



**Village of Lincolnwood  
Parks and Recreation**

**Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
7:00pm**

**Council Chambers  
Lincolnwood Village Hall – 6900 North Lincoln Avenue**

**Draft MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Tucker:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

Chair Person: Courtney Tucker

Park Board Commissioners Present: Leah Brennan, Sokol Delisi, Kenneth Malca, Laura Tomacic,

Village Board Liaison: Grace Diaz Herrera

Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Karen Hawk, Anna Koperski-Walsh

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2022 BOARD MEETING.**

On motion Tucker approves the meeting minutes of the February 8, 2022 Park and Recreation Board meeting. 5-0, motion passes.

AYES: Tucker, Brennan, Delisi, Malca, Tomacic

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND LETTERS/NOTES/EMAILS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No audience participation

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

## **A. Dog Park Discussion and Overview**

**Koperski-Walsh:** Presents information from memo included in the Board Packet.

### **Board Discussion:**

- States she is for a dog park as long as its planned properly, asks about having a fob system for entry
- States that the idea of having dog classes at the dog park would be a great idea
- Expresses agreement into dog park; asks if a dog class would be an additional fee for paying members
- Asks for data of how many dog permits are issued in the Village of Lincolnwood
- States that location will be very important and that the ComEd area would be a good location, not in the parks
- Comments that people are using tennis courts and the hockey rink to let their dogs run (makeshift places)
- Agreement into importance of location, states that he recalls we do not own ComEd or Centennial land, so questions if this is a viable option
- Questions if a survey will be done for dog park
- Voices support for dog park and says how Skokie Pooch Park is a good size, so perhaps a smaller park could work
- Questions administration time when it comes to cards/fobs at the dog park
- Questions liability, member versus non-membership
- Asks if cameras would be able to be installed
- Asks how closely we need to follow the Humane Society Recommendations and if we do not, do we open ourselves up to liability issues
- Questions changing the municipality code and updating
- Comments that Proesel Park is not the right place for a dog park
- Expresses that in regard to aggressive dogs, the owner needs to take control and be aware of their own dogs and each other's dogs
- Questions if this can be a revenue generating idea, down the line

### **Koperski-Walsh:**

- Replies that a key fob system or something similar would need to be in place
- Replies dog classes would be for fee-paying, dog park members only
- Replies that the Finance department has only sold 100 dog permits in Lincolnwood
- States that ComEd is leased, this is the path and ten feet on each side
- Explains that in 2019, staff reached out to ComEd to see if staff could use the land as a dog park and ComEd stated no, because they need access to this land
- States that Centennial Park land is leased but we can put things in that park

- Replies that surveys will come out once Master planning is underway
- Consideration into having a cap if we build a smaller dog park
- Replies that cards/fobs would be similar to a pool pass, perhaps staff could build it so that the card could be used for more than one thing/program
- States that she will look into the Village's insurance carrier
- States that we can look into it but there may be controversy with cameras
- Explains that the Humane Society Recommendations are just recommendations and we do not need to follow them strictly and we are not opening ourselves up to liability issues
- States that yes, staff would work with the attorney and update codes as needed
- Explains the importance of a dog park and other purposes that it can have for people, as well as for the dogs
- Explains that land that is not in use would be best for a dog park
- Comments how dogs park sides are helpful for different size dogs
- States how toys can be an issue in dog parks and why they're not allowed
- Replies that some park districts use their dog parks or indoor facilities for dog training

**Hawk:**

- States that as part of the Comprehensive Master Plan, we will be looking at land use and dog park site locations to determine if and where a dog park can be placed
- States that the community will have a lot of opportunity to provide input
- Explains how a pass would be used so that we can monitor the dog park
- Explains how indoor space was used for different programming needs and we could do the same for the dog park
- Explains that the type of turf that is put is will be important as well when determining price and upkeep

**VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Tucker:**

- Happy International Women's Day!

**VII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Brennan:**

- Niles Township 'Coming Together'. Live in-person events and remote [www.comingtogether.in](http://www.comingtogether.in)

**Delisi:**

- Happy International Women's Day
- Applauds Mayor Patel's executive decision, and stands with him, to make the colors of the bridge over Touhy Avenue to the Ukrainian flag colors. We will never understand what it means or feels to go through what is happening in Ukraine. He would stand with Mayor Patel to keep these

colors on the bridge past St. Patrick's Day until this is resolved.

### VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Hawk:**

- In the process of first round interviews for the Recreation Supervisor Position
- Softball Tournament to Village Board next week
- Lincolnwood Fest update: website update, logo update, bands and vendors and management company

### IX. STAFF REPORTS

**Koperski-Walsh:**

- Camp Update: 997 weeks of camp sold; last year 840 weeks sold at this time; 3009 weeks of camp sold in 2019.
- Specialty Camps: 58 weeks sold; last year 227 weeks sold
- Pool: residents can register, sold 252 pool passes, which includes two Care Passes and two Youth Passes
- Events: April 9<sup>th</sup> is Egg Hunt and Bingo, Summer Sampler to sample classes with onsite registration, Buddy Bingo at the firehouse, VIP Dance has been changed to September 16<sup>th</sup> with an Under the Sea theme. Summer Concert Series and Children's Concert Series are coming back this summer. Fest is the last weekend of July. Season ends with Movies in the Park on August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Explains to Park board how staff is looking to repair the movie screen and staff will evaluate it and replace if necessary

### X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM

Motion to adjourn: Tomacic/Malca

AYES: Brennan, Malca, Tucker, Delisi, Tomacic,

NAYS: None

Park Board Minutes prepared by Julie Glowacki

Park and Recreation Board Chairperson:

Signature

Date

 4/12/2022