

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting on  
September 17, 2007**

Chairman Medick called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 7:30 p.m. at KLM Paddle Hut.

***Members Present:*** Keith Medick, Chairman, Commissioners Diane Griffin, John Deppe, Sandy Usher, Jeff Finlay, Jeff Curran, Bridget Quast & Katie Witham

***Members Absent:*** Van Hutcherson & Tish Lubenow

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

***Others Present:*** Tracy Leddy & Jim Slonoff

**Approval of Minutes**

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the minutes of the August 20, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Finlay moved approval of the August 20, 2007 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Deppe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Hinsdalean “Pumpkin Patch” event**

Jim Slonoff of the Hinsdalean reported on the “Pumpkin Patch” in Burlington Park beginning October 24. Mr. Slonoff stated Sycamore hosted a similar event where children decorate pumpkins and keep them in the park. Letters and flyers will be distributed to District 181 schools for promotion of the event. The Village of Hinsdale will be a co-sponsor of this event.

**Hinsdale Community Preschool proposal**

Tracy Leddy presented the Commission with an idea for renovation of the building where the current Robbins Park concession and bathrooms is located. Currently the Preschool leases space at The Community House and they have become large enough that they are turning students away due to space restrictions. Mr. Leddee reported their preschool is a non-profit organization looking for a long-term home. Mr. Leddy stated the cost of the building would be covered by his organization. Mr. Leddy stated the building would be shared with the Village so programs could be

run during non-preschool hours. The building would still have a concession stand and bathrooms. Chairman Medick shared that a similar agreement was reached between the Village and Hinsdale Paddle Tennis Association for the KLM Paddle Hut. Mr. Leddy stated enrollment could double if the building was large enough. Ms. Hauptert stated she would meet with Mr. Leddy on writing a business plan for the project. Mr. Leddy will look into writing a plan and report to the Commission in the future. Chairman Medick asked the Commission if they would like to hear more information on this project in the future. The Commission stated their interest in getting additional, detailed information.

### **Correspondence**

Ms. Hauptert stated there was no correspondence received this month.

### **Liaison Reports**

Ms. Hauptert stated Chairman Medick and Commissioner Curran attended the recent ACA Committee meeting regarding Brook Park. Chairman Medick stated Trustee Orler was supportive of using the water fund for the detention.

Ms. Hauptert mentioned she has been elected treasurer of the board for Gateway Special Recreation Association. Ms. Hauptert stated the feedback from the survey sent out to Gateway participants was positive. Ms. Hauptert stated she would like to add a link from the Village's website to Gateway's.

Commissioner Curran reported Ty Lin presented a slide show to the public regarding the bicycle plan. There were no questions or comments from the public.

### **Monthly Reports**

Ms. Hauptert presented the August Revenue/Expense report to the Commission. Ms. Hauptert stated the community pool has either broken even or earned a profit. Ms. Hauptert stated this is uncommon for a pool, but extremely positive.

Ms. Hauptert reported on the Recreation Program report. Ms. Hauptert stated the Parks and Recreation Department is meeting on Tuesday, September 21 with Alice Mansell's committee regarding the 2008 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

### **Staff Reports**

Ms. Hauptert reported Davy Jones and his band will perform in Burlington Park on Friday, September 28. The event will be combined with Live and Local Flavor. There will be a \$5 admission charge. Commissioner Deppe thanked the Parks and Recreation department for bringing Davy back. Commissioner Finlay stated he would be willing to volunteer.

Ms. Hauptert stated Fall Festival will be on Sunday, October 7 at KLM Park. The event has been expanded with entertainment and activities. Ms. Hauptert reported Haunted Hinsdale will be Saturday, October 27 at KLM.

Ms. Hauptert reported the new Fall/Winter brochure is out and registration is currently being taken.

### **Park and Recreation follow up items**

Chairman Medick requested the Commission put stickers on the areas of importance for Strategic Capital Plan for Parks and Recreation. Fourteen items were placed around the room and Commissioners were asked to place any number of their stickers on the projects they felt strongly about. The results and projects are listed below.

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| Duncan Field: 22              | Pool Renovations: 31                  |
| Athletic Field lighting: 15   | Two additional paddle courts: 21      |
| More deck area at the pool: 9 | Band Shell (Hinsdale 2025) at KLM: 12 |
| Fitness Center: 4             | Synthetic Turf: 0                     |
| Teen Battle of the Bands: 13  | Ice Rink: 30                          |
| Permanent Dog Park: 11        | Splash Pad: 18                        |
| KLM Project: 25               | Glorious Gardens Project: 13          |

Ms. Hauptert stated she will research potential grants that are available for these projects.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Hauptert asked the Commission if they would consider naming the baseball field at Veeck Park “Jim Thome Field”. Mr. Thome recently hit his 500<sup>th</sup> homerun and is a current member of the Chicago White Sox. The Commission stated rather than naming the ball field, they recommend placing a plaque on the concession and bathroom building commemorating his accomplishment.

Chairman Medick reported HPTA is looking at a possible lease for the Paddle Hut at KLM. HPTA would continue to operate the lessons. Ms. Hauptert shared that the Village attorney and HPTA are still working on a potential agreement. Commissioner Finlay commented he would like the Village attorney to know of his concerns regarding alcohol at the paddle hut. Chairman Medick stated the lease does not have anything to do with alcohol at the paddle hut. Ms. Hauptert stated this lease would formalize what is currently occurring. Commissioner Usher motioned to recommend the lease agreement. Commissioner Curran seconded and the recommendation passed unanimously.

Commissioner Deppe reported the roof has been completed at the Zook house. The project is waiting on permits from MWRD and the Village of Hinsdale.

Commissioner Usher asked if the heaters at KLM have been serviced during the off-season. Mr. Troy stated the heaters have been serviced and staff have worked on laying tape on the walkways. Chairman Medick stated Burns courts may need to be resurfaced in the near future.

### **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 9:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Nick Troy  
Manager of Recreation Services