

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014, AT THE WILLOWBROOK VILLAGE HALL, 7760 QUINCY
STREET, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Stetina called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Commissioners Lorraine Grimsby, Ronald Kanaverskis, Laurie Landsman, Carol Lazarski, Rene Schuurman, and Doug Stetina.

ABSENT: Commissioners Jo Bice and Ramona Weigus. At time of Roll Call – Chairman Richard Cobb.

Also present was Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Kristin Violante.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 1, 2014

The Commission reviewed the April 1, 2014 minutes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Landsman and seconded by Commissioner Lazarski to approve the April 1, 2014 minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Commissioners Grimsby, Kanaverskis, Landsman, Lazarski, Schuurman, and Stetina. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Chairman Cobb, Commissioners Bice and Weigus.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Superintendent Violante introduced the new Parks Commissioner, Lorraine Grimsby.

***NOTE: Chairman Cobb arrived at 7:05 p.m.

4. REPORTS

A. *Park News in Brief*

Easter Egg Hunt

Superintendent Violante stated there were approximately 140 children, along with parents and grandparents who attended the Easter Egg Hunt. Walgreens took photographs again. Orange Theory Fitness had a spokesperson present passing out Easter Eggs. The event was sponsored by

Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket and the Kiwanis Club of Willowbrook/Burr Ridge. The eggs were filled by members of the Ray Graham Association which provides employment to individuals with special needs.

Co-Rec Softball

Superintendent Violante stated softball was set to begin the previous week; however, rain postponed the games and will begin tonight. Each league has met its maximum of seven teams. There is currently a waiting list for additional teams.

Summer Registration

Summer registration has begun. The am Yoga and Senior Bridge group have moved to the new Parks Building.

Touch-A-Truck will be held at the Hinsdale Lake Commons Shopping Center on July 11th.

The Community Yard Sale will be moved to Borse Community Park and will be held on August 2nd.

Superintendent Violante stated that she is co-oping with the Village of Hinsdale for guitar classes and skateboard lessons; and co-oping with Indian Prairie Library for an Ipad computer class.

Waterford Park Ribbon Cutting

The ribbon cutting ceremony for Waterford Park will be held on Saturday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Future Equipment Additions to Village Parks

Superintendent Violante stated she received a call from a resident requesting that a basketball court be added to Ridgemoor Park, specifically near the cul-de-sac at the end of Kramer Court. After discussion, the commissioners agreed that it would be too dangerous to place a hoop near the street.

Superintendent Violante asked if the tennis courts at Waterford Park should be kept solely for tennis or if we should add a basketball hoop. The commissioners stated that a concrete slab can be placed on the back side of the tennis courts to make a half court. Superintendent Violante stated money was not placed in the budget for this year but can be added in the future.

Superintendent Violante provided information on ga-ga pits. Commissioner Schuurman stated his kids have played in these; however, supervision is necessary. Commissioner Schuurman also stated balls would have to be left there and may be taken. These pits are more suited for a school yard. The consensus of the Commission was to not have a ga-ga pit in any of the parks.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Scoreboard for Borse Park

Neil Neilson from ScoreTronics, 7320 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook, gave a presentation on his scoreboards. The cost of a unit is \$1,170.00.

Superintendent Violante asked if the Commission would like to move forward with this type of scoreboard. Superintendent Violante stated she should be able to secure a sponsor for the cost. Commissioner Kanaverskis stated he will look at the fields and make sure one of these scoreboards can be properly placed at the fields. Some commissioners would like to see more permanent scoreboards at the Borse fields. Further discussion on this topic will be added at the next Parks meeting.

B. OSLAD Grant for Willow Pond Park

Superintendent Violante stated she has met with John Vann, the consultant hired for this project. The dredging of the pond will be the first part of the project with renovation to conclude next year. Commissioner Stetina questioned if the fish will be removed from the pond while the dredging is being done. Superintendent Violante stated that she will look into that.

Superintendent Violante stated that the majority of the park will be closed during renovations. Some areas, however, will be kept open for the tree lighting ceremony and other events. Fencing will be put up to keep people out of the area.

Superintendent Violante stated that the Kids Around World Organization, the same company that received the old playground equipment from Waterford Park, has looked at the equipment at Willow Pond and is interested in it. The removal costs should be minimal.

C. Village Race

Superintendent Violante stated that the Race Committee has met on several occasions. The race has been approved in the Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget.

Commissioner Schuurman has spoken with Jason Bishop, a race organizer. In, 2013, Mr. Bishop organized an obstacle course race in the Village of Clarendon Hills. This race is a traditional 5K race with different obstacles to be jumped over or crawled under. Clarendon Hills does not wish to host the race again this year and Mr. Bishop is looking for a new venue. Mr. Bishop will conduct

all the marketing, obtaining sponsorship, and get the volunteers to set up and take down the course.

Commissioner Schuurman stated the cost to the Village would be \$3,500. Commissioner Schuurman stated that proceeds from the race should be placed in its own account so that future races can be funded. Mr. Bishop also stated that he was willing to look into a shorter race with kid-size obstacles for younger participants.

Commissioner Schuurman stated this type of obstacle course race is unique. The area is being saturated with standard 5K races and this would allow Willowbrook to stand out from the crowd.

The event would be held in the afternoon and end with a “party in the park”.

Mr. Bishop stated that most the obstacles would be set up in the parks and open grass areas. If any streets would need to be closed down, it would not have to be done until shortly before the race starts and would only need to be shut down for about 2 ½ hours.

The race would be held in September.

The consensus of the Commission was to move forward with the obstacle course race.

D. Bands at Picnic Rentals

Superintendent Violante stated she was contacted by a citizen wanting to reserve Willow Pond and have a band perform. Superintendent Violante stated that she was going to review Village ordinances to see if this is allowed. After discussion, the commissioners did not support allowing a band to perform in the park.

E. Parks Tour

Superintendent Violante asked if a tour needed to be conducted this year. The consensus was to have a tour in order to show Commissioner Grimsby all the parks since she is new. Superintendent Violante stated that the June meeting would be a short meeting and the tour can be completed after adjournment. Some parks will be covered at the June meeting and the remainder at the July meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

There was no correspondence or communications.

8. VISITORS' BUSINESS

There was no Visitors' Business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner Stetina to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 8:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Chairman Cobb, Commissioners Grimbsy, Kanaverskis, Kaucky, Landsman, Lazarski, Schuurman, and Stetina. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Bice and Weigus.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

____ June 3 _____, 2014

Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Executive Secretary Cindy Stuchl.