

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting on
September 29, 2008**

Chairman Medick called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Members Present: Keith Medick, Chairman, Sandy Usher, Jeff Finlay, Jeff Curran, Tish Lubenow, Diane Griffin

Members Absent: Commissioners John Deppe, Bridget Quast, Van Hutcherson & Katie Witham

Staff Present: Gina Hassett, Director of Parks & Recreation
Ryan Miller, Recreation Programmer

Others Present: None

Lyons Township Bond Money Discussion

Chairman Medick asked Park and Recreation Director Gina Hassett to give an overview of her discussions with Lyons Township. Ms. Hassett has spoken with the Township Supervisor since the last meeting and he explained that this grant was voted upon in 2004 which would give the communities in Lyons Township a total sum of 10 million dollars. This money will be distributed between the 17 communities in Lyons Township. The township is separated into 36 quadrants and each of those quadrants were separated into fourths. This gives Hinsdale 1.25% of Lyons Township but it has 85 acres of parkland. Ms. Hassett stated that some of these communities will not participate in this grant money because of lack of staff or time. Katherine Legge Memorial Park is a large piece of the land that Hinsdale has within Lyons Township so the Commission might want to focus a lot of the efforts towards it. We have many activities that go daily and many of the people using this land are from Lyons Townships. Duncan field was not in the Lyons Township; it is a part of Proviso Township. Ms. Hassett explained that the parks included in this grant are: Katherine Legge Memorial Park, Peirce, Veeck and The Woodlands. Chairman Medick asked if there are guidelines for a proposal. Ms. Hassett explained that the groups will submit their proposals in their own way. The deadline for proposals is October 15, 2008. Chairman Medick mentioned the five-year master plan as a guide for the proposal. Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge has many items on the five-year plan. Ms Hassett explained that there are many items that

could be on the proposal. She felt that the retaining wall on the exterior of KLM is in desperate need and with it being the gateway to the Township this could be a beneficial project. Ms. Hassett's suggestion is to submit as much as we can because there is no telling how much bond money that we could receive. The Commission spoke about the need to upgrade the retaining wall, KLM lodge, and the athletic fields. Commissioner Usher stated that KLM is a multi use park that caters to a variety of groups and activities. Chairman Medick stated that these are not items that we want, they are items that we need. Ms. Hassett has volunteered to put together a proposal for the project. Preparing the project in house would show dedication to improving the parks. Commissioner Finlay would like the Commission to remember the Woodlands Park. He stated that a walking path would be an excellent addition to this park. Mr. Finlay also stated that some of the maintenance items like the parking lot and exterior fence wouldn't give the Township the "Wow" factor. We may not want to lean towards these items. Chairman Medick explained that these items may not give the "Wow" factor but they are desperately needed in the park. Commissioner Curran raised the question, where is the Lyons Township and Proviso Township boarder. Ms. Hassett told the Commission that the boarder is Ogden Avenue. Chairman Medick summed up the conversations with the Commission is in agreement that we should include more rather than less. Chairman Medick has volunteered to attend the proposal meeting. Chairman Medick asked Ms. Hassett to submit the proposal with an itemized list.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Curran moved to adjourn. Commissioner Usher seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Recreation Committee meeting was declared adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Miller
Recreation Programmer