

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 835 MIDWAY DRIVE,  
WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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 Chairman Robert Pionke, Commissioners Lorraine Grimsby, Catherine Kaczmarek, Ronald Kanaverskis, Laurie Landsman and Doug Stetina.

ABSENT: Commissioner Lazarski

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

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes – January 7, 2020 Regular Meeting – Parks & Recreation Commission

The Commission reviewed the January 7, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Grimsby inquired about what the “Talk-Tube” at Farmingdale Park is.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsby and seconded by Commissioner Kaczmarek to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes as presented.

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

4. REPORT

None presented.

5. DISCUSSION

a. 2020 Spring/Summer Program Dates

Interim Superintendent Fenske related that the dates in the agenda were approved at the last meeting. The Family Fishing day and Fishing Derby were added by Interim Superintendent Fenske. Chairman Pionke is meeting with Target to discuss the Touch- a-Truck event and see if they are interested in holding it in their parking lot. Interim Superintendent Fenske said he will not start looking for vehicles until the lot is confirmed.

- Commissioner Carol Lazarski arrived at 7:04 p.m.

b. 2020 Spring Fling 5K

Interim Superintendent Fenske sent out the donation letters during the week of January 26. Chicken Basket has agreed to be a sponsor of the start/finish line.

Chairman Robert Pionke stated that the goal is to pass out 10,000 flyers/postcards, 250 posters and display 50-yard signs. There will be a booth set up at the Shamrock Shuffle at the McCormick Place to promote the race. Interim Superintendent Fenske will post the event on Facebook. Volunteers will be needed to help with the following: distributing flyers, posters and filling the race bags on the race day itself.

Miss Jamie will be preforming at the race and has agreed to promote our race on her Facebook page.

c. Park Maintenance Update

Interim Superintendent Fenske advised that the air compressor at Willow Pond was repaired on January 8. The light at Farmingdale Road was replaced on January 12. All holiday lights were taken down on January 28.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Marijuana Usage on Park Property

Interim Superintendent Fenske asked the board to refer to the agenda on information on the new cannabis laws and regulations. There was a discussion on possible fines, usage and whether it would be legal or illegal to possess cannabis in the park.

Trustee Berglund suggested that if the commission wanted to pursue any new laws, they should attend the next Laws and Ordinances Committee Meeting.

b. Compass Soccer

Interim Superintendent Fenske stated that on January 20, there was a meeting with Compass Soccer and Village Staff to discuss proposed plans for a possible redevelopment of the Midway Park Field. Some of the changes mentioned in the meeting were the installation of a regulation size artificial turf field, which is 100 yards by 60 yards and would include lighting. The estimated cost is \$1.6 million dollars. The property is long enough but not wide enough. Interim Superintendent Fenske told Compass that any redevelopment would have to include a parking lot and mentioned the other areas in the park that were proposed, but they were also too small.

Commissioner Kanaverskis asked what age group they were targeting, and there could be a problem with groups using the field without permits and drinking.

7. VISITORS' BUSINESS

None presented.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Stetina, seconded by Commissioner Landsman to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 7:31 p.m.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

March 3, 2020

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Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Executive Secretary Christine Mardegan.