

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY February 2, 2021, 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 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were: Chairman Robert Pionke and Parks and Recreation Manager John Fenske.

Present Via Conference Call, Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic were Commissioners Loraine Grimsby, Laurie Landsman, Carol Lazarski and Doug Stetina. ABSENT: Commissioner Ron Kanaverskis
A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes – January 5th, 2021 – Parks & Recreation Commission- Waived

4. REPORT

Manager Fenske gave a report on the following Maintenance Items.

The contractors were out at Prairie Trail Park during the week of January 14th repairing the parkway from the repairs to the broken sewer line. The air pump for the aerator has been repaired, but it cannot be reinstalled at this time. He also added that on January 28th, Public Works discovered one of the grills at Borse Community Park was damaged. PW Forman Passero will see if it can be repaired if it cannot a new one will be ordered. Commissioner Landsman inquired if the grill will be replaced with a similar style. Manager Fenske said the grill would only be replaced if it cannot be fixed.

Chairman Pionke asked about the work done at Farmingdale Park. Manager Fenske said that was Village related work to a water main.

5. DISCUSSION FY 2021-22 Budget Review

Manager Fenske stated that only line items over \$10,000 are required to have a breakdown. There were a few questions about the following contracted maintenance line items: playground grading & electrical/plumbing. These were answered by Manager Fenske. Commissioner Lazarski asked about where the money for Arbor Day event would come from. She also asked when the Village board would approve the budget. Manager Fenske answered these questions. Chairman Pionke asked what special projects were going to be included. Manager Fenske stated Ridgemoor Park and the replacement of the fishing pier. Chairman Pionke also inquired about the proposal to move or replace the equipment at Willow pond, and the planting of flowers around the park signs. Manager Fenske said that he has been in touch with Tod Stanton about the proposal to do the work at both Ridgemoor and Willow Pond, and that he is hoping to have this by next year. He added that the planting of flowers will be included in the landscape contract. Commissioner Stetina inquired about the cost of the contract for Wild Goose Chase and the money budgeted for the events that the Burr Ridge Park District runs and for the program guide. Manager Fenske said that

he still budgeted money for these items, because Burr Ridge is planning on running programs beginning in the Spring, and they hope to have a new program guide out by the fall. Commissioner Lazarski inquired about when the last time the plantings at Ridgemoor were done. Manager Fenske said it was when the Eagle Scout did the flower beds a few years ago, either in 2016 or 2017. Commissioner Lazarski also inquired about the SWAP program, and who schedules this. Manager Fenske said that this is done through Public Works. Commissioner Grimsby said she could reach out to the Sherriff to find out exactly what the program can do.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2022 5K

Commissioner Lazarski suggested moving the race to April 2022, maybe tying it into Arbor Day. Manager Fenske said that there are established races around this time. Commissioner Landsman was in favor of also moving it, to avoid conflict with the walk in Hinsdale. Commissioner Grimsby added it that we could try it for one year and change it back if we need to. Chairman Pionke said that Hinsdale is a walk, so it would attract a different crowd, and he would be in favor of moving the race to later in the year, instead of back into April. He added that the biggest draw to a race is the "gimmick". A discussion about possible dates and finding a partner and growing the event took place. It was suggested to table this discussion until March.

Commissioner Stetina mentioned that this is his 40th year on the board. He also asked about the drop-in day camp, and if that is going to happen. Chairman Pionke said we do not have the resources to run this program at this time. Commissioner Stetina asked if there was any update on the 825 building. Manager Fenske said that there is not.

7. VISITORS' BUSINESS

None presented.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

9. ADJOURNMENT


MOTION: Made by Commissioner Grimsby, seconded by Commissioner Lazarski to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Chairman Pionke, Commissioners Grimsby, Landsman, Lazarski and Stetina.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kanaverskis

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED at 8:03pm.

PRESENTED, READ, and APPROVED, 3-2-21, 2021



Chairman