

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 835 MIDWAY DRIVE,
WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Stetina called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Commissioners Lorraine Grimsby, Ron Kanaverskis, Laurie Landsman, Rob Pionke, and Doug Stetina.

ABSENT: Chairman Richard Cobb, Commissioners Carol Lazarski and Rene Schuurman.

Also present were Village Administrator Tim Halik, Village Trustee Sue Berglund, and Temporary Interim Superintendent of Parks and Recreation John Fenske.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 2, 2016

The Commission reviewed the August 2, 2016 minutes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsby and seconded by Commissioner Landsman to approve the August 2, 2016 minutes as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

4. DISCUSSION – COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS CONCEPT

Administrator Halik advised that at the Village Board meeting held on August 22, 2016, the Board approved the Lake Hinsdale Park Renovation project. However, after considerable discussion, the motion was amended to remove the garden plot concept at this time. Administrator Halik stated that the Board had concerns regarding the entire concept.

Trustee Berglund related that posted signs give the impression that Lake Hinsdale Park is private space. Administrator Halik advised that this is the only Village park that is not fronted by a public street. Trustee Berglund stated that there is a concern with adding duties to the Public Works employees.

Lake Hinsdale Tower residents that were in attendance questioned if there could be a compromise and have a flower garden feature and volunteers would take care of it. Commissioner Kanaverskis advised that the volunteer group should be formed first and come back to the Commission with a project plan.

Trustee Berglund suggested adding a Recreation class on patio gardening and see if that would generate more interest in the community. Administrator Halik advised that some of the trustee concerns related to how much actual interest in garden plots there would be. They were apprehensive to construct the garden plots, water tap, and compost bin if there is no interest.

Administrator Halik advised that \$2,700 was earmarked for the ADA accessible garden plot, additional costs for bringing in a water source and compost bin had not been obtained at this time.

Suggestion was made to reach out to a neighboring community that has community gardens. Advertise it for Willowbrook residents and gauge how much interest there is for the plots.

Interim Superintendent Fenske related that that a sign has been posted at the park advertising the new park. Administrator Halik stated that the park renovations should be completed by Thanksgiving.

5. DISCUSSION – SPECIAL EVENT UPDATES/PLANNING:

a. Back to School Bash – August 17, 2016

Interim Superintendent Fenske advised that it was raining when the event began. There were approximately 500 parents and children in attendance. Chick-fil-A did not appear due to personnel issues. Jimmy Johns distributed sandwiches. Giordano's brought pizzas. Mars Company brought ice cream novelties.

b. Halloween Party with Gower School

Interim Superintendent Fenske stated that he is waiting to hear back from Gower on a date for the event. It is usually held the Friday before Halloween. Taffy apples will be ordered once the date has been set. In the past, the Kiwanis Club has sponsored the apples.

c. Children's Holiday Party, HSHS – December 11, 2016

Interim Superintendent Fenske advised that it would cost approximately \$240 to order a complete Santa suit. Interim Superintendent Fenske provided samples of giveaway items for the families, including an umbrella and blanket.

Interim Superintendent Fenske distributed draft copies of the letter to be sent to local businesses for donations and postcards to be sent to residents.

Interim Superintendent Fenske stated that he hired a face painter for this event.

6. VISITOR'S BUSINESS

None presented.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Stetina stated that Hinsdale Nurseries did a great job in relandscaping the Veteran's Memorial at Willow Pond Park. Commissioner Stetina advised that he had purchased a new P.O.W. flag to replace the worn one in the park.

Commissioner Stetina questioned the status of the OSLAD grant. Administrator Halik advised that the grant has been released. He advised that the low bid contractor is in the process of putting together new numbers and will meet with him in the next week. The goal is to begin renovations after May 1, 2017.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Landsman, seconded by Commissioner Pionke to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 8:02 p.m.

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

October 4, 2016

Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Executive Secretary Cindy Stuchl.