

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
June 18, 2007
7:00 P.M. – KATHERINE LEGGE MEMORIAL LODGE**

PRESENT: Keith Medick, Chairman, Commissioners Jeff Curran, Tish Lubenow, Sandy Usher, Van Hutcherson, Diane Griffin, & Bridget Quast, John Deppe, Katie Witham

ABSENT: Jeff Finlay

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Orler, Carrie Hauptert, Kolbe Kasper

Chairman Medick called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 7:06 p.m. at the Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 16, 2007 and May 21, 2007

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the minutes of the April 16, 2007 meeting and the May 21, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Hutcherson moved approval of both the April 16, 2007 and the May 21, 2007 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes as amended by Commissioner Usher. Commissioner Curran seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ms. Hauptert requested approval for St. Isaac Jogues School to hold their school picnic at Robbins Park on Monday, August 27, 2007 from 5-9PM. The Parks and Recreation Commission will recommend approval to the Administration and Community Affairs Committee.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. ACA – No Report
2. Gateway SRA – Ms. Hauptert attended the May 30 Annual Meeting. Ms. Hauptert briefed the commissioners on the event and honoring of the Special Olympians. She informed the commissioners that Hinsdale has the second most participants in this organization, with Elmhurst having the most. The Gateway Special Recreation budget has increased 3.5% over last year. Mr. Bill Otto of AYSO Soccer will attend the next meeting with Ms. Hauptert to discuss starting a new program for children with special needs.
3. Bike Route Task Force – Commissioners Usher and Curran reported the task force would have their next meeting on June 20 at 7PM at Village Hall. The focus will be bicycle policy.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. April Revenue/Expense Report - The Commission will receive the newly formatted Recreation Services portion and the entire revenue/expense report before the next meeting on July 16, 2007. Ms. Hauptert and Mr. Cooper are finalizing the format and information for this report.

- a) Recreation Program Report – Ms. Hauptert reported that the swimming pool opened May 26. We have had four special events since we opened including Duck Hunt, Magician, Free Father’s Day Swim and Gold Rush. The feedback on the Pierce Park playground improvements have been mixed. Some really like the new equipment, while others don’t like that we used some open space to add equipment.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOLLOW UP ITEMS

- The following Commissioners will help with the Fourth of July parade from 8AM-noon: Chairman Medick (3rd and Garfield), Commissioner Curran (Sixth, West of Garfield), Commissioner Usher (Seventh, West of Garfield), Commissioner Hutcherson, Commissioner Quast, Commissioner Lubenow and Commissioner Griffin.
- Ms. Hauptert will compile a document for review of all park evaluations for the next meeting.
- Commissioner Hutcherson brought up the weeds that are close to the train station in Highland Park.
- Commissioner Curran discussed the Brook Park Phase II project. He met with Mr. Mardula and Ms. Hauptert to get an update from Village Engineer, Mr. Pelletier. The building went to the Plan Commission and it was approved. Ms. Hauptert will work with Mr. Mardula and create the bid documents. They would like to bid the project in two bids, one for the building and one for landscaping and detention. Trustee Orlor suggested that we may be able to utilize the water fund resources for some of this project.
- Commissioner Curran asked staff to provide information on the backstop netting at Brook Park. Commissioner Quast asked about the playground.
- Commissioner Medick commented that the Adult Softball League has been well received and he has received positive feedback from the community.
- Chairman Medick suggested staff get information in the Village Views about the new Thorguard system in addition to the community education plan Ms. Hauptert is working on.
- Commissioner Deppe suggested staff have an information booth at the Fourth of July festival.

CAPITAL PLAN REVIEW:

Chairman Medick Reviewed the Five-Year Capital Plan with the Commissioners.

08-09:

- Robbins Goals – staff will check current condition
- There is \$300,000 allocated for the Brook Park Phase II project
- Painting of the KLM Annex, Peirce Park Backstops, Fences and Playground and the Thorguard system were accomplished last fiscal year
- Pool Maintenance is budgeted
- Chairman Medick would like staff to budget fees for Hitchcock Design for grant work in 09-10.
- Commissioner Usher suggested all Pedestrian Paving and Paths be put into one year to save on the budget. She also questioned the path at Robbins. Ms. Hauptert will follow-up with Ms. Kamuda from District 181 on the status.

09-10:

- There was some discussion on the Burns Field Warming Shelter and it's landmark status. Staff will investigate grant money to overhaul and evaluate the condition of the building. Commissioner Curran asked if some of it could be done in-house. The estimate for lighting of the fields needs to be updated.
- KLM Refurbishing - Indoors
- Chairman Medick suggested taking all umbrella replacement money for the pool and putting it into one year, to create new, improved shade structures.
- The Public Services Department will evaluate all vehicle needs.
- KLM Park Renovation, Ms. Hauptert will budget for and work with Hitchcock Design to obtain grant money for this project. Glorious Gardens may want to postpone their project for a year to combine with this project.
- Commissioner Usher asked staff to come back with some innovative ideas for the parks that are not the usual projects.
- Concession equipment will be replaced.

10-11:

- All Park Signage replaced to match Village branding
- Highland Park Renovations
- KLM Fence
- Pool exterior Fence

11-12:

- Resurface Platform Tennis Courts. Chairman Medick suggested that Burns may need it before KLM and staff should find out from Reilly Green the life expectancy of resurfacing.

Brainstorming New Ideas:

The Commissioners and Staff suggested the following ideas:

- Duncan Field
- Pool Renovation
- Peirce West Field Lighting near Wellness House
- Two Additional Paddle Courts
- More Deck area at the Pool
- Band Shell (Hinsdale 2025) at KLM
- Fitness Center
- Lighted Lacrosse/Soccer/Football Field
- Synthetic Turf
- Teen Battle of the Bands
- Ice Rink
- Permanent Dog Park
- Splash Pad
- KLM Project (Subcommittee – Commissioners Griffin, Lubenow and Deppe)
- Glorious Gardens Project – if the project can be done with the resources raised by the group

NEW BUSINESS

- The Commissioners would like Ms. Shannon Weinberger to attend the July meeting to give an update on the Zook house progress if applicable.
- Trustee Orlor informed the Commission that he will be leading the ACA meetings and invited the designated Commissioner to sit with the ACA Committee members. The next ACA Meeting is Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 7:30PM at Village Hall.
- Commissioner Curran moved to recommend to the ACA Committee in July to allow staff to approve all banner requests and basic park use requests without going through the ACA Committee and the Board of Trustees. Commissioner Deppe seconded this and the motion passed unanimously.
- The Commissioners discussed the letter from a resident considering the sale of parkland. At this time the Commissioners do not recommend sale of any park

property, and will consider those pieces of property in future capital plans. Chairman Medick asked Commissioners Usher and Quast to serve on a subcommittee to review the use of the properties including details of ownership. Commissioner Lubenow discussed her evaluation with Commissioner Quast on Ehret and Stough parks. They believe the path is in poor condition for running and the biggest problem is the lack of park access.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Deppe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Usher seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Hauptert, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation