

**Village of Hinsdale
Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
June 16, 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, Sandy Usher, Jeff Curran, Diane Griffin, Jeff Finaly & Katie Witham

Members Absent: Commissioners Lubenow, Deppe, Quast, & Hutcherson.

Staff Present: Carrie Hauptert, Director of Parks and Recreation
Nick Troy, Manager of Recreation Services
Bob Marshall, Parks and Recreation Intern

Others Present: Stu Seman

Approval of Minutes

The Park and Recreation Commission reviewed and approved the minutes of the May 19, 2008. Commissioner Usher moved approval of the May 19, 2008 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Curran seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Medick requested to move Sean Pelletier, Village Engineer, up on the agenda.

Consideration of Maintenance Path for Veeck Park

Sean Pelletier, Village Engineer, reported Chairwoman La Placa requested input from the Park and Recreation Commission regarding options for the type of drive that will go behind the outfield of the Veeck Park baseball diamond. Mr. Pelletier reported this would be used as an access drive to drive to the water storage tank. Mr. Pelletier mentioned the path could either be concrete or limestone and will be approximately 8 – 10 feet wide. Commissioner Finlay asked if the road would need access year-round. Mr. Pelletier commented yes. Mr. Pelletier stated the path could also be used as a walking path if the path were to continue around the park. Mr. Pelletier stated the path would go around the skate park. Commissioner Curran stated that a permanent outfield fence would be needed if the path were to be concrete. Ms Hauptert stated the Parks & Recreation Commission would need a motion to recommend. Commissioner Finlay moved to recommend support of the plan as submitted with concrete pathway, with addition of outfield fence at Veeck,

with further consideration for perimeter pathway. Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Brook Park

Mr. Pelletier stated he has been working with MWRD since November of 2007 and there still is no completed permit. Chairman Medick asked if there is any work that can be done prior to receiving the permit. Mr. Pelletier stated he would take a look.

Stough Park area

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. Mr. Seman stated the area is similar size to Eleanor's Park on Chicago Ave. Mr. Seman stated Mr. Franco has not taken action with this property. Chairman Medick asked that this be put on the agenda for next month.

Correspondence

Ms. Hauptert stated she has received emails from residents regarding the potential Peirce Park lights at the West Field.

Liaison Reports

There is no report for ACA.

Ms. Hauptert stated the budget for Gateway Special Recreation was passed with a 4.25% increase over last year's budget.

Monthly Reports

There were no comments on the Revenue/Expense report.

Ms. Hauptert stated that RecTrac server has been down lately. Ms. Hauptert stated that the "Lunch on the Lawn" event on Friday, June 13 went great there were approximately 200 people in attendance. Cold Blooded Creatures was there with reptiles for everyone to see.

Ms. Hauptert stated the Cook County Forest Preserve has asked the Village to make alterations to the existing plan at Duncan Field, which includes removing the lights and playground. Ms. Hauptert stated it is the Forest Preserve's mission not to have lights in the parks. The parking configuration was adequate.

Mr. Troy stated the Thorguard Lighting Prediction is still not functioning and the representative has said it would be installed in early July.

Proclamation

Ms Hauptert introduced Chairman Medick to the Park and Recreation Proclamation for the month of July. Commissioner Curran moved to recommend July as Parks and Recreation month in Hinsdale. Commissioner Usher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

July 4th Parade

Ms. Hauptert stated staff have secured new bands and many more floats for this year's parade with the help of Alice Mansell and her parade committee. Ms. Hauptert stated staff is still looking for volunteers to help for both the parade and July 3 event at Village Hall.

Park Permit Fees

Ms. Hauptert stated it is industry standard to permit all parks in a town. The experience can be made much more enjoyable if staff are aware of parks that have parties. Ms. Hauptert stated there would need to be a recommendation to ACA. Commissioner Finlay motioned to implement fees as proposed. Commissioner Usher seconded and the motion passed 5 –1.

New Business

Chairman Medick thanked Ms. Hauptert for her time her. She has made many additions for the better with the Parks and Recreation Dept. All Commissioners agreed and thanked Ms. Hauptert.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Finlay moved to adjourn. Commissioner Curran seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Troy
Manager of Recreation Programs