

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Tuesday, December 2, 2014
Memorial Hall – Memorial Building

Chairman Banke called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall board room.

Members Present: Chairman Banke, Commissioners Baker, Keane, Conboy and Owens

Members Absent: Commissioners George and Mulligan

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

Commissioner Conboy moved approval of the October 14, 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes with one correction. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Administration and Community Affairs Committee

Ms. Hassett reported that the next ACA meeting is Dec. 9th. There was discussion at board about the ice rink requests.

Gateway Special Recreation Association

Ms. Hassett reported on the expense to a vehicle. It was decided to repair the vehicle and it will be put replacement of the vehicle in the capital plan. An employee was promoted from within for the new Director position.

Revenue Expense Report

Ms. Hassett commented on the October report. Revenue increased \$16,058 due partly to the tennis program but expenses are also up and we are on track from last year. Platform tennis revenue has increased \$5,515 and 90% of the revenue is in. The revenue from Mary Doten will be received in January. Ms. Hassett reported that there was a \$9,146 increase in October for KLM rentals and continues to be a strong month. Catering license fees are down due to less annual caterers.

Ms. Hassett reported that revenue for picnics was done \$3,039. Revenue from rental of the Arts Center has been separated out to another code. AYSO fall payment has been received, but there is still some outstanding athletic revenue. Operating expenses are down and some capital expenses that are completed have not all been posted. Some are coded to the road projects. There are some vehicles that have been ordered but not posted.

There is \$50,000 allocated in the budget for improvements to the arts center but staff is waiting to see who the tenant will be before any work will be done. This is in the 2014/15 budget. After the beginning of the year, the school district will know if they want use of the building. The Veck walking path is budgeted for \$16,000, but the project cannot be done for that amount because of drainage that is required and the site being finished.

Chairman Banke asked about the possibility of using Veeck by the middle school for cross country teams. Ms. Hassett has not been asked about that from the school district. She had a conversation with a group about installing a turf field at Robbins. Ms. Hassett stated that would cost around \$1,000,000. Ms. Hassett reported that the pool report will be coming in the upcoming months.

Recreation Program Report

Ms. Hassett commented on the Holiday Express for December 7 and the Santa Breakfast at KLM on Saturday, December 6. The winter/spring brochure will be delivered on Dec. 8th and registration will begin Dec. 15.

Ms. Hassett reported on the increased spending for the mowing due to a lot of rain and sometimes mowing 3 times per week. The company also was doing weeding of the playgrounds. The current contract does not cover the maintenance of the berm at the KLM platform tennis courts or the playgrounds. The public service staff does not have the time for doing this. The Village crews have done some fall clean up in-house.

The annual request from Melin Park residents for an ice rink was approved. The request from residents at 4th and Park was not approved by the village board. The parcel is not a park so the area would not be under the same rules as the parks. There were also some safety concerns by the police.

The rink at Burlington Park and at Burns will hopefully start by mid-month. There will not be hockey play allowed at Burlington. The rinks at Burns will be smaller and will use the liners. The lights have been fixed and the sidewalks have been repaired. There were not enough funds to fix KLM sidewalks so all the funds were spent at Burns. Some additional repairs needed to be done. Commissioner Owens asked if Ms. Hassett could send an email to the Commissioners when the ice rinks are ready to go.

Commissioner Baker asked if the Nice Rink liners help in keeping the rinks frozen. Ms. Hassett commented on how the deep end was almost 12 inches at Burns. These rinks will be smaller and she thinks the smaller size will help it freeze at a faster rate. One rink will be at the north end and one in the bowl area.

Ms. Hassett reported that Peirce Park is 85% done and the fence by the web climber has been removed and it has reopened. The construction fencing will not be removed until the concrete work is done. Hopefully it can be finished this week. There will be ribbon cutting in the spring.

Ms. Hassett stated that the electric under the heaters at the paddle courts needed to be replaced. The heaters have been replaced with a new style. They are a larger capacity and there are 4 heaters instead of 6. The gas pipe is now to code and all should be good except for one court that is not accessible. The stone below the courts could be replaced but the hope is to be under the courts a lot less. Ms. Hassett explained that radiant heat would be ideal, but that would be very expensive. The new heaters are what are used in chicken coops. The surface on the decking to the paddle hut is sagging so that will be the next thing to be replaced.

Old Business

Adopt-A-Park Program

Ms. Hassett explained the program and that reporting damage and signage are the issues. A park damage report could be used by any resident and this will be something included on the new website. The cost for a sign is about \$30 and once the first clean-up is done, the sign could go up. The goal to kick off the program is the park clean-up day after Earth Day.

Ms. Hassett stated that staff does work with the high school for volunteer hours. It will go to ACA for their approval. Commissioner Conboy asked if the sign would be permanent. Ms. Hassett explained that there would be a sticker on the sign stating who the sponsor was. Some of the larger parks could have more than one sponsor. It generally takes a few years to get all the parks adopted. The sponsor would need to reapply each year unless they didn't want to be a sponsor anymore.

New Business

Proposed 2015 Meeting Dates

Ms. Hassett shared the dates with the Commission. The Village board is looking at combining Committees but that should not affect the meeting dates.

Correspondence

Ms. Hassett shared the correspondence from a dog user that was asking for earlier evening hours for dog walking at KLM. Ms. Hassett stated that the dog hours are an Ordinance and would require Board approval to change the hours. The reason is due to the athletics that happen in the park. Having another set of hours would cause more confusion and the dog owners generally don't pay attention to the times anyway. It is dark in November when the hours change. Dogs are not allowed in any other park at any time but the police will not pursue that violation unless there is a complaint.

Ms. Hassett explained that the dogs are to be on leash until they are on the north end of the park. The amount of dog users is very high. Commissioner Conboy asked who is accountable if the police don't follow through. Ms. Hassett explained that the police will give warnings first but it is important during athletic time to step up enforcement. It would interfere with athletic play to change the hours.

Commissioner Owens stated that only the people that don't like dogs will comment. Chairman Banke stated that it is part of their routine for the people that use KLM. We accept the consequences, but the majority like it. Ms. Hassett explained that in the spring the dog users destroyed the area because of the wet spring, but they did comply when they had to move to allow the turf to grow.

Chairman Banke stated that this is Ordinance based and it would involve a process to change it. The Commission unanimously agreed to not proceed with changing the Ordinance.

Chairman Banke asked if there was anything to add to the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner Baker asked about the pool report. Ms. Hassett stated that will be covered in the coming months.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Baker moved to adjourn. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was declared adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Secretary