

MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
November 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, 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 7:02 pm*

ROLL CALL: *B. Allan, J. Banaszak, S. Bousum, J. Burns, J. Cordova*

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Donna Noxon- asked about the basketball courts item. Is this plan B? Chair. Burns explained that this is a new proposal.

3) AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: N/A

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion for the approval of the October 8th meeting minutes was made by Comm. Cordova and second by Comm. Banaszak. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes.

5) STAFF UPDATES:

a) Recreation Division- Superintendent Gina Racanelli:

- Halloween Happenings 2019
 - Friday, October 18 at Iowa Community Center
 - 2 co-sponsors (VP Lions Club and VP Firefighters Association) totaling \$650 and trick-or-treat bags donated as well from VP Firefighters Association
 - Event Entertainment: Smart Pants Presents The Big Halloween Balloon Show
 - 22 business/groups participating in the outdoors trick-or-treating portion of the event (18 in 2018)
 - Approximately, 300 participants attended the FREE Trick-or-Treat portion of the event
- Mommy and Me Spa Night 2019
 - Friday, November 1 at Iowa Community Center
 - 23 participants/11 couples (22 participants/11 couples in 2018)
 - Chicago Spa Parties provided express manicures to moms and daughters
 - Participants made a hair tie craft, bath scrub and ornament
 - Spa themed refreshments were provided
- The Winter/Spring Program Brochure is at the printer and is scheduled to be delivered to residents the week of November 18.
- Staff is preparing for a license renewal visit from our DCFS representative on Friday, November 15.
- Staff attended the 2019 SPRA Showcase on Wednesday, November 6 in Des Plaines. Staff watched a variety of performers sing as well as met with different bands, children's acts and entertainment. The showcase helps staff find new and exciting talent for summer concerts/events.
- Staff attended the 11/4 Senior Concerns Commission meeting. Discussion included adding a regular update about the commission to the monthly senior newsletter, the Golden Times, and having commission members volunteer at the monthly Birthday Bunch & Lunch event.
- Recent and upcoming senior trips/events
 - Four Winds Casino trip 11/1
 - Galos Caves/Jolly Inn Restaurant bus trip 11/9
 - Fashion Outlet of Rosemont/Rivers Casino bus trip 11/20
 - Birthday Bunch & Lunch 11/14
- Sue Earl, Aquatic Manager and Athletic Supervisor is attending IPRA's Professional Development School in Galena, IL. This the second year of a 2-year year training commitment.
- Grades 1-4 Youth Basketball will held their first practice on Saturday, November 9 at Willowbrook High School. Weekday practices will start on Monday, November 11 and their first games will be held on Saturday, November 16 at the WBHS fieldhouse.

- Grades 5-8 Inter-village Basketball League will accept registrations through Saturday, November 16. Skills evaluation day for Grades 5-8 will be held on Saturday, November 16 at Willowbrook high school and will begin practices on.

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

- Rugaard Gazebo Restoration
 - Working with Showalter Roofing on roof, fascia and gutters, weather is throwing everything off, hoping to have it done in the next few weeks
 - We have completed all of the in house renovations to the gazebo; power washing, new lumber all around, staining of all lumber, new spot lights, new string lights, new solar post caps,
- Willowbrook Park and Playground
 - The playground is done and has been open for a few weeks
 - Next season we will work to get some benches, trash cans and other amenities installed
 - Staff have fabricated railings for the Bridge
- Paving
 - We worked with Ingstrup Paving to complete the paving, crack filling, sealcoating and striping of the parking lots at North Terrace, Village Hall and Community/Economic Development facilities
- ICC
 - Worked with SMG Security to upgrade the fire system, this included; new fire panel, new annunciator, new heat detectors, new smoke detectors, new pull stations and pull station covers in the gym
- Joyful Traditions
 - Trees to arrive tomorrow morning
 - Staff will start the week of Nov. 18 to check electrical, add lights to the poles and set up trees
 - The Chamber will schedule volunteers to light trees following our work
- November List/Fall Cleanup work
 - Staff are working to cut back plants and remove trash and debris from landscape areas and mulch up leaves around the parks and facilities
 - Winterization of irrigation and fountains
 - Removal of sporting equipment
 - Bring in picnic tables and cans for repairs
 - Cleaning of roof, gutters and downspouts

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

- Unfortunately we did not qualify for the OSLAD grant, the grant was for lighting, bathrooms and perhaps a shelter at Willowbrook Park. However we couldn't check off on the playground requirement since it was already installed.
- Our Parks & Recreation CY20 budget has been submitted to Finance.
- Staff attended the SPRA showcase, we are going to help Kiwanis with band suggestions for their July concerts.
- The Metra west end entrance is a warming house area and is now open for the cold season from 2-7pm.

6) BUSINESS:

- a)** New asphalt at Lions Park for basketball court: Dir. Gola stated that due to the bids coming in to high we had to decline plan A. Plan B is to remove 2 inches of the current pavement and have the courts resurfaced, this should give us 5 years of usage. We would like the Commission's recommendation to proceed. Supt. Roche stated that the removal and resurfacing would take place this year and the painting of the courts would take place in the spring. Comm. Cordova asked if this was in the budget. Discussion ensued.
- b)** Meeting Dates for 2020- Second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Donna Noxon- *asked about an addition to ICC.* Dir. Gola stated that Williams architects is working on a conceptual plan. *She has noticed that since there is no lighting at Lufkin Park, it has now*

become the making out area. She also wondered if all the park picnic tables have been put away for the season.

8) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Comm. Cordova: *really likes to see all the things going on around town.*
- Comm. Bousum: *Nothing to add.*
- Comm. Allan: *would like to apologize to Chair. Burns, couldn't find the emails he referred to last meeting.*
- Comm. Banaszak: *Nothing to add.*

9) CHAIRWOMAN COMMENTS:

Chair. Burns: *WBHS football team is moving up, they will play at Lake Zurich. The musical at WBHS currently is Mamma Mia. Kiwanis is hosting a spaghetti dinner right before Mamma Mia.*

10) VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON COMMENTS:

Trustee Tucker: *recommended that 1% of the 3% sales tax of cannabis sales be for funding of a Pool & Recreation center in Villa Park. Inquired on who chose the color of Willowbrook playground, residents have complained that they are YORK colors.*

11) VILLAGE STAFF COMMENTS:

- Supt. Racanelli: *Nothing to add.*
- Supt. Roche: *Nothing to add*
- Dir. Gola: *NEDSRA Holiday Party, if anyone would like to attend on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Please let me know by confirming with an email.*

12) ADJOURNMENT: Chair. Burns called for meeting to adjourn at 7:52pm. Motion was made by Comm. Cordova and seconded by Comm. Allan. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes.

NEXT MEETING: December 10, 2019.