

MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
JULY 9, 2019
ROOM 10 AT THE IOWA COMMUNITY CENTER
338 N. IOWA AVE, VILLA PARK ILLINOIS

COMMISSIONERS: J. Banaszak, J. Burns, J. Cordova, M. Storino, R. Pesola, T. King, S. Bousum
PARKS & RECREATION LIASON: Director G. Gola **VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON:** Trustee C. Tucker
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN: J. Burns **COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR:** J. Banaszak
SECRETARY: M. Storino **RECORDER OF MINUTES:** P. Ruiz

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** *Chairwoman J. Burns called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm*
ROLL CALL: *J. Burns, J. Banaszak, T. King, M. Storino, S. Bousum, R. Pesola*
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Motion for the approval of June 11 amended meeting minutes was made by Comm. Storino and second by Comm. King. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** N/A
- 4) **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** N/A
- 5) **STAFF UPDATES:**

a) Recreation Division- Superintendent Gina Racanelli:

- **Pool Pass Sales** through July 8, 2019:

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Season/multi-use Pass</i> | 595 | 599 | 1427 |
| <i>Totals:</i> | | | |

- **Jefferson Attendance** through July 8:

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Jefferson:</i> | 6775 | 6404 |
| <i>Swimmable Days:</i> | 32 | 35 |

- **Patron Appreciation Days attendance:**

| Patron Appreciation | 2019 | 2018 |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| #1 | 289 on June 11, 2019 | 416 on June 28, 2018 |

- **Revenue for Jefferson Pool Admissions, Pool Pass Sales and Day Camp:**

| | CY'19 | SY'18 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 41.445.10 - Jefferson Admissions | \$15,029 | \$13,900 |
| 41.445.12 - Pool Passes | \$25,617 | \$24,342 |
| 35.44401 - Day Camps | \$28,145 | \$29,656 |

- Villa Park Youth Soccer League will hold priority registration Monday, July 29 through Saturday, August 3 online or at the Iowa Community Center, M-Th 8:30a-7p, F 8:30a-6p, Sa 9a-1p. Practices start the week of August 19 and Games run 7 Saturdays from September 7-October 19.
- Chicago Fire Soccer camp is running this week at the Iowa Community Center, July 8-12. We will accept late registrations. Our numbers are down from 27 in 2018 to 18 in 2019.
- Learn to Swim Session 2 running July 8-18 has a total of 60 participants this year compared to 63 total in 2018.
- Discover Dance Performance Teams have performed at a few different venues already this summer including a
 - Chicago Wolves game,
 - Villa Park Summerfest and
 - Terra Vista (Alzheimer's Care).
 - Schaumburg Boomers baseball game on Tuesday, July 30.
 - Big Rigs and Kids on Saturday, August 17.

- Summerfest was held on Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15. Despite Mother Nature not cooperating with us and raining all weekend long, participants still came out to try delicious food, check out the car show and listen to a variety of music.
- Staff is currently prepping for the upcoming Villa Park Brewfest scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park. Currently, there is 1 food truck (Cupcakes for Courage) and 17 breweries with more to come. Sponsor letters for the event went out last week and staff is working to secure entertainment.
- Super Sensational Saturday in June was a great start to the summer family events. We had over 200 people attend the event where we had a new musical performer Itsvan and his Imaginary Band, a face painter, one volunteer staff from Early Childhood had a play dough table and the Library provided a fun craft. This number was over double from 2018's June Super Sensational when they had 65 people attend the event.
- Both preschool classes are full for the fall session. The fall Tuesday/Thursday preschool class had officially filled all 20 am spaces on Friday, May 10 for the 2019/2020 school year. Staff has started a waitlist as well as accumulating who would be interested in an afternoon class opening this fall. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday class filled on Wednesday, May 29.
- The 2019 Fall Winter Program Brochure is currently at the printer.

b) Parks, Buildings & Grounds Division- Superintendent Brian Roche:

