

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY December 1 2020, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 835 MIDWAY DRIVE,
WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, THE VILLAGE WILL BE UTILIZING A ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL FOR THIS MEETING.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Pionke called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were: Commissioner Ronald Kanaverskis and Parks and Recreation Manager John Fenske.

Present Via Conference Call, Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic were Chairman Robert Pionke & Commissioners Laurie Landsman, Carol Lazarski and Doug Stetina.

ABSENT: Commissioner Lorraine Grimsby.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes – November Special Meeting – Parks & Recreation Commission

The Commission reviewed the November 10, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Landsman noted two spelling mistakes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Stetina and seconded by Commissioner Landsman to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes, as corrected.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kanaverskis, Landsman, Lazarski, Pionke and Stetina.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Grimsby.

4. REPORT

Manager Fenske gave a report on the following Maintenance Items.

He noted that with the wind storms over the last few weeks, there were some dead trees that came down at both Borse Community Park & Willow Pond. The aerators at Prairie Trail Park were not working. The breaker keeps tripping. A service call has been placed. He then reported that the sewer vault at Farmingdale Park will need to be replaced. This will come out of the Municipal Services budget. Commissioner Kanaverskis asked if this posed a safety hazard. Manager Fenske said no, that the cover is still there and it is blocked off. Commissioner Stetina mentioned that the lights at Willow Pond were not working correctly. Chairman Pionke asked if any progress has been made on repairing or replacing the talk tubes at Farmingdale Park. Manager Fenske said he is still looking into options for this.

Commissioner Stetina asked when the holiday lights at Willow Pond were going to be put up. Manager Fenske replied hopefully sometime this week. Chairman Pionke asked why they were not put up earlier.

Manager Fenske said he was not sure. Commissioner Kanaverskis suggested that for next year, we put in the contract a date that the lights be set up by, and the Commission agreed.

5. DISCUSSION

Commissioner Landsman asked to review the discussion about planting a tree for Arbor Day since Commissioner Larazski missed the last meeting. She asked when Arbor Day is, and Commissioner Lazarski said it was the last Friday in April. Manager Fenske stated that he will have a better idea if there will be any funds available come March. Commissioner Landsman asked how that will work.

Manager Fenske said he did run the idea past the Village Administrator, who said he is not opposed to it but since there are no funds specifically budgeted to plant a tree for Arbor Day, we have to wait until March to see if money is available. Commissioner Kanaverskis asked that a line item be added to the budget specifically for this. Manager Fenske said he was planning on doing this. Commissioner Kanaverskis also asked for a list of past projects that were turned down by the Village Board. Commissioner Landsman inquired about using the Arbor Day tree for the memorial to former Commissioner Weigus. Manager Fenske said this is not possible. Commissioner Lazarski said we need to find a better way to promote the memorial program.

Commissioner Stetina said that he talked to the owner of the Willowbrook Ice Rink and asked if there is anyway to promote it on the Village website. Manager Fenske said this would not be his decision to make.

Commissioner Landsman asked about the Village email list, and if there was any way to see how many people are signed up to get the Parks information. Manager Fenske said he can, and that most of the addresses listed are at least 10 years old and may not be active.

Commissioner Stetina asked if there will be money budgeted for restocking the ponds. Manager Fenske said there will be.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2021 Park & Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

Chairman Pionke asked if there are any questions on the Proposed meeting Dates. Manager Fenske said that the date in June is wrong it should be June 1st not the 8th. After a discussion, the submitted dates were approved by the Commission.

b. Review of 2021 Park & Recreation Calendar

Commissioner Landsman suggested canceling the 2021 Easter egg hunt. Chairman Pionke asked if the commission wanted to discuss this to see if there might be a safe way to hold this event. The commission said to cancel this event. All other events will be discussed as needed. Chairman Pionke asked about BRW Girls' softball and if this is something that should be held. Manager Fenske said they were able to hold games this past fall, and did follow all IDPH guidelines.

Commissioner Stetina asked why Commissioner Grimsby was not in attendance. Chairman Pionke stated she had a previous engagement. Commissioner Stetina then asked about the vacant seats on the commission, and if the Village board is going to fill them. Manager Fenske said until somebody volunteers, the seat will be empty.

7. VISITORS' BUSINESS

None presented.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Stetina, seconded by Commissioner Lazarski to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 7:35p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Chairman Pionke, Commissioners Kanaverskis, Landsman, and Stetina.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Grimsby

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ, and APPROVED,

1-5-21, 2020



Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Parks & Recreation Manager Fenske