



Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Park Board Members: Laura Tomacic, Grace Diaz Herrera, Art Lovering, Maria Leberis

Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Laura McCarty, Melissa Rimdzius, Dan Peck

Village Board Liaison:

Village Staff:

Audience:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion Tomacic/Diaz Herrera approve the meeting minutes of the August 14, 2018.

4-0. Motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates on Proesel Park Basketball Court Naming

McCarty – Jewell Loyd is participating in the World Games in Turkey and may not return until spring. Staff will work with her family to set an event date.

Tomacic – Not until spring.

Lovering – When will the bench and equipment be installed?

McCarty – We are holding off until closer to the actual date.

Lovering – Need to find a window before WNBA season begins. How much time do we need to know in advance?

McCarty – Two weeks. The concrete pads for the benches are already installed.

Lovering – It will be a nice kick-off to spring season.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Touhy Avenue Overpass Lighting Policy

McCarty –

- Draft policy included in packet
- Bridge has adjustable lighting features
- Village committee determined holidays that would be observed and the colors associated with each. Centered on current holidays observed by the village and surrounding community's policies.
- Presented list of holidays, dates, and colors
- Discussed the potential for requests from outside groups/public. However, the Mayor felt if we opened this up to the public it could become difficult to manage and determine how to allow certain requests but not others. Could become too controversial. Mayor was in support of the chosen dates.
- Plan to adopt a resolution through the VB to show this was vetted through the public process.
- Outside requests would be up to the Village Board as to whether they would like to honor the request or not.
- Seeking feedback from the Park Board

Tomacic – With a request, is there a monetary fee involved?

McCarty – A fee was discussed, but there is concern about the nature of requests.

Tomacic – Up to the discussion of the Village Board.

Lovering – Agree with the Mayor. Where do we draw the line?

Leberis – Agreed.

Lovering – Would like to see it utilized. If not a holiday, is there lighting?

McCarty – There is a standard light that will be used on those days.

Lovering – Is there a January holiday?

Leberis – Would Christmas run into new year's?

Lovering – June? We could do flag day.

Herrera – Could something be done for 9/11?

McCarty – What colors would you suggest?

Tomacic – Labor Day? In lieu of that, could give 9/11 red, white, and blue.

Lovering – Would like it to be used to market the Village. Would like for it to be extended a little bit. Are we concerned about complaints? Policy reads well. Dates are fine.

Leberis – This list looks pretty complete.

Lovering – Other dates are just options to consider.

McCarty – Asked to confirm holidays to be considered: labor day and president's day

B. Proesel Park Playground Renovation Update

Rimdzius – Provided an overview of the planned renovation process for the Proesel Park playground. Anticipated completion is scheduled for April 2019.

Board Discussion - Questioned if the school was going to be involved with the input process.

Rimdzius - Stated that in the past the day camps and Club Kid participants were involved but due to the schedule/timing of the project this year, the day camp won't have the opportunity to be involved. However the public outreach session dates will be marketed through the school so kids/families have the opportunity to participate in the process.

Board Discussion – Asked about the time of the internal kick-off meeting and mentioned the possibility of marketing the renovation process at the Turkey Trot.

Rimdzius - Stated that the first meeting is for Parks and Recreation Department staff and then Park Board members would have the opportunity to attend the public input meetings

C. Inaugural Trunk-or-Treat Special Event

Rimdzius – Provided an overview of this new department special event and the way in which it evolved

Board Discussion - Asked about consolation prizes for all participants so everyone is recognized for their efforts. Questioned if the vehicle decorating takes place at the event or if the vehicles should arrive decorated. Questioned the type of Halloween treats/goodies participants can bring.

Rimdzius - Stated that staff would consider a smaller incentive type prize for the non-winners/all participants. Stated that the vehicles should arrive decorated. Stated that store bought candy/goodies can be distributed; homemade treats will not be allowed.

D. 2018 Turkey Trot Update

Rimdzius - Rimdzius provided an update on 2018 Turkey Trot registration numbers and stated that we are down approximately 17 participants compared to last year at this time. Also mentioned that we are seeing more on-line registrations than in person and that we are actively recruiting sponsors and volunteers.

Board Discussion – Asked about the dollar amount for the lowest level sponsor.

Rimdzius – Stated the lowest level sponsor was the silver sponsor at \$350.

E. Annual Daddy Daughter Dance Update

Rimdzius - Provided an update on the two venues being considered to host the 2019 Daddy Daughter Dance, Double Tree Hilton (Monaco Ball Room) and Via Veneto. These new venues are being considered because the venue (Skokie Conference Center) in which the dance was held at last year is closed this year for remodeling.

Board Discussion - Questioned the location of the Double Tree Hilton and if this might be too far of a distance for participants to travel

Rimdzius - Stated that distance is a concern however the Double Tree Hilton will provide a more unique experience. Also mentioned that this would most likely be a one year deal as we would most likely go back to the Skokie Conference Center in 2020.

Board Discussion – Asked if the Double Tree would offer a buffet.

Rimdzius – Stated that a buffet will likely cost more but that staff is waiting on a quote.

Board Discussion – Commented on the ease of parking at the Double Tree. Commented on the fun atmosphere at the Double Tree. Recommended moving forward with the Double Tree for this year's event.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT -

Excited to see the bridge on the night of the installation. It was fun to hang out there that night and take photos. The bridge looks great, but the fencing doesn't look good. Not the finished product. Bridge will be opened and a couple things will be tweaked after that

time. The ribbon cutting is Thursday at 5:30pm. December meeting is important – mark your calendars and plan to attend.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS -

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT -

McCarty –

- Ribbon Cutting – Thursday at 5:30pm
- Global Fitness Spot – changing to cement base and adding a stone retaining wall.

Lovering – Shared concern about drainage. Pitch the cement so water goes somewhere.

McCarty – That is a known concern being addressed.

- Congrats to Olivia Antosz – getting married this Saturday.
- Coming Together program. Highlights the cultural diversity in the surrounding area. This year January-April 2019, they will focus on the Polish contributions to society. This is the 10th year of featuring a different culture that is represented in Niles township. The multicultural task force participated in the past. This year, they will be offering a storytelling program in April. They wanted to know if this Board is interested in partnering with them to offer another program.

Tomacic – Serving as the liaison for Lincolnwood. The opening ceremony is at Niles West High School in January. There will be different programs throughout the three months of the program. Laura offered the community center, if there is a need for an upcoming program. The committee asks that we are aware of the programs and show our support of this program, as well.

Board Discussion – Sounds good.

STAFF REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION - RIMDZIUS

As noted in report

B. RECREATION SUPERVISOR – ANTOSZ

As noted in report

C. RECREATION SUPERVISOR – LAZZARA

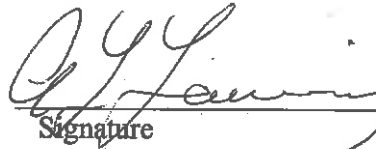
As noted in report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M. Tomacic/Leberis.

Park Board Minutes prepared by: Melissa Rimdzius, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

Park and Recreation Board President:


Signature


Date