

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006, AT THE WILLOWBROOK VILLAGE HALL, 7760 QUINCY STREET, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Douglas 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, Ronald Kanaverskis, Patricia Wagner, Sandra O'Connor and Vice Chairman Stetina. ABSENT: Commissioners Carol Lazarski, Karin Miller and Chairman Richard Cobb. Also present was Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Walter Righton.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

Commissioner Lazarski entered the meeting at approximately 7:38 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2006

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on March 7, 2006.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Righton noted that he received a telephone call from a doctor who lives in Ridgemoor who expressed concern about the small sand digger area at Ridgemoor Park has become a cat litter box. She felt the small area has become a severe health problem. Mr. Righton called one of the equipment reps to see if there was a different suitable material that could be used in place of sand. Superintendent Righton noted the sand diggers at Ridgemoor Park are nearly 25 years old and were due to replacement soon and that the small sand digger will be replaced with a seesaw similar to the one at Willow Pond.

5. VISITOR'S BUSINESS

There was no visitor's business.

6. REPORTS

A. Recreation Program

Superintendent Righton reported that the enrollment totals in the Winter/Spring program stand at 405 participants in comparison to 367 a year ago.

The new Garden Club met again on March 20 with a nice presentation on “Preparing Your Garden for Spring Planting.” The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19.

The Kite Fly held on Saturday, March 18, had a nice turnout with about 35 in attendance. There was also a nice turnout for the last SWAC (Senior Willowbrook Adults Connected) meeting on March 20 with 44 residents enjoying an update from the Police Department on the latest scams being attempted on the senior population. Superintendent Righton thanked Commissioner Stetina for the prizes he had brought to the meeting.

Planning for the 2006 Summer Program continues. It is anticipated that the Summer Fun Guide will be mailed April 28. Mr. Righton informed the Parks Commission that due to the higher cost of movie screen rentals, we will have one movie night instead of two as he had announced earlier.

B. Community Park Toilet/Concession/Storage Building

Superintendent Righton advised the Parks Commission that he had met with architect Leann Meyer-Smith and went through the Village’s objectives for the building. He reviewed with her the footprint of the building and the budget for the project. Mr. Righton hoped to have a preliminary design and a cost estimate by next week. He had contacted the Baseball League informing them that the Village may need some additional financial assistance if the project seems to exceed the Villages budgeted amount and he had also talked to the new contact for Our Lady of Peace football program who are interested in some storage space so they will be asked for a smaller financial contribution toward the project. Mr. Righton suggested that the Parks Commissioners take a look at a building of similar scope as what is being proposed located at the Westmont Park District facility, just south of the skateboard park on 63rd Street just west of Cass Avenue.

C. Burr Ridge/Willowbrook Softball

Superintendent Righton reported that adjustments were made to the base pins and pitching rubbers at the Community Park field. The ball field mix was put in before the previous rain. The permits are in place with regard to the use of the ball fields at Community Park by the Burr Ridge/Willowbrook Softball. Mr. Righton noted that the maintenance agreement contains about \$6,000 worth of materials and service that is reimbursed back to the Village by BR-W Softball.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion – Midway Park

Superintendent Righton noted that the Village Board received and opened one bid in the amount of \$351,000 submitted by Nevins Real Estate. It is anticipated that the Board will reject the bid at its next meeting of April 10 and be open for other discussions with regard to Midway Park.

The Parks Commission discussed anticipating the rejection of the bid by the Village Board, the intent of the Board with regard to moving forward with Midway Park, the desire to work cooperatively with the Board in coming up with a long term solution about Midway Park, and

restating the importance of keeping Midway Park as a park. Superintendent Righton suggested that he could prepare a draft memorandum to be reviewed by the Chairman outlining the issues discussed by the Parks Commission and forward it to the Village Board.

Superintendent Righton noted that he will be attending the Finance/Administration Committee to update the committee with the current projects as included in the Parks & Recreation budget.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Stetina brought up the subject of changing the schedule of meetings for the Parks Commission to possibly every other month. He felt that the Commission should continue to meet every month. The consensus of the Parks Commission was to continue meeting every month.

Superintendent Righton advised that there was money in the proposed 2006-07 budget to do a handicapped accessible trail into Waterford Park. However, when the Village Engineer shot grades, it was determined that achieving wheelchair accessibility was prohibitively costly. Mr. Righton suggested instead using the money to install an accessible trail at Creekside Park, which would provide for an ADA accessible park in that neighborhood. We anticipate access could be completed there for the amount we had budgeted, \$5,000.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adjourn the regular meeting at the hour of 8:33 p.m.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

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Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Mary Partyka