

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
HELD ON TUESDAY, March 2, 2021, 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

Acting Chairman Doug Stetina called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Present Via Conference Call, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic were Commissioners Loraine Grimsby, Laurie Landsman, Carol Lazarski and Doug Stetina.

ABSENT: Chairman Robert Pionke.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

Also present via Zoom was former Supt. of Recreation Wally Righton.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes – February 2, 2021 – Parks & Recreation Commission- Motion to approve made by Commissioner Grimsby, seconded by Commissioner Lazarski. Commissioner Landsman had two corrections.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Commissioner Grimsby, Landsman, Lazarski & Stetina.

Abstain: Commissioner Kanaverskis. Absent: Chairman Pionke

4. REPORT

Manager Fenske gave a report on the following Maintenance item: With the aerators not working at Prairie Trail, the pond did freeze over due to the cold temperatures. The pump will be reinstalled when the weather gets warmer. The playground inspections will begin within the next few weeks. Commissioner Stetina asked if the Village still had a contract with the company that chases geese from the park. Parks and Recreation Manager responded yes. Commissioner Kanaverskis asked if the electrical work at Willow Pond was completed. Parks and Recreation Manager said it is a ground fault and the work will be done when the weather gets better.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) FY 2021-22 Budget Review

Manager Fenske related that on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> the Village Board had their first Budget workshop, and that there were no questions on the Parks and Recreation budget presented. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, the second

workshop will take place, this will be for Discretionary Items. Manager Fenske that he will be presenting the following to the Board: replacement of the playground equipment at Ridgemoor Park and the replacement of the fishing pier at Willow Pond. Commissioner Landsman requested that money for a bridge to connect the east side of the park to the space south of the creek be included in the budget request. Manager Fenske stated that there already is a bridge, and that the only money being requested is for the replacement of the playground equipment.

There was discussion on some of the individual budget line items and what the money was being used for, and on removing money from the proposed budget for the community picnic. Manager Fenske that he was instructed to leave the requested amount as a place holder for all line items.

Manager Fenske then related that the Village board is looking into grant money to help offset costs to complete the CRC building. Commissioner Kanaverskis asked if there was a revised drawing of the building yet. Manager Fenske said that he does not think there is one yet.

2) 2022 5K –Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS – Flight 529 Memorial at Prairie Trail Park

Manager Fenske presented the information provided by Village Trustee Sue Berglund on the crash of TWA Flight 529 and asked the Commissioners for their input on the proposal.

7. VISITORS' BUSINESS

Former Supt. of Recreation Wally Righton congratulated Commissioner Stetina on his 40 years of service and thanked him for his help during his time at Willowbrook.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner Lazarski to adjourn the meeting.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED at 7:55pm.

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Chairman