

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009, AT THE WILLOWBROOK VILLAGE HALL, 7760 QUINCY STREET, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Cobb called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:42 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Commissioners Laurie Landsman, Carol Lazarski, Ronald Kanaverskis, Doug Stetina, Ramona Weigus and Chairman Cobb. ABSENT: None. Also present was Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Walter Righton.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 3, 2009

Commissioner Lazarski noted that on the first page, third paragraph up from the bottom of the page, it noted “the Children’s Party was held” when it should read “will be held”. She questioned on the third page, the last sentence in the first full paragraph, if it should read “Superintendent Righton *said* that without substantial cuts.” Also on page 4, site of a new “Village Hall/Police station” should be changed to read “Municipal Center”.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner Lazarski, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2009 as amended.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

5. VISITOR’S BUSINESS (comments limited to items on the agenda)

There were no visitors.

6. REPORTS

A. Park News in Brief

Superintendent Righton provided the following highlights:

- The two bronze plaques at Prairie Trail Park that were stolen have been replaced with memorial bricks.
- There was a very nice turnout of an estimated crowd of 250 at the Halloween Party held on October 30. Mr. Righton offered his thanks to Commissioner Lazarski who assisted with refreshments.
- Municipal Services recently installed a play panel on the Farmingdale Park playground unit as part of the Department’s Playground Accessibility Improvement Program. Mr.

Righton informed the Finance/Administration Committee that we are essentially completed with most of the items on the Accessibility Inventory. The only things that remain are the larger elements on playgrounds when they are due for renovation.

- Recreation Supervisor George Scukanec procured an extensive supply of fishing education materials and equipment from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), as well as 15 fishing rods and 15 reels, at no cost to us.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Community Garden Plot Concept

Chairman Cobb thought the Parks Commission had already agreed that in the survey next summer we put this item in and get the input from the residents and then make a decision at that point.

Superintendent Righton noted that from the discussion that took place at the November 3 meeting, there did not seem to be much interest from the Commission to take this project on as a Commission initiative. Subsequently to that meeting, Commissioner Lazarski pointed out that the minutes of the June meeting reflected the Commission agreed that feedback should be sought from residents with regard to the issue of garden plots and that the property north of the Public Works building be identified as the proposed site in the survey. This was not considered in the Commission's discussion in November. Mr. Righton felt the Commission should now consider the position they took in June and then weigh it with the points discussed in November.

Chairman Cobb noted that if 50 people respond to the survey that they are interested in garden plots, then the Commission can go to businesses like Target and let them know so many people are interested and ask if they can donate some money or spades or shovels, do something to make this happen.

Commissioner Kanaverskis thought the property north of the Public Works building could be used for the garden plots especially since he feels it will be green space for at least the next five years.

Commissioner Landsman felt that the property north of the Public Works building could be used as open parks land and she would like to get input from the residents in that area and see what they would prefer to see there. Superintendent Righton reminded the Commission that there will be some development costs.

Chairman Cobb suggested that the Commissioners in the next few months to take a look at the property and visual something for that area that could be done for little or no money.

Superintendent Righton reminded the Commission that the property they are discussing is outside of the Commission's purview and it is not a park.

Chairman Cobb noted for the record that the Commission will not be asking for money for a use at the vacant parcel. The Commission will need to come up with some use that would not require money and that might be of interest to people.

Commissioner Landsman suggested that if the question of garden plots is included in the survey then the proposed location of a garden plot should also be included in the survey.

The Parks Commission asked Superintendent Righton to convey its opinion that the survey should include a question to gauge interest in a garden plot concept with the tentative site being the property located north of the Public Works facility. He said he would seek direction from the Board and would convey the request.

B. Children's Holiday Party 12/6/09

Superintendent Righton provided the Commission with an update for the 2009 Childrens Holiday Party.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lazarski suggested if we wanted to be "green", the Commissioners can get copies of minutes of the Village Board from the website instead of getting a paper copy of the minutes. Commissioner Kanaverskis wanted to receive a paper copy of the Board minutes; the remainder of the Commission will look at the minutes off of the website. Mr. Righton would convey that request to Mary Partyka.

Chairman Cobb recommended that the January 2010 meeting be cancelled. The Commission concurred with Chairman Cobb's recommendation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner Lazarski, to adjourn the regular meeting at the hour of 8:20 p.m.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

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Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Mary Partyka.