

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 835 MIDWAY DRIVE,
WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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 Chairman Pionke, Commissioners, Lorraine Grimsby, Catherine Kaczmarek, Ronald Kanaverskis, Laurie Landsman, and Doug Stetina.

ABSENT: Commissioner Lazarski.

Also present was Interim Superintendent of Parks and Recreation John Fenske.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes – July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting – Parks & Recreation Commission

The Commission reviewed the July 9, 2019 minutes.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Grimsby and seconded by Commissioner Landsman to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes with corrections.

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

4. REPORT

a. Fishing Events

Interim Superintendent Fenske related that the Family Fishing day was held on July 13th. There were 10 families signed up. He also said that the Parent/Child Fishing Night was held on July 19th. There were 12 couples signed-up, with three attending, along with Chairman Pionke & his daughter. Interim Supt. Fenske stated that the families that did not show signed up through the Hinsdale Recreation Department. Commissioner Grimsby asked if it is common for no-shows to get their money back. Interim Supt. Fenske stated that would be up to Hinsdale.

b. Movie Night – Friday July 19th

Interim Superintendent Fenske advised that Chick-fil-A was this year's sponsor. Sandwiches and drinks were distributed. Chick-fil-A did not bring the Cow out because of the heat. Interim Superintendent Fenske stated there were approximately 75-80 people in attendance. Commissioner Landsman and Commissioner Grimsby thought we should have had popcorn. The census was to have more money in the budget for popcorn next year.

John thanked Commissioner Grimsby and Chairman Pionke for helping.

c. Family Campout – July 27th – 28th

Interim Supt. Fenske related that only one family signed up, so this event was cancelled. Commissioner Stetina suggested contacting local scout groups to try and increase participation. Commissioner Kaczmarek suggested looking to see if we could partner with REI or other stores in the area. Chairman Pionke said he would be interested how the Library's event went.

5. DISCUSSION:

a. Community Picnic – August 10

Chairman Pionke related that the Community Picnic is this Saturday from 11:00 am until 2:00 p.m. This is the first annual picnic for the Village. Chairman Pionke and Interim Supt. Fenske picked up some games which include: Frisbee golf, basket balls, volleyballs, foot balls, hula hoops, jump ropes and whiffle balls and bats. A discussion was had on how the games will be organized.

Commissioner Landsman asked about what type of food will be available. Commissioner Stetina said he would stop at TCBY to purchase the yogurt.

b. Back to School Bash August 15th

Interim Supt. Fenske related that Gower changed the way they are running the Back to School bash this year, and that they are going to take over running the event. It will take place on August 8th and will be a 45-minute event for new students and their families.

Commissioner Stetina said he contacted the PTO president and they were unaware of any plans. He also contacted the Principal at Gower West who said she does not have the time. He mentioned that Five Seasons was interested in coming out for this event.

c. 2019 Children's Holiday Party

Chairman Pionke had some suggestions for entertainment: A 40-minute magic/juggling show for \$250.00. He said that he will forward videos to everyone when he gets them.

Bucket drummers from Chicago, which would be percussion based. He also mentioned the Jesse White Tumblers.

He also had an idea for an arts and craft project making snowflakes using a template. He is still working on a second idea for a craft.

Chairman Pionke is researching some photo booth options and discussed some of the items he found.

Commissioner Stetina said that he talked to the manager at Walgreen's who liked the idea of the free picture, he just has to run it past corporate. Comm. Stetina also asked if we have received confirmation for the rental of the high school.

d. 2019 Tree Lighting

Chairman Pionke stated that we should mirror what we did last year with a few changes, including moving everything to the north side of the park. Another suggestion would be to make a program to recognize the choir and any sponsors and to thank all that helped. Commissioner Kaczmarek asked if we have received any other quotes for adding more lights and if it would be possible to do something with the pond. Commissioner Landsman suggested asking the Hinsdale Central High School band.

e. Program Sponsorship Packages

Interim Supt. Fenske shared an example of the sponsorship pamphlet that he has been working on. Commissioner Stetina asked how these would be distributed to the local businesses. Interim Supt. Fenske said they would be mailed. Discussion for next meeting's agenda. Commissioner Kaczmarek asked if it could be put on the website.

f. Park Maintenance Update

Interim Supt. Fenske stated that the ball field lights went out last Monday and we are waiting for ComEd to come out. Chairman Pionke mentioned that during the visit to Creekside Park they noticed the following: a dead tree near the playground, a tree growing up through the backstop & the basketball court needs to be restriped. He also mentioned that future projects should include making the park more ADA accessible. Commissioner Landsman mentioned about looking into an ice rink for the park.

6. NEW BUSINESS/IDEAS:

Chairman Pionke recommended that we hire staff for summer. He then mentioned some ideas for Willow Pond.

Commissioner Stetina discussed the following: moving the splash pad time to 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and adding more garbage cans in the parks. He also mentioned that people do not know that they need a permit to rent the shelters and that should be posted on the board. He also suggested putting up a calendar showing when the pavilions are rented. Comm. Landsman requested that a date be put on the rock.

Discussion was had on how to adjust the timer on the splash pad.

a. Park Pavilion Rental Rates

Interim Supt. Fenske mentioned that this came about from a rental. The renter was a Darien resident, who stated that our non-resident rates are cheaper than Darien's resident rates. Interim Supt. Fenske said that the rates have not been updated since 2013. He said he included the rates from both Darien and Westmont, along with his proposed rates.

Commissioner Stetina asked how we enforce the use of permits. He said he drives past the park almost daily and has noticed a group that appears to be holding a gathering, and he doubts they have a permit.

Chairman Pionke asked for more of a breakdown of users by park, showing resident to non-residents and dates/times of rentals.

7. VISITOR'S 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 9:04 p.m.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

Sept 3, 2019



Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Executive Secretary Christine Mardegan and Interim Superintendent Fenske.