

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting on
January 21, 2008**

Chairman Medick called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Members Present: Keith Medick, Chairman, Commissioners John Deppe, Sandy Usher, Jeff Finlay, Jeff Curran, Bridget Quast, Tish Lubenow, Van Hutcherson & Katie Witham

Members Absent: Commissioner Griffin

Staff Present: Carrie Hauptert, Director of Parks & Recreation & Nick Troy, Manager of Recreation Services

Others Present: Amy Deis, The Doings

Approval of Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Finlay moved approval of the December 17, 2007 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Usher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Veeck Park/District 181 Middle School Discussion

Chairman Medick welcomed Village Manager, Dave Cook, to the meeting to brief the Commission on the Veeck Park/District 181 Middle School opportunity. Mr. Cook explained this opportunity is still in the exploratory phase and two task forces will be formed from the applications that were turned in. One task force from District 181 and one from the Village of Hinsdale. Mr. Cook stated District 181 is looking at three options to rectify their current situation; build a brand new school on the grounds of Veeck Park, build a brand new school on the current grounds, or renovate the current school at the current location. Mr. Cook commented a decision would probably be made by August of this year and Hinsdale residents would vote on the outcome in either November '08 or February of 2009. Commissioner Hutcherson asked if Veeck Park was the only location that is being looked at and if 55th and County Line Rd. is an option. Mr. Cook stated the owner of the land at 55th and County Line Rd. is not interested in selling his property. Chairman Medick has concerns but mentioned there are options and believes Duncan Field to be an intracle part of this. Commissioner Usher stated there is confusion on what the Commissions role is in this. Mr. Cook stated it was important for this to be public knowledge and the Commission will have strong input. Commissioner Usher stated

Hinsdale already lacks park space compared to other surrounding towns. The Parks & Recreation Commission agreed Hinsdale is already lacking in park space. Mr. Cook mentioned the Village of Hinsdale is currently working with Cook County on a potential long-term lease for the area around Duncan Field. Mr. Cook stated Ms. Hauptert and Tim Bleuher would be staff liaisons at the Village of Hinsdale and District 181 task force meetings. Chairman Medick requested another commissioner be on the task force. Mr. Cook said to hand in the applications and that District 181 has not set their task force yet. Commissioner Usher asked if all task force meetings would be open to the public. Mr. Cook replied yes. Commissioner Quast asked what times the meetings would be. Mr. Cook stated the Village of Hinsdale meeting times have not been determined and the District 181 meetings would be in the early mornings. Commissioner Quast wondered what the thought process was on the decision for the early morning meetings and that would not meet the needs of most parents. Mr. Cook responded that he couldn't speak for the decision made by District 181. Commissioner Curran stated revenue in the past that was supposed to come the Parks and Recreation dept. due to a project did not and the footprint is shrinking. Commissioner Curran commented he does not want this to happen again. Commissioner Usher requested meeting dates for the task forces. Chairman Medick asked Ms. Hauptert to research them.

Correspondence

There was none to report.

Liaison Reports

Commissioner Quast reported the End of the Summer Bash was discussed at the ACA Committee meeting on January 7, 2008. Ms. Hauptert stated the Village plans on purchasing event insurance for the concert, which will be on Friday, September 12.

Ms. Hauptert discussed the Gateway Meeting schedule with the Commission and asked if any member would like to attend a meeting with her to let her know.

Monthly Reports

Ms. Hauptert presented the December Revenue/Expense report to the Commission. Chairman Medick asked why the Risk Management area was so high. Ms. Hauptert stated the fees to Illinois Risk Management Association were due. Ms. Hauptert stated the fee was low compared to other agencies she has worked for.

Ms. Hauptert stated the Sports Summit would be on January 30 at KLM. Ms. Hauptert will invite the Thorguard representative to inform the athletic groups about the lightning prediction system.

Ms. Hauptert reported she has contacted IEG, which is a firm that assists in the sale and valuation of sponsorship programs and determines monetarily what each event or program is worth. Ms. Hauptert sat in on a conference call with Chairman Medick, Trustee Orler, and Village Manager, Dave Cook. Ms. Hauptert has set up a meeting with some groups in town to discuss collaborating on the IEG project.

Staff Reports

Ms. Hauptert reported the 80th Anniversary Celebration is July 3 at the Memorial Building and in Burlington Park. The 4th of July Parade and Festival will be the next day on the Hinsdale Middle School grounds.

Park and Recreation follow up items

Ms. Hauptert reported Brook Park project is moving along and a special thanks to Steve Mardula for his work. Chairman Medick stated the building looks great and staff will look into moving some concession equipment from Veeck Park to Brook Park.

Chairman Medick stated the Village will not be purchasing two new paddle courts this fiscal year and the money that is in the budget would be to resurface all six paddle courts.

Commissioner Curran asked what the status of the bicycle task force is and the proposed project with bicycle grants. Ms. Hauptert stated there is currently no update due to 2008-2009 budget restraints.

New Business

Ms. Hauptert stated staff has researched the potential cost for some of the capital projects with Williams Architects. Commissioner Finlay asked the status of next years budget. Ms. Hauptert stated the Board of Trustees has not finalized the budget. Commissioner Finlay noticed the capital money given to the Parks and Recreation Department has gone down over previous years and the Commission may need to look at a new master plan.

Ms. Hauptert stated the Hinsdale Swim Club is requesting a date change for their annual swim meet to June 27 – 29. Commissioner Finlay moved approval of the date changed for Hinsdale Swim Club. Commissioner Curran seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Ms. Hauptert proposed a new fee structure for KLM caterers. The new structure would be \$800 for caterers to be on the approved list. If caterers do not bring in six events to KLM during the year, they would forfeit the opportunity to receive a \$200 rebate. For those who do bring in six events, they would receive back \$200. Also the one-day license would increase to \$300 and the deposit would remain the same, also \$300. Finally, the \$1 per person charge would increase to \$2 per person. Mr. Troy stated these fees have not been increased since 2001. Commissioner Usher moved approval of the fee increases for KLM caterers. Commissioner Deppe seconded and the motioned passed unanimously. Ms. Hauptert stated the fees would start May 1, 2008 if passed by the ACA Committee and Board of Trustees.

Ms. Hauptert presented the Gateway Special Recreation Association by-laws to the Commission. Ms. Hauptert needs approval from the Parks and Recreation Commission, ACA Committee and Board of Trustees. Ms. Hauptert stated the department has sent out surveys to Hinsdale residents who use Gateway's services and we received very positive feedback. Commissioner Curran moved approval of the updated by-laws for Gateway Special Recreation Association. Commissioner Hutcherson seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Ms Hauptert stated Commissioner Curran and Finlay would be attending the IPRA luncheon on Friday, January 25.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Deppe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hutcherson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Recreation Committee meeting was declared adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Troy
Manager of Recreation Services