

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

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

Members Present: Commissioners, Sandy Usher, Jeff Finlay, Jeff Curran, Bridget Quast, Diane Griffin, Tish Lubenow & Katie Witham

Members Absent: Chairman Medick and Commissioner Hutcherson

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

Others Present: Trustee Orler & Hinsdale Resident, Stu Seman and Bill Otto, AYSO Regional Commissioner

Ms. Hauptert stated with the absence of Chairman Medick there would need to be a Chair Pro-tem selected. Commissioner Curran was voted for by four commissioners to serve as Chairman Pro-tem.

Approval of Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Usher moved approval of the March 17, 2008 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Deppe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Process '08-'09

Trustee Orler reported the Village is working back to holding 25% in reserves. Trustee Orler stated the Village should have \$20,000 - \$100,000 surplus after the '07-'08 fiscal year end. Trustee Orler stated there might be some last minute decisions with proposed deferrals in the capital projects for the '08-'09 fiscal year during the second quarter. These projects may include new pool lockers, new locker room flooring and KLM Lodge upgrades. Trustee Orler reported the Village is researching a referendum for an increase of 1% sales tax on the November ballot. This revenue would help fix infrastructure and storm water management. Trustee Orler stated vacancies in downtown businesses have dropped this past year.

Stough Park

Hinsdale Resident, Stu Seman reported on a piece of land located west of Stough Park that has become overgrown with weeds and debris. Mr. Seman stated this is an area many commuters see each day on the train as they pass through Hinsdale. Mr. Seman reported on the Hinsdale 2025 survey, 71% of those surveyed support improvements to Village entrances. Mr. Seman commented this land is an affordable opportunity. Commissioner Finlay asked what the dimensions are of this land. Mr. Seman stated the area is similar size to Eleanor's Park on Chicago Ave. Commissioner Curran wanted clarification on which department is in charge of this land. Mr. Seman stated he received a letter from the Village of Hinsdale in the past stating that area is Parks and Recreation's responsibility. Mr. Troy made a photocopy of the letter. Commissioner Curran requested staff receive an estimate on how much it would cost to clear the area. Ms. Hauptert stated she would research this with Mr. Franco, Director of Public Services.

Correspondence

Ms. Hauptert stated that there was a letter from Tree Top Kids requesting use of Burlington Park for their grand opening event.

Veeck Park Update

Shaun Pelletier, Village Engineer, reported on the storm water run-off project at Veeck Park. Mr. Pelletier stated a 1,000,000 gallon storage tank will be put in at the northwest corner of the park behind the hill of leftfield of the baseball field. A building will be placed in the Northeast corner of Veeck Park as well. An eight foot wide access road will be built to lead to both the building and storage tank. An option may include continuing the path around the park for walking or running. Both buildings will be built to resemble the existing concession stand. The three soccer fields will not be affected during this project. Mr. Pelletier stated the project is set to begin in the middle of July. The baseball field will be used as the storage area for the heavy machinery and tools. Commissioner Curran asked if the Middle School could still be built there after this project. Mr. Pelletier stated the storage tank will be pushed to the northwestern most corner of the park. Mr. Pelletier commented the staging area for the equipment will be fenced in. Commissioner Curran asked what the status of the Brook Park project is. Mr. Pelletier stated the project is still waiting on a permit for MWRD. Commissioner Curran thanked Mr. Pelletier for the updates.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Hauptert stated Trustee Orler covered the highlights from the ACA Committee meeting.

Ms. Hauptert mentioned Gateway Special Recreation is working out details for their summer programs and transportation issues.

Monthly Reports

Commissioner Finlay asked for any updates on the Arts and Craft Fair on 4th of July. Ms. Hauptert mentioned the group that had been doing the fair decided to retire within the past few weeks. Ms. Hauptert stated staff will research still offering the fair with another vendor.

Ms. Hauptert reported the 4th of July parade has increased to 12 more floats than 2007.

Ms. Hauptert stated the brides room at KLM has been completed. Staff is researching mirrors, a coat rack and area rug for the room.

Ms. Hauptert stated staff are extending hours for pool pictures on Tuesday, May 20th and Saturday, May 17.

Ms. Hauptert stated Mr. Troy sent out Requests for Proposals for portable restrooms. Maggio Rent a Potty proposed services \$3,600 less than the company that was used last year. Mr. Troy completed the same type of RFP for t-shirts and saved \$1,500 over last year's company.

AYSO

Bill Otto, AYSO Regional Commissioner, reported some parents who parked around the Hinsdale Middle School field on Saturday, April 19 received parking tickets. Mr. Otto stated there are some parking restrictions for that area, which makes it difficult for parents to park for their children's games. Ms. Hauptert stated she will contact the police regarding this.

Staff Reports

Ms. Troy reported the Bunny Bash was a success with an estimated 500 attendees. There were 80 guests for the morning brunch. All surveys returned were very positive.

Ms. Hauptert stated the summer brochure is currently available.

Park and Recreation follow up items

There was no follow up items to report.

New Business

Mr. Troy stated the entrance to Duncan Field has been curbed by the current Ogden Rd. project. Park users can access Duncan Field from Spinning Wheel Rd.

Ms. Hauptert stated Chairman Medick wanted to extend his sincere gratitude to Commissioners Deppe, Lubenow and Witham for their Commission terms. Commissioner vacancies will be replaced, however, Deppe, Lubenow and Witham are still active until their roles are filled.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Finlay moved to adjourn. Commissioner Deppe seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Troy
Manager of Recreation Services