

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
AGENDA
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
July 20, 2009 - 7:30 PM
MEMORIAL HALL- MEMORIAL BUILDING
(Tentative and Subject to Change)

Chairman Curran called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 7:40 p.m. at Memorial Hall Board Room.

Members Present: Chairman Curran, Commissioners Griffin, Banke, Mulligan and Dougherty

Chairman Curran welcomed new members Kathleen Mulligan and Marybeth Dougherty. Chairman Curran asked the Commissioners to give a little information about themselves for the new Commissioners.

Members Absent: Commissioners Opler, McCarthy, Lubenow & Otto

Also Present: None

Staff Present: Gina Hassett, Director of Parks and Recreation
Kurt Lindemann, Recreation Supervisor
Linda Copp, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Mulligan moved approval of the June 15, 2009 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Banke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports

April Revenue/Expense Report

Ms. Hassett explained the year-end report. Chairman Curran commented on accounting adjustments for the new Commissioners. Ms. Hassett explained how the new reporting shows all the breakdowns of each category. This was the first full year of the breakdown by category. Ms. Hassett explained that all capital expenses were deferred except for a few pool items.

June 2009 Revenue/Expense Report

Ms. Hassett commented that these are all preliminary figures. Commissioner Mulligan asked about how much of expenses goes to revenue. Chairman Curran explained that we are working on expense recovery. Chairman Curran suggested that expenses be looked at again. Chairman Curran stated that some organizations like Little League give gifts in kind rather than cash. Commissioner Griffin asked what the status is for the Peirce Park lights. Chairman Curran stated that the request is suspended at this time.

Ms. Hassett stated that Little League maintains their field and has been very generous. They will make repairs to dugouts, additional picnic tables and trash cans. They have spent close to \$15,000 at Duncan this season.

Recreation Program Report

Ms. Hassett introduced the new Recreation Supervisor Kurt Lindemann to the Commissioners. Kurt stated that he is very glad to be back in the recreation field. The Commissioners welcomed him. Kurt will be responsible for the seasonal brochures and Ms. Hassett will handle the athletic fields and platform tennis.

Ms. Hassett thanked the Commissioners who helped with the parade. It was a success outside of the weather. Ms. Hassett stated the amount that has been collected from businesses and buck slips of donations.

Ms. Hassett explained that all the final numbers have not come in. Ms. Hassett explained that we should be around \$20,000 in expenses. Ms. Hassett stated that the Arts and Crafts fair was very damp and by the time it was over, it was pouring rain.

Follow Up Items

Ms. Hassett stated that the movie at KLM was also bad weather and about 42 people attended. Tommy R's sponsored the event and they did a great job.

Lunch on the Lawn on June 26 went well. The Flying Fool entertained and lunch was available for purchase.

Ms. Hassett stated that the bridge at KLM is finished and the fence by the bridge is being repaired. The Burr Ridge residents had cut a hole in the fence to have access to the park.

July 4th Parade Recap

Chairman Curran asked Ms. Hassett if she had any feedback on the parade. The parade was a little shorter and there were no major delays. There was only one major lag. Ms. Hassett stated that it has been suggested to go from 9th Street forward.

Commissioner Mulligan mentioned that cars and even an ambulance were allowed to come through on Garfield at Seventh. Commissioner Griffin stated there was some problem with people sitting in the street. Commissioner Griffin also asked about the bands. Ms. Hassett explained why we have to pay for the bands to participate. Commissioner Banke suggested being on the streets earlier and that barricades on the entrance to the streets would eliminate some congestion.

Chairman Curran stated that the craft fair at Burlington should have more signage but thought it was a good location. Chairman Curran commented that July 4th next year will be on Sunday and the Village needs to decide what day the Parade will be celebrated. Ms. Hassett stated that the Parade has never been done on Sunday, so it should be on Monday, which is the legal holiday. The date needs to be coordinated with Downers Grove and Lisle.

Follow Up Items

Lyons Township Update

The Lyons Township submission is still being worked on. She hopes to have a meeting with the Township Supervisor. The Township will be focusing on need and Ms. Hassett will work with Finance to discuss the financial need of the Village. Chairman Curran suggested talking to Tom DeWall at HCA. Commissioner Mulligan will get tournament numbers for platform tennis. There will be a second round of public hearings in September and the money needs to be distributed by November. All the material was taken from the 5-year capital plan for KLM.

Duncan Field Update

Ms. Hassett stated that the lease has been tabled for July in Cook County and deferred to September. The field may be used for soccer in the fall.

AYSO

Ms. Hassett is working with AYSO for the work at Veeck Park. Construction has hindered the project. They want to reseed the fields, install drainage and new top soil. If the logistics are worked out, the fields would be off line for the spring.

