

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

Tuesday, June 30, 2015  
Memorial Hall Memorial Building

Chairman Banke called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Memorial Hall board room.

**Members Present:** Chairman Banke, Commissioners Owens, Mulligan, George

**Members Absent:** Commissioners Bakker, Conboy and Keane

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

Commissioner George moved approval of the May 15, 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mulligan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Liaison Reports**

**Gateway Special Recreation Association**

Ms. Hassett commented on the budget. There will be a 2% increase from member contributions and there will be a \$10,000 transportation fund to replace vehicles.

**Revenue/Expense Report**

Ms. Hassett commented on the report. There is a 5 year summary of program revenue increased 4%. Programs trend according to popularity. Arts revenue increased primarily due to new co-op programs with Burr Ridge and Clarendon Hills. Early childhood decreased because we don't offer Kaleidoscope programs anymore. Fitness and special events programs increased and expenses are in line with programs that are contracted. Platform tennis increased 7% but expenses increased 10% due to the new heaters that were put in. Ms. Bereckis will continue to work on co-op programs with other communities.

Athletic field revenue decreased and operating expenses increased due to mowing and the burm being installed at KLM.

Chairman Banke asked about the timing for the ice rink being a line item for the budget. Ms. Hassett stated it would be around October for the next year's budget. The process will work but the challenge is that it is still seasonable and weather dependent.

**Recreation Program Report**

Ms. Hassett commented on the first lunch on the lawn and that it was moved indoors because of inclement weather. It worked well at the library because it was a reptile show. The next one will be July 15. She commented on the 5 year summary of revenue for programs. Trend continues to increase for on-line registrations.

The parade will have over 70 participants and Coach Q will not be there. Fall brochure will go the end of this week for the first draft. For the first year we have 3 children that have special needs that require one on one aide. We have a Burr Ridge family registered for one of our programs that Burr Ridge will reimburse us for.

There was a report for mowing and some additional mows have been added to Brook and Veeck. Burns tennis courts will have \$50,000 from Hinsdale Central to help with the cost to reconstruct the courts and also help pay for some long term maintenance. The bid process will hopefully be approved in August and work will begin in September. All the fabric will be removed but the footings are in good shape.

KLM revenue increased 14% and Ms. Hassett commented on the 5 year revenue. Operating income is sustaining itself and is on target. Staff is working on increasing weekday rentals. The Lodge is showing a profit and continues to stay on target.

Platform tennis had new heaters installed and there were many issues with the new heaters. Several repairs are scheduled to allow more air flow. They are overheating and not allowing the courts to heat properly. There is a new vendor in Chicago that does maintenance on these type of courts. Renewal letters will go out in early August to current pass members. Non-residents help keep the program healthy.

The pool memberships are down 2% from last year and the neighborly rate is what is helping keep the sales up. Staff is working to make efforts to sell passes. The plan for the survey is to go with students from a University but we will mail them. Some of the Commissioners commented that they would like to be involved in the process of the questions. They will be processed and tabulated by the University. Chairman Banke asked if something should be put in the billboards at Burlington Park promoting the survey. It will need to be decided if it should be sent to each household or certain sample group.

Ms. Hassett stated that there will be ads in the paper and in the brochure to promote participation in the survey. The target time will be in the fall.

### **New Business**

#### **Picnic Shelter Fees**

Ms. Hassett commented on the proposed fees and how they will keep us in line for staff to come in on the weekends to clean the shelters and empty the trash. Burns Field is used for small groups only.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion to approve the fees. Commissioner Owens seconded and the recommendation will now go to the full Board.

#### **Public Artwork Guidelines**

Ms. Hassett explained the request from the Stephani family. The board does not have a policy for donations. Once a policy is approved, this request could be considered. The packet has samples that Ms. Hassett commented on. Chairman Banke stated that each one of the documents had a wide variance of requirements. There was discussion about the different policies that were presented. He does not believe that it would happen regularly. Commissioner Mulligan liked the Port Angeles model and how it fit in with how people use the park. Considerations have to be made as to maintenance etc. of the donation. Commissioner George also liked the Port Angeles model. Commissioner Owens stated she preferred that one as well except there didn't seem to be any method for approval or denial of the donation. It should be determined who would be making the decision. Ms. Hassett stated that the model from Lake Geneva had a sample paragraph that could be included. It could come to the Commission for discussion and then go to the board for approval. Commissioner Owens also asked about a care fund and who would be funding the maintenance and repairs.

Chairman Banke stated that it would matter on what was donated as to what the maintenance would be. Ms. Hassett explained about the pots that were planted at Burlington Park in honor of Mr. Petkus. That would be an example of what would be included in the policy. Chairman Banke feels that if we accept the donation that we should maintain it. There was discussion regarding policy among the Commissioners. Commissioner Owens asked where the location for the artwork would be. Ms. Hassett stated that they want it at KLM because they lived on Laurie Lane.

The Commissioners agreed to follow the Port Angeles model with some blending with the others. Once a policy is established it would come back to the Commission and then go to the board. Chairman Banke suggested a bullet pointed criteria and stated that we don't want anything that is on loan. Ms. Hassett will try to have a draft before the August meeting.

Chairman Banke gave an update on the bridge memorial project. He has not received interest from people but the Historical Society could set up a video memorial for the bridge. The bridge is scheduled to be lifted sometime in mid-July.

### **Correspondence**

**None**

### **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 was declared adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The August meeting will be scheduled for August 11.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Copp, Secretary