

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, January 23, 2012 6:30 PM
KLM Lodge**

Chairman Kluchenek called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 6:35 p.m. at the KLM Lodge.

Members Present: Chairman Matt Kluchenek, Commissioners Banke, Dougherty, Mulligan, and Owens. Bill Otto was at Sports Summit only.

Members Absent: Commissioners Diane Griffin, McCarthy and Opler

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

Commissioner Owens moved approval of the December 19, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Dougherty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports

December Expense Reports

Ms. Hassett reported that the Hinsdale Tennis Association agreement was not approved. Tom Lockhart has prepared the requested financial information and it will go to the next ACA meeting.

Ms. Hassett reported that the lodge revenue is still down, but everything else is on target. She has stressed to the village Trustees that she would like them to participate in the 5K race. The funds raised will be used for capital expenditures. RML Hospital is doing some activities as part of the event.

Ms. Hassett explained about Gateway and how she is working with them to keep contributions close to 1.5%. The budget year for Gateway is July 1 which does not correspond with the village budget. The Village would need to stay in for one more year even if we do withdraw. The 20 Hinsdale participants would no longer be able to participate as residents and would pay twice the fee. The Village might reimburse them and it would come out of the general fund. The Village could no longer levy the special rec tax.

Design Perspectives will have some drawings for the nature playground by next month. The ice rink at Melin is still active, but there is none at Burns. Trustee Geoga is involved in the lodge reservationist position and wants someone with sales background. It will always be a part time position with no benefits. One applicant has had a second interview and one more will be interviewed in the next few weeks.

An audio visual company was out to give suggestions for KLM. Ms. Hassett explained that there is a taskforce to review all the aspects of the Lodge.

New Business

July 4th parade and event

Ms. Hassett explained that she has reviewed that the only place to capture revenue is the craft fair. It would be difficult for 3 staff to run the craft fair. We don't have any way of knowing who the crafters are this year so she suggests that we try to collect the information going forward. Commissioner Banke suggested social media for finding the crafters.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion to recommend that we continue with the current vendor for 2012 and take names for next year. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mulligan suggested that we all sign in the website for the healthy parks.

The Sports Summit meeting began at 7:03 pm. Chairman Kluchenek asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves to the organizations present and thanked the organizations for coming.

Brief overview of organization

Ms. Hassett asked the attendees to introduce themselves and their organizations. Each organization explained how many participants they have in each sport.

Field Closings

Ms. Hassett stated that Veeck Park is having a facelift and AYSO and Falcon Football have contributed funds to complete the fields. It will be off line all of spring 2012. KLM lacrosse field will be regraded this spring with the OSLAD grant funds and will be off line in the fall.

Ms. Hassett explained that Duncan Field is Forest Preserve property north of Ogden and the village had permitted it with Cook County and maintained it for 20 years. Last year was the first time that any other organization ever requested it. Cook County permitted the field to Western Springs, but when they found out it would not be maintained any longer, they did not use it.

The village has also permitted the field to AYSO soccer because it has green space. She explained where the field is and the green space there. The village invested money and tried to get an intergovernmental agreement. The County was not interested in an agreement.

Commissioner Mulligan passed around the brochure on the 5K race in April. The funds will be used for capital projects and she encouraged the organizations to volunteer if they can't participate.

Field Allocations

Ms. Hassett explained that the requests come through the office and explained the order of the needs. She does try to make it all work and meet the needs of the community.

Ms. Hassett explained the field cancellation policy and expressed that everyone follow those policies.

Round Table Discussions

Commissioner Banke asked the organizations to educate the Commissioners on their needs. The purpose is to be specific about the organization's needs. There was much discussion from the lacrosse instructors. They prefer to have the fields shut down in the spring instead of the fall.

Falcon Football requests more lighted fields. There is an area at Brook where drainage is bad. The organization member suggested that it could be used for other organizations in the spring. Little League stated that they use Brook 2-3 times per week and the weekends.

AYSO stated they are currently using 63 fields from Burr Ridge to Westmont. Games are on Saturday mornings. They would not use Duncan Field for practices, just the games.

Hornets Swim Team stated that Hinsdale has the only 50 meter pool in the area. Swim Teams are limited by the pool space and that they are already at their capacity. They stated they are looking for a couple hours in the AM and PM and teams are willing to travel in order to get into a 50 meter pool. The representative from Westmont stated how important it is to get time at the 50 meter pool. They would take as many lanes as they can get and they have waiting lists for the teams.

Jana from the Community House stated that their issue is finding practice space. Robbins works fine for games.

Chairman Kluchenek asked if it was possible to post on-line the field schedules. Ms. Hassett commented that a calendar could be posted. The problem is we don't get the Little League schedules. St Isaac's issue is mostly track and field space. They have had conversation with HMS, but no cooperation.

Adventist Academy needs a lighted field, but would like one day a week with a bigger field for varsity games. He stated that they have a small soccer field that could be used by the other organizations.

Questions were asked regarding the skate park. Ms. Hassett stated that there are some Trustees that want it to be removed. Little League would like the space if it is ever removed.

The football representative explained about the lights that could be replaced at Burns. There are programs that could be financed through the village because of the bond rating but then

football would pay the village back. There would be an advantage because there are already lights there. Commissioner Mulligan stated that there are newer lights that have less bleed.

Chairman Kluchenek thanked the groups for coming and for the cooperation between them.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Dougherty moved to adjourn. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp, Secretary