Party in the Park will be the last event for the summer. There will be family events and a DJ and a food vendor. Fall Festival and Polar Express are the special events in the fall/winter brochure. The Polar Express will be limited to 150 again this year. Chairman Curran asked what the Metra issue is. Ms. Hassett stated that Metra says it is a cost issue. They would have to add a car if there are more people. Ms. Hassett is hoping for 175. Registration will be by lottery.

Ms. Hassett stated that the weather has been challenging for the pool. Hinsdale Swim Club went well and they will be billed for overnight security. Ms. Hassett stated that on July 12th the pool and homes were tagged with graffiti. Staff worked to get that off. Ms. Hassett is working on looking at a security system for back up video tape. The security system would be a self purchased systems with a power source.

Pool Report

Ms. Hassett reviewed the pool pass figures. The fees were increased so the numbers are a little better than they would have been. Daily admission is down a lot due to the weather. The back to school hours will begin August 24. The Staff is trying to be strict with purchases and expenses. The staff will buy what needs to be purchased. Commissioner Banke asked when the pool closes. Commissioner Banke wanted to know if the season could be extended a few weeks. Ms. Hassett stated that the cost is high to maintain and staffing would be an issue. Ms. Hassett stated she believes that it will be hard to sell memberships next year.

KLM

The new promotional brochure is done and looks great. Commissioner Mulligan asked about the new piece. Ms. Hassett explained that it is important that the Lodge has a good brochure with current information. It will be a good marketing tool for the lodge.

Chairman Curran asked about projected rentals for July and August. Chairman Curran asked to have a projection for next month. Commissioner Banke asked about Zook House completion. Ms. Hassett stated that they need \$1,000,000 to complete the project. Chairman Curran asked to have someone from Zook House to attend one of the next meetings for an update. Commissioner Deppe and Trustee Bob Saigh are very involved and can be asked for information. Chairman Curran suggested a tour before the September meeting. Curran suggested looking at the annex building as well. There is potential that the school district science building will be out by then too. Chairman Curran suggested having a meeting at KLM during the fall or winter. Ms. Hassett will check to see when the Lodge would be available.

Dog Receptacles and signage update

Ms. Hassett and Brian McElwaine will look at the location for the receptacle and better signage. The funds are available for some receptacles.

Commissioner Banke asked if there is a must-do list for the parks. Ms. Hassett explained that the only must do item is the basketball court. Chairman Curran suggested listing capital versus repairs. Chairman Curran asked for the improvements/repairs to be revisited.

Commissioners Park Walk Through Evaluations

After all of them are received, Ms. Hassett will summarize them and send them to the Commissioners. Chairman Curran stated that the Peirce Park tennis courts backstop was not replaced. Ms. Hassett stated that residents have commented about people teaching lessons at the tennis courts. Ms. Hassett will look into making signage for the tennis courts.

Follow up of HCA rental of KLM

ACA suggested having free use for the fall season because the village has not been able to give HCA the amount of money that they usually get each year. The Board of Trustees approved the \$25 per hour rate. Chairman Curran suggested having two concurrent programs. The Board voted against free use because of the difficult economic times. HCA has said that \$25 per hour is not feasible for the fall

New Business

Platform Tennis Fees

Ms. Hassett stated that she met with Bill O'Brien. She explained the non-resident fees. They are much higher than our normal non-non-resident program fees, but are in line with the non-resident pool fees. After meeting with Bill O'Brien, the fees will stay where they are. Ms. Hassett will continue to communicate with Mr. O'Brien about revisiting lifetime memberships. Commissioner Mulligan stated that the new Salt Creek facility will help to alleviate some of the crowding of the courts. Those courts will be open in the fall.

ACA meeting coverage

Ms. Hassett stated that it is important to attend this meeting if there are important Commission items on the agenda. Ms. Hassett stated that these meetings are the second Monday of each month.

Upcoming Program Assessment with the Community House

Ms. Hassett will continue to communicate with The Community House to not duplicate programs. She is continuing to improve the relationship with them. Chairman Curran stated that The Community House is interested in combining or merging programs that have low attendance. Ms. Mulligan stated that the brochure is laid out very nicely. Ms. Hassett will continue to work with The Community House.

Correspondence

None

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ACA Committee

Ms. Hassett was asked at the board meeting about Gateway. She explained the reports that are received and they will be forwarded to the Board. \$62,000 is paid annually to Gateway and this comes from a special recreation tax that is levied to the residents. Ms. Hassett explained that the Village serves about 24 families per season. Chairman Curran asked if there is a link on our website and cable station to Gateway. There is a link on our website, but not cable station.

Commissioner Banke asked if it would make sense to attend a school board meeting. Commissioner Banke felt most parents are not aware of this special service. Ms. Hassett thought that a school open house might be appropriate. Ms. Hassett asked for Commissioner feedback and mentioned having a link on the school district website would help greatly.

Follow Up Items

Commissioner Banke thanked Ms. Hassett and the Commission for the opening of the skate park. Ms. Hassett stated that some repairs still need to be made.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Banke moved to adjourn. Commissioner Mulligan seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp