

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015, 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 Lorraine Grimsby, Ronald Kanaverskis, Laurie Landsman, Robert Pionke, Rene Schuurman, Doug Stetina, and Ramona Weigus.

ABSENT: Commissioner Carol Lazarski.

Also present was Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Kristin Violante.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 6, 2015

The Commission reviewed the January 6, 2015 minutes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Landsman and seconded by Commissioner Grimsby to approve the January 6, 2015 minutes as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

4. REPORTS

A. *Park News in Brief*

Superintendent Violante advised there was no report.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. OSLAD Grant for Willow Pond Park

Superintendent Violante reviewed the playground, bathroom, play pod and water feature plans that were recommended by the Playground Committee. The Playground Committee recommended Playground Option #6 with the riverboat theme concept; however, this concept would not be 100% accessible for wheelchair participants.

Option #8 is entirely wheelchair accessible. The basic concept would continue to have a boat theme.

Superintendent Violante advised that both options are wheelchair accessible; however, Option #6 would not all be one level and a wheelchair would not be able to utilize the entire playground. There were questions in regards to where the wheelchair ramp will be located that is shown on Option #8 since it was not clearly shown.

The consensus of the Committee was to submit Option #8 for the playground equipment. They would like to see the following changes/additions, however: stand-alone climbing feature and wheel similar to Option #6, two slides rather than the three that are shown together and verification that the color scheme is that of Option #6.

Superintendent Violante reviewed lighting, facilities, and other park amenities that will be going out to bid on Wednesday, February 4, 2015. The Commission did not like the lighting fixtures ere picked out by our consultant. They were also concerned about the number of fixtures that would be placed around the path. The Commission wants stainless steel toilets as opposed to the proposed porcelain to protect against vandalism. In regards to the water features shown, they would prefer to have the tall flower rather than the anchor. The Commission requested that the consultant, John Vann, be present at the next meeting to show them the overall layout of the park and answer some of the questions they had that Superintendent Violante was unable to answer.

B. Village Race

Commissioner Pionke provided the Commissioners with information pertaining to the Village Race.

C. Master Plan

Superintendent Violante stated she met with Midtown Athletic Club in regards to Lake Hinsdale Park. The Club is not yet ready to do anything major at the park. There is a possibility of adding one apparatus in the near future.

Comments have been received from Lake Hinsdale Tower Management that some residents are unhappy that the playground equipment was removed. They do not want a passive park and would like the playground replaced. Chairman Cobb stated that the equipment belonged to the Village of Willowbrook and the equipment was in disrepair and needed to be removed. The residents need to wait and see how the park is renovated.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Name Park Amenity after Previous Superintendent

Chairman Cobb suggested that the handicap pier at Willow Pond be named for former Parks Superintendent, Walter Righton. Superintendent Violante stated that another option would be one of the new pavilions. The Commission will continue discussions at a future meeting.

B. Vending Machines at Borse Park

Superintendent Violante advised that Commissioner Landsman had provided information about vending machines. Superintendent Violante stated she has concerns about installing a vending machine at the park due to low usage and vandalism. Two neighboring municipalities removed their vending machines due to vandalism and other problems. Superintendent Violante also stated there already is a company manning the concession stand and does not wish to take business away from him. Commissioner Schuurman suggested contacting the company that currently sells during BRW Softball and see if he is willing to have the stand open during adult games. After discussion, Superintendent was asked to look into companies that would provide vending machines.

C. Select Movie for "Movie in the Park"

After discussion, Superintendent Violante advised that she will pick a Disney movie.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

There was no communications.

8. VISITORS' BUSINESS

There was no Visitors' Business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner Stetina to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 8:11 p.m.

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

March 3, 2015

Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Executive Secretary Cindy Stuchl.