

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007, AT THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK, 7760 QUINCY STREET, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Doug Stetina called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Commissioners Laurie Landsman, Karin Miller, Sandra O'Connor and Vice Chairman Stetina. ABSENT: Commissioner Kanaverskis and Chairman Richard Cobb. Also present was Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Walter Righton.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

Chairman Cobb entered the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 6, 2007

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on November 6, 2007.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Righton referred to a letter from the first place winner of Pictures in the Park Contest, Lawrence Conklin. The picture will be used in the Fall Fun Guide.

5. VISITOR'S BUSINESS

There was no visitor's business.

6. REPORTS

A. Park News in Brief

Superintendent Righton highlighted some items that were noted in the Administrator's Report:

- The Willowbrook Garden Club expressed interest in doing other small scale projects next year similar to the planting of tulip bulbs at the parks.
- A new electrical service line was installed to the aerator at Willow Pond.
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. completed a rough draft of the pond study, which revealed that there is an abundance of fish in all three ponds. The final report is expected to be completed by the end of 2007 and will provide the Village with recommendations for a long range plan for pond improvements.

- The Winter/Spring Fun Guide will be mailed by the end of the week.
- The Burr Ridge/Willowbrook Softball Programs committed to pay for extending the water line from the new concession/restroom building under construction to yard hydrants that will serve all three fields at Community Park.
- Wild Goose Chase, Inc. continues its service of using border collies for controlling the geese activity at Prairie Trail Park. Wild Goose Chase will provide the complimentary dog service at Community Park.

B. Community Park/Midway Park Walking Path Concept

Superintendent Righton advised that he worked with Director of Municipal Services Tim Halik to look into the possibility of constructing a gravel walking path along the perimeter of Community Park and Midway Park. This was in response to the Commission's inquiry as to the feasibility of such a project. Staff's research indicated constructing such a path would be prohibitively expensive since the entire northeast quadrant of the park lies in floodway. To construct in that area would entail permitting from IDNR, the Army Corps of Engineers and DuPage County. In the permitting process, the Village would have to provide compelling reasons why additional paths were necessary to be constructed in the floodplain areas. Superintendent Righton reminded the Commission that it would have cost considerably more to build the concession/restroom building in the center of the park. The northern two-thirds of the park is located in the floodplain. which is why the new concession building is being built at the southern third of the park.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Children's Holiday Party

Superintendent Righton provided the flyers to the Commission for them to distribute in their neighborhoods for the party. He informed the Commission that the Holiday Inn will provide cookies and Portillos will provide cake for the upcoming Children's Holiday Party on Sunday, December 9, 2007. The Commissioners were requested to be at Hinsdale South High School by 12:15 p.m. on the day of the party.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Landsman, to adjourn the regular meeting at the hour of 7:53 p.m.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

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Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Mary Partyka.