

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

Chairman Medick called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Hutcherson

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

Others Present: None

Approval of Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the minutes of the November 19, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Finlay located two minor errors. Commissioner Usher moved approval of the November 19, 2007 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Lubenow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

July 4th Parade Update

Alice Mansell presented an update on the 2008 July 4th Parade. Ms. Mansell stated she has formed a committee, with the help of Ms. Hauptert, to generate recommendations for this year's parade. The committee includes Hinsdale residents and the Parks and Recreation Department staff. Ms. Mansell commented over time the parade has been somewhat removed from the patriotic theme and the committee's intention is to improve the content of the parade. The committee has decided to use "Grand Ole Flag" theme for 2008. Ms. Mansell stated the committee will provide suggestions for the parade and the Parks and Recreation Department and its Commissioner's will be the decision-makers. Ms. Mansell commented the parades have lacked floats and one of the committee's goals is to have more of them. Ms. Mansell stated with the help of guidelines for the parade participants, this should improve the outcome. Ms. Hauptert stated Alice Mansell has shown an enormous amount of leadership and appreciates her willingness to assist in improving the parade.

Correspondence

There was none to report.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Troy attended the ACA meeting for Ms. Haupert on December 3. Mr. Troy reported on the Annual Aquatic Report and spoke briefly on a potential sponsorship program for the Village.

Ms. Haupert stated there is no Gateway report this month.

Monthly Reports

Ms. Haupert presented the November Revenue/Expense report to the Commission. Ms. Haupert stated there was a minimal \$500 change order on one item for Brook Park Concession Stand. Ms. Haupert expressed gratitude towards Steve Mardula for his work with Brook Park. Chairman Medick commented total expenditures have decreased and revenue has increased this fiscal year for the department.

Staff Reports

Ms. Haupert reported the Polar Express Trip was a great success with approximately 700 participants. Staff have received many positive comments regarding the three trips.

Chairman Medick asked Ms. Haupert to compile a report comparing this year's paddle numbers to last year's numbers. Ms. Haupert stated there were 549 paddle memberships as of December 17.

Park and Recreation follow up items

Commissioner Curran stated he was going to walk through Brook Park Concession Stand on Thursday, December 20 with Steve Mardula. Commissioner Curran asked where the permit is for MWRD regarding water detention. Ms. Haupert stated the permit has not yet been given to the Village. Chairman Medick asked staff to coordinate with the contractor on storm water issues.

Mr. Troy stated the quote from Reilly Green to resurface all six paddle courts was approximately \$15,000. Chairman Medick commented there was interest and demand from Hinsdale Paddle Tennis Association for two additional courts. Chairman Medick stated HPTA could have fundraisers and the Village could offer lifetime passes again to offset the cost. Chairman Medick recommended putting

back the money taken out of the five-year capital plan last month for resurfacing of the paddle tennis courts into the five-year capital plan. Commissioner Curran would like to see a quote on fixing up the Warming Hut at Burns Field. Ms. Hauptert stated that staff would research quotes on both two additional paddle courts and the Burns Field Warming Hut. Commissioner Finlay asked whether the lights have been changed at the KLM paddle courts. Ms. Hauptert stated new ballasts were ordered but had not yet been installed due to the weather.

New Business

Ms. Hauptert stated the Illinois Professional Recreation Association Conference is January 24 – 26 downtown Chicago. Ms. Hauptert asked the commissioners if anyone would be interested in attending the Awards/Legislative Luncheon on Friday, January 25. Commissioners would sit with area legislators during the luncheon. Ms. Hauptert requested that commissioners let her know as soon as possible because tickets sell out quickly. Chairman Medick and Commissioner Finlay would like to attend.

Commissioner Deppe stated the Zook House project is moving along steadily.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Finlay moved to adjourn. Commissioner Deppe seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Recreation Committee meeting was declared adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Troy
Manager of Recreation Services