

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011, AT THE WILLOWBROOK VILLAGE HALL, 7760 QUINCY STREET, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Righton called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Chairman Richard Cobb, Commissioners Doug Stetina, Richard Cobb, Ronald Kanaverskis, Carol Lazarski, and Ramona Weigus.

ABSENT: Commissioner Laurie Landsman.

Also present were Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Walter Righton and the new Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Designee – Kristin Violante.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. WELCOME THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Righton introduced Ms. Kristin Violante as the new Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. Kristin previously worked full-time for the Northwest Special Recreation Association as its Volunteer/Leisure Education Coordinator. She holds a Bachelors degree in Recreation and Park Administration from Indiana University and has taken additional coursework in Therapeutic Recreation from St. Francis University. Kristin's new duties include serving as Willowbrook's representative on the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board. She is married with two small children. The Commission welcomed Kristin.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 5, 2011

The Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation minutes from April 5, 2011.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Kanaverskis, seconded by Commissioner Weigus to approve the minutes of April 5, 2011, as presented.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Righton advised that he received pictures from the organization "Kids Around the World, Inc" where Waterford Park playground equipment was donated to. This is a faith-based non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and families affected by poverty, war, illness and natural disaster enjoy playground. The equipment was installed and is being utilized in Kurdish, Iraq.

Superintendent Righton advised he had received a thank you letter from Maercker School District for our donation of a kid's fishing party for their annual Fun Fair.

6. VISITOR'S BUSINESS (comments limited to three minutes per person on only items that are on the agenda)

No visitors.

7. REPORTS

A. Park News in Brief

Superintendent Righton again welcomed Kristin as the Village of Willowbrook's new Superintendent of Parks & Recreation.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 23, 2011 with approximately 125 children in attendance. The following Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Recreation Staff conducted a Kite Fly at Farmingdale Terrace Park which began at 1:00 p.m. Numerous families were in attendance for this event.

Willowbrook's Co-Rec Softball League will begin playing games on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>. The BR/W Girls Softball league is at near capacity, which serves girls ages 7 through 14. This league will field 26 teams this year. Their league began April 16 and ends near the end of June right before tournaments begin.

The winter's Weight Loss Challenge class recently ended with three Willowbrook residents finishing in the top three spots. The winners were Paul Hobbs, Donna Haag, and Gabby Rios, who will share a total of \$400 in prize money for their hard work. Of the 16 people who enrolled, 10 completed the class. The average weight loss was 15.7 pounds and 9.8 inches. The next class will begin in June.

8. Old Business

A. Park Entrance Signs

Superintendent Righton advised that Commissioner Kanaverskis provided him with another potential vendor for the park signs. Commissioner Kanaverskis will contact the vendor for a cost and rendition, estimate for a different sign, and report back to the Commission. Superintendent Righton reminded the Commission that once a design and vendor have been chosen, the Commission

will have to send their recommendations to the Finance/Administration Committee and finally to the Village Board.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Lazarski, seconded by Commissioner Kanaverskis to adjourn the meeting at the hour of 8:46 p.m.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

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Chairman

Minutes transcribed by Debbie Hahn.