

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting on
August 20, 2007**

Chairman Medick called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 7:05 p.m. at Village Hall.

Members Present: Keith Medick, Chairman, Commissioners Tish Lubenow, Diane Griffin, John Deppe, Jeff Finlay, Bridget Quast & Katie Witham

Members Absent: Jeff Curran, Van Hutcherson, & Sandy Usher

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

Others Present: None

Approval of Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Finlay moved approval of the July 16, 2007 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commission Deppe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Ms. Hauptert shared an email from a resident commending the Parks & Recreation Department on a job well done for the birthday party she hosted for her daughter and the weekly special events offered at the Community Pool. Chairman Medick stated staff has done a great job this summer with new ideas at the pool.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Hauptert commented that there would be many items on the next agenda for the meeting on September 4. Ms. Hauptert stated the ACA meeting would be one and one half hours Before the board meeting. Ms. Hauptert reminded the Commission the Brook Park bid opening would be August 29 at 3:00pm in the Board Room.

Ms. Hauptert mentioned the new brochure for Gateway Special Recreation is out. Ms. Hauptert stated the department would conduct a survey of residents who utilize Gateway's services to determine their level of satisfaction.

Ms. Hauptert reported TY Lin would have a draft map and plan for the September 10, 2007 EPS meeting.

Monthly Reports

Ms. Hauptert presented the July Revenue/Expense report to the Commission. Ms. Hauptert stated an email would be sent to the commissioners for a capital project update. Commissioner Deppe stated the report shows recent repairs for KLM Lodge. Ms. Hauptert stated there have been unexpected repairs to the roof and there is future capital money in fiscal years to come for increased repairs and updates.

Ms. Hauptert reported on the Recreation Program report. Ms. Hauptert stated the department has received great feedback on Camping under the Meteors through program surveys. There were 100 participants for the event, 75 of which stayed overnight. Ms. Hauptert reported the fall brochure would be out the week August 27th. Ms. Hauptert stated timers for the Thorguard system would be installed.

Ms. Hauptert asked the Commission for feedback on the 4th of July Parade. Commissioner Finlay stated more marketing to non-residents would be great. The Commission commented on a negative ad from a democratic float. Ms. Hauptert stated the group had not registered to be in the parade. Ms. Hauptert stated the department would do research on letters to parade participants outlining acceptable and non-acceptable promotion. Chairman Medick commended the department on a job well done. Commissioner Quast stated the possibility of expanding the festival. Ms. Hauptert stated the department has written a review of the parade that includes more entertainment and activities. Ms. Hauptert reported that she has met with Alice Mansell who has expressed interest in forming a committee for the parade. Commissioner Witham expressed interest in a “Battle of the Bands” for the parade or as an additional event on a different date for teens.

Park and Recreation follow up items

Chairman Medick requested the Strategic Capital Plan for Parks and Recreation be tabled for a future commission meeting. Commissioner Finlay requested a monthly maintenance report from George Franco, Director of Public Services. Mr. Troy will work with Mr. Franco to obtain this report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hauptert reported there has been continuous damage done to the skate park at Veeck Park. There has been graffiti painted on the equipment, pieces of equipment moved, fences and benches destroyed and a computer monitor crushed on the

pavement. Chairman Medick reported the skate park was positively received when built partly due to its remoteness. Commissioner Lubenow commented that cameras might help the situation. Mr. Troy stated research was done for cameras. Ms. Hauptert stated the department would review the camera research at a future Commission meeting.

Ms. Hauptert reported that the toilets in the men's bathroom at Robbins Park were destroyed twice by an unknown explosive.

Ms. Hauptert reported the Thorguard Lightning Prediction System would go live on Monday, September 17. Ms. Hauptert stated there is a page in the fall brochure talking about the system. Also, letters will go out to surrounding homes where each unit is located. Mr. Troy stated an email would be sent to all athletic groups regarding the system.

Ms. Hauptert requested a \$5 fee be charged to children at the Fall Festival. Increased entertainment and activities will improve the event. The Commission agreed.

Ms. Hauptert stated the department would like to review picnic permit fees and permitting other parks for picnics at a future Commission meeting.

Ms. Hauptert reported the time for the commission meetings would need to start at 7:30 PM. All future meetings will be televised live on channel 6.

Commissioner Medick requested the Recreation Commission meeting be held at the Paddle Hut at KLM Park for the September 17 meeting. Commissioners and staff should meet at Veeck Park at 7:00 PM. From Veeck, the group will go to the Paddle Hut at KLM.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Deppe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Finlay seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Recreation Committee meeting was declared adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Nick Troy
Manager of Recreation Services