

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013, AT THE WILLOWBROOK VILLAGE HALL, 7760 QUINCY  
STREET, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cobb called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Chairman Richard Cobb, Commissioners Ronald Kanaverskis, Laurie Landsman, Carol Lazarski, and Ramona Weigus.

ABSENT: Commissioners Rene Schuurman and Doug Stetina.

Also present was Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Kristin Violante.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 2, 2013

The Commission reviewed the April 2, 2013 minutes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Landsman and seconded by Commissioner Kanaverskis to approve the April 2, 2013 minutes as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

3b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 29, 2013

The Commission reviewed the Special Joint Meeting minutes from April 29, 2013.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Weigus and seconded by Commissioner Landsman to approve the April 29, 2013 minutes as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

4. REPORTS

A. *Park News in Brief*

**Co-Rec Softball**

Superintendent Violante stated that Co-Rec Softball has started. There are currently the maximum number of teams, seven, playing on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

**Summer Registration**

Superintendent Violante stated new programs this summer include:

- **Kid's Night Out** – a kids' version of the Concerts on the Green in Burr Ridge will be held at the Burr Ridge Park District on August 20. The Village of Willowbrook will be co-sponsoring this event with Laneville Family Chiropractic from Willowbrook.
- **Fishing Lessons** – This is a 4-week lesson in cooperation with the Gateway Special Recreation Association. There are currently 12 children enrolled in this program. This program is being offered by the Village of Willowbrook and is advertised in brochures from the Pleasantdale Park District, Burr Ridge Park District and the Village of Hinsdale Park & Recreation Department.
- **Fencing** – This is newly offered program through the Village of Hinsdale. There is currently one person from Willowbrook enrolled in this program.

Superintendent Violante stated she is actively cooperating with other agencies in order to increase participation and maximize recreational opportunities for Village of Willowbrook residents.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Master Plan

Superintendent Violante stated Tod Stanton suggested an item be placed on every monthly Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda in regards to discussion of the park and recreation master plan.

Commissioner Kanaverskis asked if the proposed walking path in Waterford Park needs to go around the entire park or could cut in front of the tennis courts. Commissioner Weigus stated walking paths were one of the top requested amenities in the parks survey and thinks the path would be used by many youth bike riders. Superintendent Violante stated funds for the Waterford Park project have already been approved by the Board. Chairman Cobb stated a committee needs to be formed between residents and Park Commissioners to gain feedback on the work to be done at Waterford Park. Commissioner Weigus indicated she got involved the previous time Waterford Park was renovated after seeing a notice in the Fun Guide seeking volunteers. Superintendent

Violante stated she will get a timeline from Administrator Halik to determine when this project will begin.

Commissioner Kanaverskis commented on the master plan suggestions for Willow Pond. He did not like the idea of an ice skating loop trail as he felt it could increase the chances of citizens trying to skate on the nearby pond. Chairman Cobb stated the Willow Pond project is the most likely project to be awarded grant money and final decisions on amenities can be discussed at a later date. Superintendent Violante stated the grant application needs to be submitted with all amenities included, and does not believe any amenities can be eliminated once the grant is approved. Commissioner Weigus suggested replacing the ice skating trail with a small splash pad. Superintendent Violante stated her only concern would be parking. Superintendent Violante asked for, and received, consensus from the Commissioners to submit the Willow Pond project with the ice skating feature removed and replaced with a splash pad if Tod Stanton thinks it is important to have an item replace the ice skating feature.

There was discussion in regards to Community Park. Commissioner Kanaverskis indicated there are no references to enhancements around the pond and would like to see those added. Commissioners also felt that the disc golf course would be better if it was located in Creekside Park. Commissioner Kanaverskis stated he would also like to see bleachers added to the master plan for the Midway Park soccer fields.

Superintendent Violante requested to review each park. She stated she will present any proposed changes to the draft master plan at the next Village Board Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, May 28.

- Creekside Park – Commissioner Weigus stated she does not want the basketball courts removed and would like to have them re-lined. There was consensus that the proposed soccer field should be eliminated and disc golf course added. Superintendent Violante was advised to have the softball field dragged.
- Farmingdale Park – Commissioner Lazarski asked about a water fountain at Farmingdale Park. Superintendent Violante stated the installation of a handicap accessible fountain has been earmarked through this year's SRA levy. Superintendent Violante stated the proposed backstop is not necessary and should be removed from the master plan. The Commissioners agreed.
- Lake Hinsdale Park – Chairman Cobb stated he has been speaking with a local business in regards to renovations at Lake Hinsdale Park. Chairman Cobb believes the proposed plan for the park should remain as is. The playground equipment at this park needs to be replaced soon. The Commissioners concurred with Chairman Cobb.
- Midway Park – Chairman Cobb repeated that bleachers need to be added. The addition of the 75 car parking lot was moved to the year 2015.
- Prairie Trail Park – Commissioners agreed the proposed splash pad should be removed and replaced with fitness stations.
- Ridgemoor Park – The master plan currently shows proposed improvements being completed in 2017, but Superintendent Violante thinks the playground should be replaced sooner, such as 2014. The Commissioners agreed that parking should be considered, move sitting garden

towards the pond, add nature based play equipment, and add nature enhancements around the pond.

- Rodgers Glen Park – Commissioners decided to add a possible ice rink to the plans.
- Borse Community Park – The consensus of the Commissioners was to remove the proposed disc golf course, add a misting water system near the concession stand, and add nature-based enhancements around the pond.
- Proposed Dog Park – The Commissioners felt a parking lot should be added to this concept.

#### B. Bikes at Lake Hinsdale Village

Superintendent Violante stated she spoke with the Lake Hinsdale Village management company and they informed residents that bikes chained to the bike racks in the park needed to be removed by May 6<sup>th</sup>. All bikes are now at the police department. Superintendent Violante knows of no owners who have called to reclaim them. Public Works personnel were instructed that no bikes should be kept in the racks for long periods of time and if they see any, they should be removed.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Parks Tour

Superintendent Violante asked to schedule a couple of dates to tour the parks. Chairman Cobb stated since the tours have been done the past two years, he did not feel it was necessary to tour all of the Village's parks. Chairman Cobb suggested the next Commission meeting be rescheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at the Village and then a park tour will proceed to Ridgemoor Park, Rodgers Glen Park, Creekside Park, and Waterford Park. The Commissioners agreed to this meeting date change.

#### B. Summer Programming

Commissioner Lazarski asked about Indian Prairie Public Library's Battle of the Bands. The event will be held at Community Park on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Violante stated she has requested a certificate of insurance from the library. Commissioner Landsman inquired as to whether parking would be a problem that night. Superintendent Violante did not think it would.

Superintendent Violante stated she is working on a back-to-school party/bash with the Burr Ridge Park District and Gower School to be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at Borse Community Park from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Community Bank of Willowbrook has already offered to sponsor this event. Activities tentatively planned include entertainment, inflatables, arts and crafts, and food. Gower West students will be registering for school on the 8<sup>th</sup> and can come to the park after registering.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

8. VISITORS' BUSINESS

There was no visitors' business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Lazarski, seconded by Commissioner Landsman to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 8:30 p.m.

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

June 18, 2013

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Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Executive Secretary Cindy Stuchl.