

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2020, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 835 MIDWAY DRIVE,
WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, THE VILLAGE WILL BE UTILIZING A ZOOM
CONFERENCE CALL FOR THIS MEETING.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Pionke called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Commissioners Ronald Kanaverskis, Doug Stetina and Interim Superintendent of Parks and Recreation John Fenske.

Present Via Conference Call, Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, were Chairman Robert Pionke Commissioners, Catherine Kaczmarek, Laurie Landsman and Carol Lazarski.

ABSENT: Lorraine Grimsby

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes – March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting – Parks & Recreation Commission

The Commission reviewed the March 3, 2020 minutes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Stetina and seconded by Commissioner Kaczmarek to approve the March 3, 2020 as amended.

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

4. REPORT

None presented.

5. DISCUSSION

- a. Family Fishing Day

Interim Supt. Fenske reported that as of tonight there is only one family signed up for the event, so he is going to cancel it.

b. Maintenance Updates

Interim Superintendent Fenske discussed the maintenance issues in the park for the period between March 4th, 2020 and August 3rd, 2020. Among the items discussed were: Storm damage at Ridgemoor in late March, removal of the soccer goals at Borse in April, the approval of the 2020 Pure Prairie contract, reopening of the parks under Phase 3 & 4 of the “Restore Illinois” guidelines. He then discussed items at the following parks: Borse; replacement of the broken bulletin board glass, testing & replacement of the ball field lights, and maintenance on the bathroom building and pavilions; Farmingdale Park: replacement of the swings and chains; Waterford: replacement of broken equipment. The restocking of fish at Willow Pond & Prairie trail was also discussed by Interim Supt. Fenske. He stated that the organization he deals with is having supplier issues and is not going to offer their program this year. He is looking into going directly through a hatchery, but most are too far away and will not deliver such a small order, they are also more expensive.

Chairman Pionke stated that he and his daughter visited different parks this summer. He noted a few items that need to be taken care of at Borse and Waterford.

Commissioner Lazarski asked about the Memorial Tree Program, and if anything was going to be done for former Commissioner Ramona Weigus.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2020 Tree Lighting

Interim Supt. Fenske said that since the State is still limiting groups to 50 or less under the “Restore Illinois” guidelines, this event be cancelled. The Commission agreed with this. He said that he was still planning on decorating the park and was looking at purchasing blank decorations that the residents could decorate and have placed on the tree. These would be available at the Village hall.

b. 2020 Holiday Party

Interim Supt. Fenske stated that at the July 23rd meeting the School District #86 Board voted to continue prohibiting outside groups from using their facilities, which means we are unable to hold the event there. The Commission agreed that cancelling the event this year would be the best thing to do. There was some discussion about still doing something for the holiday. Commissioner Kaczmarek said she would still like to see the food drive happen if a place to accept donations could be found. Some of the other ideas included a “Drive through” party and a House Decorating contest.

c. FY 2021-22 Budget

Interim Superintendent Fenske said that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the loss of revenue the village is experiencing because of it, he is not expecting the Village board to approve any increases in the budget for next year. He said that he is expecting numbers to be the same or lower than this year, which means that any large park projects will be delayed and there would be no hiring of additional staff.

Commissioner Stetina asked about the Back to School and Halloween Events at Gower School. Interim Supt. Fenske said that as of July 30th, the Gower School Board has put a hold on “Assemblies and large Gatherings”, so he is figuring that these events will not be taking place. Chairman Pionke asked Interim Supt. Fenske to reach out to Gower for conformation.

7. VISITORS' BUSINESS

None presented.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Stetina, seconded by Commissioner Landsman to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 8:10 p.m.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ, and APPROVED,

September 1, 2020

Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Interim Superintendent Fenske