

MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
February 12, 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:** R. Pesola
SECRETARY: J. Banaszak **RECORDER OF MINUTES:** P. Ruiz

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** *Chairman J. Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm*
ROLL CALL: *J. Burns, J. Banaszak, R. Pesola*
- 2) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** N/A
- 3) **AMENDMENTS OF THE AGENDA:** N/A
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Motion for the approval of January 8th meeting minutes could not be made due to only 3 Commissioners in attendance. Approval of minutes is being postponed for the March 12th meeting.
- 5) **STAFF UPDATES:**
 - a) **Recreation Division- Superintendent Gina Racanelli:**
 - Staff is preparing for the Princess Ball event to be held on Friday, March 15 at the Iowa Community Center.
 - All professional Recreation Division Staff Attended the IPRA conference on Friday, January 25.
 - Staff is working on summer brochure production.
 - Staff is finalizing all entertainment for August Summer Concerts and Kiwanis July Concerts.
 - Staff is preparing for Discover Dance Pictures (Feb. 15) at the Iowa Community Center and the Dance Rehearsal/Recital (Feb. 22-23) at Willowbrook High School.
 - Spring soccer registration will be taking place Monday through Saturday, February 25 to March 2. This is the first time that soccer participants can register online. Staff is very excited and is hopeful this will lead to increased registration.
 - Villa Park is the host agency for the Mid Suburban Soccer League; a planning meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 8 and the league scheduling meeting will be held Friday, March 22 at ICC.
 - The Youth Basketball League awards night will take place on Wednesday, March 20 at Enchanted Castle in Lombard.
 - The Preschool staff held open house for both preschool classes. The Tuesday/Thursday class's open house was Tuesday, February 5 from 6-7pm. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday class's open house was Wednesday, February 6 from 6-7pm.
 - We opened preschool registration for the 2019/2020 on Monday, January 28.
 - Mariners Parent Board will meet on February 19 at ICC. Mariners priority Reg. 4/6 and 4/10.
 - Staff met with the Designer to discuss making an update to the Summerfest logo.
 - b) **Parks, Buildings & Grounds Division- Superintendent Brian Roche:**
 - Over the past month we have spent most of our time on snow/ice removal and keeping our facilities operating during the severe cold temps
 - Park and Playground Inspections and Repairs
 - Meeting with companies on digital inspection software
 - Playground Guardian
 - City Reporter
 - ParkZapp
 - Working to repair/replace, all equipment was ordered and has come in, waiting for the weather
 - New swing seats, chains and hardware at various playgrounds

- 2 new panels and a new boarder for the small playground section at Westland Playground
 - New climber replacement at Twin Lakes
- Cortesi
 - New Storage building is completed
- North Terrace Updates
 - Building nearly complete, front and rear doors are going in on Thursday, the front door will have a keypad, we intend to have it done by the weekend, only have some minor punch list items remaining
- Facebook Posts
 - Most of our recent posts from Parks has been related to the Ice Rink, with North Terrace intended to be done by the weekend I would like to put up a walkthrough video and some before pictures to really promote the newly renovated building
- Planning for coming season
 - Jefferson Pool
 - Vacuum
 - Painting pool
 - Building projects
 - Sand change
 - Leak detection
 - DE filter pit improvements
 - Diving Blocks

c) Director's Report- Greg Gola:

- Jackson storm water project is on its way, Parks plans to remove playground from Willowbrook so a new playground can be installed. PW has yet to send notification of the project to Residents, however Parks & Recreation will be sending out a letter in regards to the playground not being accessible to residents until Fall 2019.
- Staff is working on snow plowing procedures in order to have Parks attend to all Village Building locations.
- A meeting with VPYB is scheduled to discuss Baseball field usage and maintenance. Highridge field will not be available for at least 2 years due to the water project.

6) BUSINESS:

a) Pros Consulting:

- Chair. Burns inquired about a summary result or would if it be given at the end of survey.
- Dir. Gola forwarded an email to commissioners with detail info for the survey.

b) Competitor Analysis:

- Chair. Burns had numerous suggestions on how to revise the handout that was given to commissioners. All revisions were given to Dir. Gola.
- Comm. Banaszak shared concern about no mention of private facilities such as Planet Fitness to be compared in the feasibility study. Both Dir. Gola and Comm. Pesola shared that the feasibility study is to compare apples to apples, meaning recreation facility to recreation facility. The report actual states that Park Districts are being compared not private entities.

c) Community Survey:

- Survey link to go out in with water bills.
- There will be an option to fill out a hard copy at ICC.
- Additional revisions to the survey were made and given to Dir. Gola.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Donna Noxon- Kiosks at Prairie Path, are they solar? What is the pool budget for this year? *Dir. Goal stated that Community Development purchased the Kiosks and they had more information on them, Parks just installed them. Supt. Racanelli stated the current pool CY19 budget is \$49,341 in Admin, \$101,579 in operations and \$\$43,284 in Maintenance.*

- Steve Seddon: Asked if pool pass rates had been issued. *Supt. Racanelli stated that the Village Board sets the pool prices.*

8) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

-Comm. Pesola: *Is looking forward to the results of the survey.*

-Comm. Banaszak: *nothing to add.*

9) CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: *Willowbrook's Relay for Life is coming up. Willowbrook is also looking into the North Tennis courts. They have been closed for the past few years but have lights available.*

10) VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON COMMENTS: *nothing to add. Inquired which IPRA sessions were attended by which staff? And is Summerfest in order? Dir. Gola stated that he would email her all the IPRA synopsis that the staff turned in to him. Supt. Racanelli stated that Summerfest is currently being put together by VPRD and is set for June 14th&15th.*

11) VILLAGE STAFF COMMENTS: N/A

12) ADJOURNMENT: *Chair. Burns called for meeting to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion was made by Comm. Pesola and seconded by Comm. Banaszak.*

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2019.