

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, Leonard Kaucky, Laurie Landsman, Carol Lazarski, Doug Stetina, and Ramona Weigus.

ABSENT: Commissioners Jo Bice and Rene Schuurman.

Also present was Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Kristin Violante.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 2, 2013

The Commission reviewed the July 2, 2013 minutes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Lazarski and seconded by Commissioner Weigus to approve the July 2, 2013 minutes as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

4. REPORTS

A. *Park News in Brief*

Superintendent Violante stated the 6th Annual Touch a Truck was recently held at Community Park. This year's attendance was the highest it's ever been at approximately 300 people. Community Bank of Willowbrook has become a big sponsor of the park events. They passed out information about their junior savings program. They also conducted a raffle. Superintendent Violante stated she will look into alternate locations for next year.

The Village Yard Sale was held on July 13th at Willow Pond. A total of 17 people had tables. The next Yard Sale will be held on September 21st. Superintendent Violante stated she was not planning on hosting a second event, but several people requested it. Therefore, a fall community yard sale has been scheduled for September.

The movie night for Goonies on July 18th was unsuccessful. The attendance was low. Feedback included that it was very hot and buggy. Superintendent Violante stated the movie is rated PG, however, there was a lot of foul language used. She did not receive any complaints from parents. Commissioner Stetina also advised that the movie was long and did not end until after 10:30. Commissioner Stetina stated that making the microwave popcorn was a great idea.

Superintendent Violante stated she hosted a Back to School event for Gower Elementary students on August 8th. This event was coordinated by the Village, Gower School District, Burr Ridge Park District, as well as sponsored by many local businesses. There were approximately 250 children and a couple hundred parents in attendance. Superintendent Violante stated she did budget for this event. Chairman Cobb suggested cutting back on one of the movie nights in the next fiscal year and applying the money towards the Back to School event.

Superintendent Violante stated the Village purchased the building located at 835 Midway Drive. At this time, the new building will be used for Administration offices.

Superintendent Violante stated there is good news in reference to the OSLAD grants. The administrator who oversees the OSLAD grant program recently toured Willow Pond Park. Tod Stanton from Design Perspectives advised that we should be contacted in approximately six weeks should we be chosen to do an interview/public hearing in Springfield.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Waterford Park Updates

Superintendent Violante stated she met with a resident that lives near Waterford Park and Commissioner Weigus to review the types of structures to put in the park. Tod Stanton provided an overview of the project. Superintendent Violante stated after discussion and final review by Administrator Halik, the bids for this project will be advertised by Friday, August 16th. Bids will then be opened in two weeks. Added to the bid proposal will be a concrete curb around the walkway, as well as a permanent shade structure.

If all gets approved, Mr. Stanton advised that he hopes to break ground in September and be completed by the first week in November, pending weather conditions.

B. Master Plan

Superintendent Violante stated that she did not have anything new; only that this topic will be on the agenda for all future meetings. Discussion was brought up about including a basketball net behind the tennis courts at Waterford Park.

C. Leashed Dogs in Parks

Superintendent Violante stated that at the previous Parks meeting, it was discussed that she send cards to residents that lived around Prairie Trail Park, Creekside Park, and Ridgemoor Park letting them know we will be discussing the issue of leashed dogs in the parks at the September meeting. Superintendent Violante spoke to Mayor Trilla who stated he would like a roll call of the Parks Commissioners in regards to their views on leashed dogs in the parks.

There was lengthy discussion on this topic. The following commissioners are opposed to dogs in the parks: Cobb, Kanaverskis, Kaucky, Lazarski, and Weigus.

The following commissioners are in favor of dogs in the parks: Landsman and Stetina. Superintendent Violante stated that she had spoken to Commissioner Bice and she is also in favor of dogs in the parks.

D. Lake Hinsdale Park Task Force

Chairman Cobb stated that he has a meeting tomorrow with Mayor Trilla and the National Director of Fitness for Midtown Athletic Club. Chairman Cobb stated the purpose of this meeting is to get ideas from the Midtown professionals in hopes of working cooperatively to enhance Lake Hinsdale Park and make it a state of the art fitness destination.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Holiday Party

Superintendent Violante stated she and Commissioner Stetina will be scheduling the entertainment for the holiday party.

Superintendent Violante stated a committee has been formed for the tree lighting ceremony. Two trustees and Commissioner Lazarski are on the committee. The location for this event will be Willow Pond Park. Superintendent Violante stated a spruce tree from Community Park will be relocated to Willow Pond to be used as the official Village tree.

B. Eagle Scout Project

Superintendent Violante stated an Eagle Scout had approached her about doing his Eagle Scout project at Willow Pond. Commissioner Stetina had stated in the past that he would like to set up a Veteran's Memorial at Willow Pond. The Eagle Scout and Commissioner Stetina are working on a Veteran's Memorial together. Commissioner Stetina is donating a bench that will have an inscription. Five bricks are being obtained for each branch of the military. The Eagle Scout is raising money for the bricks. Commissioner Stetina stated the Hinsdale American Legion Post is donating a flag and flag pole. Superintendent Violante stated there will be a dedication ceremony.

Commissioner Stetina indicated the American Legion and Boy Scouts will be in attendance. Commissioner Stetina stated he also has a former Marine as a tentative speaker.

Commissioner Stetina stated that he would like the inscription on the bench to read, "Take a minute to sit, rest, and remember all of our veterans," and his family name under the quote. The commissioners concurred with the statement.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

8. VISITORS' BUSINESS

There was no visitors' business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner Weigus to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 8:48 p.m.

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

September 3, 2013

Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Executive Secretary Cindy Stuchl.