

**MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 11, 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:** *Chairwoman J. Burns called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm*

**ROLL CALL:** *J. Burns, J. Banaszak, T. King, M. Storino, J. Cordova*

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Motion for the approval of amended May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was made by Comm. Cordova and second by Comm. King. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes.*

3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

-Donna Noxon: In regards to the feasibility Study: 70/30 addressed sustainability, is staff looking into private vs public amenities? Will the new Recreation center have an outside pool? If so what size pool? How does a new center compare to ICC, cost and total size?

-Steve Seddon: How will funding be done? Will the Village consider renovating an existing building instead of building a new one?

4) **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** N/A

5) **STAFF UPDATES:**

a) **Recreation Division- Superintendent Gina Racanelli:**

Jefferson Pool opened June 1, 2019

Jefferson Pool	CY 19	SY18
	June 1-9, 2019	June 2-10, 2018
Jefferson Pool Total Attendance	1076	1262
Total number of Pool Passes sold	338	413
Revenue	\$21,461	\$21,384

Day Camp

	CY 19	SY 18
Participants Registered	287	376
Revenue	\$4,296.00	\$6,592

- The first draft of the Fall/Winter Program Brochure has come back from the Graphic Designer; staff is working on proofing it and sending it back.
- Summer Camp (Sunrise Camp, Sunset Camp, Jr. Adventure and Adventure Camp) started last week on Monday, June 4. They travel to Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago last week alongside campers in our Travel Kids program and will be traveling to Laser Quest, Downers Grove tomorrow Wednesday, June 12.
- Summer Camp staff as well as Parks and Recreation staff participated in First Aid/CPR training by Todd Gutzmer. (VPFD).
- Discover Dance Performance Teams are scheduled to perform this Saturday, June 15 at Summerfest. They also will have a booth at the event where they will promote their program and raise money for some of their upcoming performances through a bake sale.
- Staff has been meeting weekly in preparation for Summerfest this weekend, June 14-15.

- The Family Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, June 9. There were approximately 35 participants including adults and children. In 2018 there were approximately 55 and in 2017 there were about 75 in attendance. The Derby was organized by the Villa Park Sportsmen's Club.
- The second American Red Cross lifeguard class this season is running June 3-14, 2019. There are five participants registered for the class (compared to 3 in 2018).
- Staff is instructing our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Water Safety Instructor class with 7 participants and is currently running June 3-14, compared to 2018 with 5 participants.
- The first morning session of swim lessons will start June 17. Saturday swim lessons begin July 6.
- Youth Soccer's last games for the season were held on Saturday, June 8 at Jackson fields. Medals and pictures were distributed by the coach on the field.
- Adult Tennis League is starting on Tuesday, June 11 at Willowbrook High school South Tennis courts. This drop-in league is \$8 per participant.

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

- North Terrace
  - Excellent Grand Re-Opening
- Jefferson Pool
  - Staff did a great job getting the pool ready for the season
    - New Vacuum, Ext. Bathrooms, Doors coming soon,
  - Dirt area to the East of pool to be fenced off, graded, seeded and blanketed next week weather permitting
- Summerfest
  - Have started to prep/setup for the event this weekend
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- Willowbrook Playground/Westmore Playground
  - Willowbrook playground is removed and stored in Lot 51
  - The new playground is ordered but will be weeks before we see it arrive and possibly longer before the construction project will allow it to be installed
  - The playground removal/replacement at Westmore will begin (weather and all other things permitting) next week
- Digital Inspections
  - Staff have completed the first round of inspections with our new digital inspection software, sends notifications on needed inspections, outstanding faults, allows printing of very nice reports, cuts way down on staff time, both admin and inspection staff
- Dedication/Memorial Trees and Benches
  - Have had requests for a few trees, planted
  - Have had a request for another bench
  - Working to revitalize the program and implement it on the Parks page of the new website
- Prairie Path
  - New fountain installed at Ardmore and Central
  - That fountain put at Franklin as the Franklin Park fountain was broke and in need of significant repairs, it has needed several repairs over the past year
- Parks Baseball crew has been doing an excellent job of preparing fields this season with all of the rain we have had, they have been able to prepare fields around rains and help minimize rain out games
- Parks Mowing crew is doing a great job of keeping up with grass, all of the rains have prevented us from mowing on most days but staff works hard to mow as much as possible on days we are able

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

- May was record breaking with rain, our staff is trying to keep up with mowing and with weeds.
- The project at Willowbrook park has been delayed due to wet dirt, staff can't work and move machinery. Once completed Willowbrook and Twin Lakes will be our best ballfields with new bleachers and lights. Discussion ensued.

