

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009, AT THE WILLOWBROOK VILLAGE HALL, 7760 QUINCY STREET, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Douglas Stetina called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

\*\*\*Chairman Cobb entered the meeting at approximately 7:36 p.m.\*\*\*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 2, 2008

Three corrections were requested: 1) “Mille” to be changed to “Miller” and 2) Carol Lazarski was identified as being both present and absent and 3) Laurie Landsman was not in attendance at the December 2 meeting.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Kanaverskis, seconded by Commissioner Lazarski, to approve the minutes of December 2, 2008 as amended.

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 highlighted some items that were noted in the Administrator’s Report:

- The Wild Goose Chase company completed its fall contract and will resume service in mid-February
- The Winter/Spring Fun Guide was mailed out as scheduled. Mr. Righton noted that the registration has been very slow partly due to the weather and the economy. In addition, the Burr Ridge Park District was late in mailing out its brochure, which affected registration primarily for Indoor Soccer.

- Mr. Righton referenced the Senior (Active Adults) survey that was conducted. He noted the vast majority of the responses were extremely positive and indicated our residents' high satisfaction with the program.

B. Children's Holiday Party

Superintendent Righton presented the final report from the Children's Holiday Party held on December 7. He thanked the Parks Commissioners for a very well coordinated event and for the months of planning preceding it. He also gave a special thanks to Commissioners Stetina and Landsman for not only purchasing the gifts but getting the food and extra gifts to the Community House after the party.

Superintendent Righton suggested that it would be beneficial for the Parks Commission to select a date for the party and submit the request early to Hinsdale South High School to be more assured that what we request is what we get. The Commission chose December 6 as their first choice for the party. Mr. Righton suggested reserving the same smaller area they were put in for the past party.

Commissioner Stetina advised the Commission that he received a thank you card from the Board of Directors of the Hinsdale Community Service.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Waterford Playground Planning Group

Superintendent Righton informed the Commission that, in addition to Mrs. G'Nee Andrulis, he had received a call from a second person who has volunteered to serve on the planning group, Jessica Fandre. Ms. Fandre lives across from Waterford Park. The first meeting of the planning group will be held in February.

B. Burr Ridge Park District Seniors/Trip Proposal

Superintendent Righton had advised the Commission last April regarding the proposal from the Burr Ridge Park District to increase Willowbrook's contribution to the Seniors and Trip program from \$9,500 to \$12,000 a year and formalizing an annual agreement of a 4% increase over the next four years. Mr. Righton noted that 40% of the participants in this program are Willowbrook residents and there is a high degree of satisfaction with the program. Willowbrook's contribution has not been increased since 2003 and for two of the years, Burr Ridge were willing to adjust our contribution to our severe financial constraints allowing payment of a reduced amount. Staff recommended the Parks Commission accept the proposal by the Burr Ridge Park District.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Lazarski, seconded by Chairman Cobb, to approve the Burr Ridge Park District proposal as presented.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Movie Selection Committee

Superintendent Righton suggested that a Movie Selection Committee be formed to select several possible movie titles to be shown at the movie nights. Commissioners Miller and Landsman volunteered to serve on the committee.

B. FY09-10 Proposed Budget Presentation for February

Superintendent Righton informed the Parks Commission that he had accepted Administrator Modaff's offer to attend the February 3 meeting to make a presentation on the proposed FY09-10 Village budget.

Commissioner Lazarski inquired if there were still any plans to expand the Community Park parking lot. Superintendent Righton responded that the concept of a parking lot is included in the Long Range Plan for 2010-11. There were two options: 1) to increase the parking lot by 22 spaces and 2) the other option was to increase the parking lot by 34 spaces using the area directly east of the existing lot. Other projects in the Long Range Plan for 2010-11 were a third set of ball field lights, Waterford Park tennis courts renovation, and replacement of the fabric on the existing backstops at the Community Park.

Commissioner Lazarski expressed concern that the need is there already for additional parking at Community Park, but also if they take the open land to the east, have they revisited the buying of property that is around.

Superintendent Righton responded that there are no plans of the Village at this point to expand the park. That might an issue to discuss at the February meeting.

Commissioner Lazarski also asked about the Village updating the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Righton answered that may be a question for her to ask Administrator Modaff about at the February meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Chairman Cobb, seconded by Commissioner Stetina, to adjourn the regular meeting at the hour of 8:30 p.m.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

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Chairman