

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

COMMISSIONERS: J. Banaszak, J. Burns, J. Cordova, M. Storino, S. Bousum, B. Allan
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 7:01 pm*
ROLL CALL: *J. Burns, M. Storino, S. Bousum, J. Cordova*
- 2) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**
 -Donna Noxon: Asked if a pier or fountain could go into Lufkin Pond. Asked if Bob Allan would be appointed as the next commissioner.
- 3) **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** N/A
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Motion for the approval of July 9th amended meeting minutes was made by Comm. Cordova and second by Comm. Bousum. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes.
- 5) **STAFF UPDATES:**

a) Recreation Division- Superintendent Gina Racanelli:

- Summer event / pool attendance:

Pool Attendance through September 2, 2019:

	2019	2018
<i>Jefferson:</i>	<i>14,406</i>	<i>13,383</i>
<i>Lufkin:</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Total:	14,406	13,383
<i>Swimmable Days:</i>	<i>75/94</i>	<i>71/94</i>

Cortesi Family Events

	2019 Attendance	2018 Attendance
June 22 – Sat. morning	200	65
July 20 – Sat. morning	92	70
August 18 – Big Rigs and Kids	275	300
Sub-total	567	435
Aug 5 – Movie in the Park	190	74
Aug 12 – Movie in the Park	15 (inside)	82
Sub-total	205	156
Aug 1 – Thursday Concert	350	210
Aug 8 – Thursday Concert	295	200
Aug 15– Thursday Concert	365	300
Aug 22 – Thursday Concert	400	275
Aug 29 – Thursday Concert	525 (1935 for Concerts only)	250
Sub-total	1935	1235
GRANDTOTAL	2,707	1,826

- The 2019-20 Discover Dance season began on Saturday, September 7.
- Discover Dance Team Orientation was held on Monday, August 19 and the Welcome to Team Party was held on Saturday, August 24.

- Brewfest 2019 will be held on Saturday, September 28 at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park. Currently, 19 brewers will be pouring samples to all attendees (we can take up to 22 brewers and intend on reaching that). Fire & Smoke BBQ, Flavah, Harold's Chicken, Make Me a Sammich & More and Cupcakes for Courage will be on site serving a variety of food. We currently have 10 sponsors (including 2 media sponsors) totaling \$3,750 and we have 49 volunteers who will be helping in a variety of roles throughout the event.
- The fall 2019 Co-Rec softball season started on Friday, September 7.
- The fall 2019 Women's Volleyball season starts on Thursday, September 12 with 19 teams. We had 18 teams in 2018 and 19 teams in 2017.
- The fall 2019 soccer league started on Saturday, September 7 with 189 participants compared with 198 in fall of 2018, 155 participants in 2017 and 147 participants in 2016.
- Fitness Free week is September 23-28.
- A **Zumbathon** fundraiser for the Lupus Research Alliance will be held at the Iowa Community Center on Saturday, October 5 from 12-2pm.
- The first day of Tuesday/Thursday 3 and 4 year old preschool started Tuesday, September 10 maxed out at 20 preschoolers.
- The first day of Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4 and 5 year old preschool started Monday, September 9 maxed out at 20 preschoolers.

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

- Lions Basketball Courts
 - Bid opening was July 23 at 10am at CRB
 - Only one bidder, Evans and Son Blacktop
 - Bids came back very high and are recommending to the board to reject bids
 - Talking with PW about possible addition to one of their contractors
- Lions Playground Reno and Painting
 - Completed the renovations and painting, installed new parts and hardware, staff did an excellent job with the playground, looks like new!
- Fuel and Cream
 - installed a concrete pad with bike racks and trash can by the prairie path across from Fuel and Cream, we have also installed a dog waste station next to Fuel on Myrtle Ave
 - We have just added another four bike racks to this pad and are working to add access from the other side to the prairie path
- Westmore Playground
 - Everything that was out there is now reinstalled at the west site along with the old Willowbrook playground, playground is open for use!
 - We have ordered and received new parts to replace some in need
 - We have purchased some paint for swing posts and touch ups
 - We have ordered and received the new swing bay, we are adding swings for 5-12 year olds as well as an accessible swing similar to what was installed at Willowbrook last year
 - We intend to work on full completion of this project next week
- Ruggard Gazebo Restoration
 - We have completed the lumber renovations to the gazebo
 - We are working to get the roof, fascia and gutters replaced
 - We will, in the next few weeks, sand and stain all of the lumber and posts and repaint the metal bracketing
- Willowbrook Playground
 - We have graded the intended playground site, install of the playground is scheduled to start this week and should take 3-4 days, weather dependent the playground should be

in by the end of next week, we will work to get the curbing in and playground filled with mulch as quickly as we can following