**6) BUSINESS:**

**a)** PROS Consulting: *Director Gola stated that another draft of the feasibility study was sent out, Pros tried to answer questions as best as they could. Unfortunately the private sector doesn't really share their rates for comparisons. In regards to the proposed location, this was done because of the TIF but it was only a conceptual plan. Discussion ensued, Comm. Banaszak stated he felt that the feasibility study wasn't really telling us what the community needs, what funding options exists for us, that a lot unanswered questions remained. Comm. King asked if there is bond capacity now. Dir. Gola stated that was a Finance question, he didn't think so but again more of a Finance question. Comm. King asked if renovation of current facilities was out of the question. Perhaps adding to ICC could be a possibility. Supt. Racanelli stated that ICC has no room for parking to accommodate a larger building. Trustee Tucker stated that a while back a request was made to save Lions Park and expand ICC. Unfortunately it was found that the actual structure of the ICC building would not hold a second floor. Additionally it was advised not to touch or disturb the walls or floors due to possible findings of asbestos. Comm. King believed that the study would show what the residents want and what the community needs are in order to build a facility, however there are unanswered questions. However the data did show that not a lot of resident would support a new Recreational center but would prefer an Aquatic center. Chair. Burns felt that Pros needs to address bullet points in their initial letter. All commissioners agreed.*

1. **Build a shared vision** for programming, space and operational needs of the proposed Recreation Center and Outdoor Pool, as well as their capacity and amenities to carry out programming and services.
2. **Engage the community, leadership and stakeholders** through innovative public input means to provide direction for programs, activities and amenities, while also considering operations of the recreation center and outdoor pool.
3. **Provide guidance** to avoid duplicating services and amenities within the market, as well as identify the ideal services to fill a void in the market.
4. **Explain the types and size of programs, costs, and user groups** to enhance program offerings based on current and future needs.
5. **Provide recommendations on potential revenue sources, management models, and a financial plan** for the development and operations of the recreation center and outdoor pool.

*Dir. Gola will resend to Leon the commissioners questions and concerns. Staff hopes to have the finalized feasibility study by August 2019.*

**b)** Officer Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary: *Nominations were as follows: Comm. Cordova nominated J. Burns (accepted) and Comm. Banaszak nominated T. King (Declined) for Chair. Comm. King nominated J. Banaszak (accepted) for Vice. Chair and Comm. Burns nominated M. Storino (accepted) for Secretary. Amended Motion for the approval of new Officials was made by Comm. Cordova and second by Comm. Banaszak. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes.*

**7) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Donna Noxon- *Any contact from Simple recycling, the orange bag company. Mentioned that water is the worst thing for the mowers. Doesn't believe the demolition of Lufkin should happen with the feasibility study not yet being released. Dir. Gola stated that the study has nothing to do with demolition of the pool. Does VP have a diving team, is this something that can be done.*

**8) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

- Comm King: *In regards to special meetings dates and times, these should be what is best for everyone. In regards to the feasibility study the capital expense is missing. Do we have bond capacity would be the big question. The feasibility would require 2 years for development and 1-2 years for design, even with a referendum in 2020 we are still looking at a 5 year wait. Still maintains his position in which Lufkin pool should be fixed and re-open in the meantime.*
- Comm. Cordova: *Looking forward to attending Summerfest.*
- Comm. Storino: *Another good meeting hopes all the questions are answered.*
- Comm. Banaszak: *Attended reopening ceremony at North Terrace, enjoyed it and some of the board members were there. Felt that the feasibility study doesn't provide the details he wanted, many unanswered questions. Not supportive of reopening Lufkin just yet because of the lack of information provided by Pros.*

**9) CHAIRWOMAN COMMENTS:**

- Chair. Burns: *Apologized to Comm. King in regards to the scheduling of the special meeting which was supposed to be after the ribbon cutting at North Terrace. Felt that perhaps it would have been easier to meet right after the ceremony. Asked about the Eid fest, how did it go with Parks? She watched fireworks from a distance. Woodridge swim team had tons of compliments in regards to the meet at Jefferson. Any updates on the basketball courts at Lions? Mentioned that VP does not have a dive team due to not enough depth in the pool or spring boards. Thanked everyone for attending the ribbon cutting and tonight's meeting.*

**10) VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON COMMENTS:**

- Trustee Tucker: *Hopefully now everyone has the commission terms squared out. Now there is a 7 member board with each term being 2 years and 4 members needed to make a quorum. In regards to the recycling, 820 lbs. were received, which means the Village made \$82.00. Currently the Forestry division has 59 requests to removed dead trees and they have removed 30. There will be a board meeting held at ICC due to the demolition of Lufkin coming up since the bids were opened on Monday.*

**11) VILLAGE STAFF COMMENTS:**

- Supt. Roche: *Nothing to add.*
- Supt. Racanelli: *Nothing to do.*
- Dir. Gola: *Nothing to add.*

**12) ADJOURNMENT:** *Chair. Burns called for meeting to adjourn at 9:36 pm. Motion was made by Comm. King and seconded by Comm. Cordova. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes*

**NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2019.**