- Lions Basketball Courts
 - Went out to bid on July 3
 - Bid opening is July 23 at 10am at CRB
- VPYB at Lions for World Series
 - Staff spent a few days cleaning up Lions Park for the World Series event
 - Improvements were made to the fields
 - Parks staff set up the Home Run Fencing
 - Parks Part Time crews worked throughout the weekend to make sure the Park was kept up, clean, bathrooms clean and stocked, ballfields dragged and chalked before every game and baseball had everything they needed, staff did an excellent job
- Lions Playground reno and painting
 - Planned to work on the other section of playground this Thursday, weather dependent
- Westmore Playground
 - Both playground sections removed
 - Working to have the East area restored before moving on to install everything in the West area
 - Install to start tomorrow, weather permitting, hope to have install complete in the next few weeks
- Ruggard Gazebo Restoration
 - We have estimated and purchased the lumber
 - We are starting with the railing system around the gazebo first
 - Next budget we are planning to budget for the remaining items in need of attention
- Museum
 - Repaired the AC system
 - Removed an unused radiator
 - Weeded, mulched and cleaned up the landscape areas around the building
 - Was all done prior to their ice cream social event
 - Received a nice letter from Carol at the Museum about maintaining the property and building
- Received another nice letter
 - From a resident about keeping up with grass

c) Director's Report- Director. Greg Gola :

- Super Sensational Saturday morning event was great, it was very well attended. Staff did a good job. The August concerts will be starting up, every year we have more residents in attendance.
- A thank you email was sent to Pres. Bulthuis in regards to how great the parks look and what a great job staff is doing. VPYB was also thankful of how great the ballfields have been this season.
- Kiwanis concerts started on Wednesday, bands are chosen by Kiwanis and Parks staffs the concert.
- OSLAD grant application process is on its way. We have a month or so to turn in application and hopefully we receive the grant. Grant would be for lighting for the new ballfield at Highridge. We would budget for next year's budget to pay the difference, the quote is for \$400,000 and the OSLAD grant would fund 50% of it. Commission supported Dir. Gola writing the memo to the Village board.

6) BUSINESS:

- a)** PROS Consulting: In discussing the Executive Summary, Chair. Burns pointed out the typos. Comm. Banaszak still felt that he was left wanting more information, he was still struggling with points 4 & 5. Comm. King stated that perhaps a table of contents would help the general public be able to summarize the information. He also felt that the summary was not stating what is feasible for Villa Park. Dir. Gola will ask Pros for a table of contents. Comm. King asked if the Commission should approve the executive summary, but Comm. Burns & Comm. Banaszak preferred to wait after the presentation. Pros will make a presentation at the Village Board meeting on August 12th. Discussion ensued.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Trustee Wagner- *Gave kudos to office staff on the renewing pool pass procedures, it was quick and easy. He would also like to recommend the bike accessibility again at this year's Brewfest event.*

8) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Comm. Bousum: *Had nothing to add.*
- Comm. King: *Stated that Village parks look much better than last year. Thanked PW for cutting down the dead tree at ICC.*
- Comm. Cordova: *Looking forward to attending Summerfest.*
- Comm. Storino: *Another productive meeting and looks forward to the presentation.*
- Comm. Banaszak: *Had nothing to add.*
- Comm. Pesola: *Had nothing to add. Did want to mention that Fuel and Crème are pretty neat, it is a good addition to Villa Park.*

9) CHAIRWOMAN COMMENTS:

- Chair. Burns: *Swim meets are going pretty good. Staff can sell concession out of the concession stand. Have received many wonderful compliments from visitors. Great 4th of July parade. Happy to see a lot of good things happening.*

10) VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON COMMENTS:

- Trustee Tucker: *She was not aware that the presentation was finalized and officially set for August 12. She put out a request to see what the community reels of different locations, repurposing of Lufkin Park. Dir. Wachtel is looking into budgeting, how soon bonds are available and anywhere else we can get funds.*

11) VILLAGE STAFF COMMENTS:

- Supt. Roche: *Nothing to add.*
- Supt. Racanelli: *Mentioned the new rainout line.com, sign up to receive texts or download app.*
- Dir. Gola: *Nothing to add.*

12) ADJOURNMENT: Chair. Burns called for meeting to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Motion was made by Comm. Storino and seconded by Comm. Pesola. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes

NEXT MEETING: August 13, 2019.