- Jefferson Pool
 - New doors being installed
 - Diving blocks
 - Completed some leak detection work, waiting on report
- Complimentary Letter from resident about North Terrace and Westmore parks was received.

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

- Budget Process has begun and Staff are working on CY20. This is a lengthy process, we meet with the Village Manager and Finance Director to discuss. Next year we intend to budget for bigger items but of course they can be cut. We shoot high within reason.
 - Couple of more trucks needed
 - Parks tractor needs to be replaced.
- OSLAD grant application has been received in Springfield. Notice of round 2 will be in October. We would like to add an open air shelter at Willowbrook Park.
- Contacted Williams Architects for a proposal in regards to ICC building and renovating the gym. We would like an idea of how much it would cost to renovate.
- Kiwanis is holding a Night of Golf Fundraiser on October 11th. This is a fun event, sign up for the dinner and golf or either.

6) BUSINESS:

- a)** Commission appointment for unexpired term: R. Pesola resigned and Bob Allan will finish her term through April 2020 as commissioner.
- b)** Pros Consulting: Comm. Cordova mentioned it was nice that Pros stayed and answered questions although the meeting was cancelled. He felt that the end product was perfect. Dir. Gola felt that the executive summary was great. Chair. Burns mentioned it was suggested in the study that an indoor pool was a recommendation?! Supt. Racanelli stated indoor pools are not money makers: if a membership to additional features are offered, than yes it can make money but not stand alone pools. Comm. Cordova mentioned his wife worked at Oakbrook, they were making money, not just resident attending but also neighbor residents. Comm. Storino mentioned an indoor pool would be better if it's built with a Recreation center. People feel like they are getting more out of a facility for their money. Discussion ensued.
- c)** Ongoing Park Project Recommendations: Chair Burns stated that North Terrace Building and Park are done, the playground and path are doing really well. Westmore Park is also now down so which park is next? Westland?. Dir. Gola suggested the Fish Park on Harvard, since it gets a lot of use. Comm. Cordova mentioned installing a sensory park, would NEDSRA cover funding? Discussion ensued.
- d)** Lufkin Park: Discussion included funding, asking the community what the preference would be and what is feasible. Should the pond be enhanced? Could additions include, Gazebo? Picnic area? Or even an Open area shelter? Could amenities include a pickle ball or tennis courts? Discussion ensued.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Donna Noxon- *asked the following questions: what is the length of time in a term? 2 Years. Can it be consecutively? Yes. How are the commissioners selected? Pres. Bulthuis appoints. What is the process? We don't know, perhaps until an open position is available. In regards to Lufkin, is there a budget? No Chair. Burns provided the answers.*

8) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Comm. Cordova: Looking forward to Brewfest. Wondered if Recreation could offer something like Lombard's Game on program. Supt. Racanelli will look into it.
- Comm. Storino: Good meeting, looking forward to the next.
- Comm. Bousum: Looking forward to Brewfest, has already purchased his gold pass.

9) CHAIRWOMAN COMMENTS:

Chair. Burns: Also looking forward to Brewfest, she too has purchased her gold pass. Appreciates Superintendents Racanelli and Roche for working with the Addison girls swim team. Great meeting!

10) VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON COMMENTS:

Trustee Tucker: asked when the Rugaard gazebo project will be done? Supt. Roche stated that the roof and fascia is pending but hopefully in the next weeks. In regards to the skate park, residents are concerned that it may be closed due to all the graffiti. Dir. Gola responded that no, but ask that anytime residents see something that they call police.

11) VILLAGE STAFF COMMENTS:

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

12) ADJOURNMENT: Chair. Burns called for meeting to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Motion was made by Comm. Cordova and seconded by Comm. Bousum. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes.

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2019.