about \$10,000.

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