

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 835 MIDWAY DRIVE,  
WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Cobb called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Chairman Cobb, Commissioners Lorraine Grimsby, Catherine Kaczmarek, Ronald Kanaverskis, Laurie Landsman, Carol Lazarski, Robert Pionke, and Doug Stetina.

ABSENT: None.

Also present was Temporary Interim Superintendent of Parks and Recreation John Fenske.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes – February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting – Parks & Recreation Commission

The Commission reviewed the February 6, 2018 minutes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Stetina and seconded by Commissioner Grimsby to approve the February 6, 2018 minutes as presented.

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

4. REPORT

- a. Darien Youth Club Field Rental at Midway Park

Interim Superintendent Fenske advised that he had received a request from the Darien Youth Club to use the soccer fields in Midway Park. The club will be using the fields between Tuesdays and Fridays from April 18<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>, between the hours of 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The club may also play games on Sundays if needed.

Interim Superintendent Fenske stated that the club will be billed for the permit fees after May 31<sup>st</sup> to accommodate for any rain out dates. Total fees will be approximately \$500.

5. DISCUSSION

a. Easter Egg Hunt – March 31, 2018

Interim Superintendent Fenske related that he sent donation letters to Chicken Basket, Kiwanis, and Chick-fil-A. He has not received a reply from any of them. Unknown if there will be any volunteers from the high school due to their Spring Break.

Emails were sent through the Event Brite system to all families that participated in the Christmas party. Gower West has posted a flyer on their virtual backpack system.

Interim Superintendent Fenske advised that all the eggs have been filled with candy and are ready to go. Banners will be displayed in the parks on March 26<sup>th</sup>. As of today's meeting, Interim Superintendent Fenske stated there are about 40 children signed up for the event. The event will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

b. Spring Fling 5K – Sunday, May 6, 2018

Interim Superintendent Fenske advised that as of today, there are nine (9) runners registered. Gower West has agreed to allow the usage of their parking lot for cars. Interim Superintendent Fenske stated that the Darien Chamber of Commerce, which usually holds their 5K race after Mother's Day, has scheduled their race on the same day as ours.

Commissioner Kaczmarek advised that the race has received the CARA Certification again this year. Commissioner Kaczmarek also advised that Channel 5 News Reporter Lauren Petty will be the guest emcee.

Commissioner Kaczmarek stated that there will be an after-event party/award presentation at Black Horizon Brewery. Black Horizon will be creating a special beer just for the race and adult participants will be given a free sample. Packet pick up will occur at the Village Hall on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and at Black Horizon on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Kaczmarek advised that at last year's race, several people requested to purchase extra t-shirts. This year, there will be a sign posted that says will sell previous year's t-shirts and race bags for a \$10 donation.

Commissioner Lazarski requested that a form be provided for people that walk up to register that morning.

c. Willow Pond Grand Opening – Saturday, June 9, 2018

Chairman Cobb relayed information pertaining to the grand opening event. Requests for face painting, a DJ, bounce house, children's games and crafts.

Chairman Cobb questioned if a Touch A Truck event can be combined with the opening.

Chairman Cobb also questioned the possibility to having a sports celebrity at the opening.

Chairman Cobb advised that the fishing pier should be rededicated as the “Wally Righton Pier”. Kiwanis will be funding the repairs to the existing shelter. Chairman Cobb suggested that the shelter be dedicated to Kiwanis.

Interim Superintendent Fenske related that George Scukanec, who has worked part time for the Parks Department for almost 40 years, maybe retiring. George has been a fixture at fishing events and the annual Holiday Party. Interim Superintendent Fenske suggested naming the fishing pier after George. Suggestions were made to erect a statue instead.

Chairman Cobb related that the dedication ceremony should begin around 12:00 p.m.

Interim Superintendent Fenske advised that the Village has provided a large enough budget for this event that he will not be soliciting for any donations from local businesses.

6. VISITORS’ BUSINESS

None presented.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner Stetina to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 8:07 p.m.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

\_\_\_\_ April 3 \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Executive Secretary Cindy Stuchl.