

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008, AT THE WILLOWBROOK HOLIDAY INN, 7800 SOUTH KINGERY HIGHWAY, 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, Carol Lazarski, Ronald Kanaverskis, Karin Miller and Vice Chairman Stetina. ABSENT: Commissioner Sandra O'Connor 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 – February 5, 2008

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Lazarski, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on February 5, 2008.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

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:

- Starbucks employees are planning a cleanup of Winter debris at the Community Park on March 15.
- The Spring meeting for Senior Willowbrook Adults Connected (SWAC) is scheduled for March 14.
- Enrollment totals stand at 280 in comparison to 285 a year ago at this time. There are 49 children in the Indoor Soccer Program.

- The Co-recreational Softball League organizational meeting was held on February 27 and all 14 teams are planning to return.
- Construction on the Community Park Concession/Restroom building continues to progress. Mr. Halik and Mr. Righton are working on the design of the signage for the building. Completion is becoming dependent on the weather in order to finish concrete and asphalt work.
- Mr. Righton will meet with BR/W representatives to review details on its upcoming season.
- ARC will be providing a larger recycling container for the Community Park.
- Mr. Righton advised that last month the Willowbrook Police Department rescued a woman and her dog that went into the icy water at Willow Pond.
- Mr. Righton informed the Parks Commission that he will have two items on the March 10, 2008 Board agenda. One item was the parks fees and looking at streamlining the park permitting process. The second item was the amendment of the Gateway Articles specifically if an agency who would voluntarily withdraws has to give notice and it does not take effect until the following year. The withdrawing agency would be responsible for their membership up until June of the following year.
- The Village hired an exterminator to trap the beaver who is destroying trees at Ridgemoor Park.

B. FY 08-09 Budget Update

Superintendent Righton updated the Parks Commission that the Board's budget workshop was held on February 19 and he reported that the entire budget has been tentatively approved at this time. The Board had some discussion regarding the overtime costs for the concession building maintenance and the reconstruction of the Community Park basketball court.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Stetina and Commissioner Landsman noted that they each received a thank you note from the Hinsdale Community Center for the generous donation from the food drive and the donation of the excess toys.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Stetina reminded everyone about the Willowbrook Business Expo on Wednesday, March 5, between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Ashton Place.

Superintendent Righton showed the Parks Commission the new ball field signs identifying each of the Community Park fields.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Lazarski, seconded by Chairman Cobb, to adjourn the regular meeting at the hour of 8:10 p.m.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

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Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Mary Partyka.