

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009, AT THE WILLOWBROOK HOLIDAY INN, 7800 SOUTH KINGERY HIGHWAY, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Douglas Stetina called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Commissioners Laurie Landsman, Ronald Kanaverskis, Karin Miller and Vice Chairman Stetina. ABSENT: Commissioner Carol Lazarski and Chairman Richard Cobb. Also present was Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Walter Righton.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

Following the roll call, Commissioner Miller announced that she was not seeking another 2-year appointment on the Commission and submitted her letter to Mr. Righton to that effect. Mr. Righton and all the Commissioners in attendance expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Miller for her four years of service to the Village of Willowbrook.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 3, 2009

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Kanaverskis, seconded by Commissioner Landsman, to approve the minutes of February 3, 2009.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

5. VISITOR'S BUSINESS

There were no visitors.

6. REPORTS

A. Park News in Brief

Superintendent Righton provided the following highlights:

- Installation of a new drinking fountain at Waterford Park is anticipated in the coming weeks. When completed it will be the Village's most accessible public fountain.
- The BR/W Girls Softball Program reported an increased registration for the 2009 season. Practices begin, weather permitting, on March 28.
- The BR/W Softball Program made its 2009 concessions building payment and has also agreed to pay for three new home plates for the Community Park fields.
- The Parks and Recreation Department's Vehicle Fair (formerly Touch a Truck) event is scheduled for July 9.

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- Registration for the High School Bass Fishing Seminar on April 8 continues to go well with 22 participants.
- Planning continues for the 16" Co-Rec Softball League on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning May 12-13 and extending into mid-August.
- The March 6 Senior Willowbrook Adults Connected (SWAC) bingo had a total of 101 bingo players in attendance.
- Mr. Righton received a call from the Scout Leader of Boy Scout Troop 156 seeking to involve his troop in an environmental project in one or more of our parks.

B. Updates on FY09-10 Parks and Recreation Department Budget and Recreation Stimulus Program

Superintendent Righton informed the Commission that a second budget workshop was scheduled by the Village Board following its regular meeting on April 13. Staff anticipates more direction on the Village budget after that workshop. The Board is expected to formally adopt the FY09-10 budget at its meeting on April 27.

Superintendent Righton reported that the Staff has been given the approval to continue planning for the Recreation Stimulus Program that Administrator Modaff described to the Commission at the February 3 meeting. Under the plan, residents and non-residents will receive a 50% discount on selected Parks and Recreation Department activities through FY09-10. The discount will include activities in which registration is only taken at the Village Hall. Full details of the Recreation Stimulus Program will be publicized and it is anticipated it will result in an increase in registrations.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Waterford Playground Design – Recommendation from Waterford Park Playground Planning Group

Superintendent Righton presented the design of the Waterford Playground that was recommended by the Waterford Park Playground Planning Group. He advised that if the Commission concurred with the recommendation of the Planning Group, a motion from the Parks Commission would be in order to recommend the following to the Administration/Finance Committee:

- 1) Approve the Option 1-Revised design submitted by NuToys Leisure Products for the Waterford Park Playground, including the 3 person orbiter.
- 2) Recommend that the Village Board waive the competitive bidding process for purchase and delivery of the equipment as described in HIS April 1, 2009 staff memo and authorize staff to place the order for the equipment as budgeted in the FY09-10 budget.
- 3) Recommend that the Village Board authorize staff to prepare the necessary documents and seek competitive bids for the installation of the equipment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Stetina, seconded by Commissioner Landsman, to approve the recommendation of the Waterford Playground Planning Group as described in Superintendent Righton's memorandum dated April 1, 2009 plus recommend the inclusion of Alternate 2 (3 person orbiter) into the design to be listed.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion – Garden Plots

The concept of the Village creating a garden plots program for residents was suggested by a Village Trustee for the Staff to research. Following Superintendent Righton's review of the research Staff had compiled in the concept, the Commission had discussion. While the Commissioners saw some value in such a program, its consensus was that there were no appropriate areas within our current parks to begin a garden plot program. The Commission also had reservations in prioritizing the Village funding such a program as it might relate to parks projects that are currently in the Village's Long-Range Plan. Some Commission members felt the only opportunity to foster such a program would be if some owners of vacant land in the Village were willing to permit garden plots on their property until there became a permanent development of such land, or else if there were an outright donation of such land. Mr. Righton reminded the Commission that even if the land were donated, there would still be the upfront costs to the Village for grading and tapping onto a water source to enable gardeners to water their plots.

B. Children's Holiday Party 2009

The Commission's first choice of dates for the Holiday Party, December 6, has been approved by Hinsdale South High School. The request for the east cafeteria and the auditorium has also been approved.

9. ADJOURNMENT

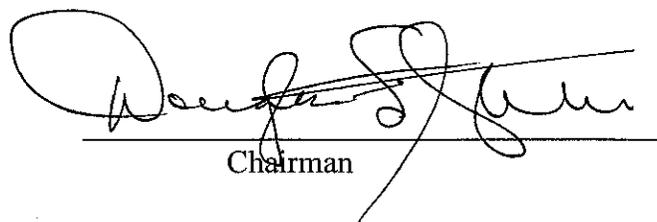
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Kanaverskis, seconded by Commissioner Landsman, to adjourn the regular meeting at the hour of 8:16 p.m.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

May 5, 2009


Chairman