



**Village of Lincolnwood  
Parks and Recreation**

**Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 12, 2019  
7:00pm**

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

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

Park Board Commissioners: Grace Diaz Herrera, Sokol Delesi, Maria Leberis, Laura Tomacic, Christina Audisho, Victor Shaw, Carol Georges Oraha

Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Melissa Rimdzius, Olivia Zdeb, Katie Lazzara

Village Board Liaison: Atour Sargon

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING**

On motion Delesi/Audisho approve the meeting minutes of the September 10, 2019 7-0, motion passed.

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

No audience participation

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Flowers Park Sport Court Resurfacing Project Update**

**Rimdzius-** Provided an update with current bid. Contractor work would not have typical one year warranty due to claims of seepage. No longer moving forward with current bid and awarded contractor. Environmental study conducted by True North. Future bid process span over two fiscal years or shift into 20-21 fiscal year. Recommends consulting with experts for future bid and consulting firm for assistance.

**Tomacic-** Inquired into Village Board support

**Rimdzius-** Village Board approval not required for consulting firm assistance. Consulting firm fee potentially 10% of future bid total. Pricing will vary depending on outcome of evaluation and assessment with pricing.

**Sargon-** Inquired if courts were still safe in current state and if staff were keeping courts accountable.

**Rimdzius**-Public Works check in and during scheduled park evaluations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **B. Meeting Broadcasting Update**

**Rimdzius**-September 2017 it was first discussed to broadcast Park Board meetings. Village Board has moved to have all meetings be broadcasted: Park Board, Human Relations Committee and Traffic Commission.

**Sargon**- Village Board will revisit if other meetings will follow at a later time.

### **C. Discussion Regarding Parks and Recreation Board Voting Method**

**Oraha**- Park Board has previously used two methods of voice call or roll call voting. One option moving forward needed to be determined.

**Delesi**- Prefers roll call voting for knowledge of Commissioners votes either way.

**Herrera**- Board used voice voting in past, but roll call assists with clear decisions

**Rimdzius**- Roll call voting is customary to start meetings to confirm each present Commissioner. Typical voting has been voice voting. Robert's Rules provide other voting options as well. Challenges and benefits from all voting methods. During the September 10, 2019 meeting, a Commissioner requested roll call voting. Staff needs clarification to know which vote to request.

**Audisho**- In favor of voice vote.

**Shaw**- In favor of voice vote.

**Audisho**- Inquired which option is used for Village Board.

**Sargon**- Roll Call for motion. Voice vote for concluding meetings. Roll call is used to have votes recorded. Voice voting is faster.

**Tomacic**- Inquired if staff has a preference.

**Zdeb**- Staff have no preference.

**Oraha**- In favor of voice vote.

**Shaw**- moves to motion for a roll call vote to approve voice voting

On motion Tomacic/Shaw approve the Parks and Recreation Park Board's utilization of the voice voting method. Delesi voted nay. 6-1, motion passed.

### **D. 2020 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Dates**

On motion Tomacic/Delesi approve of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Schedule. 7-0, motion passed.

### **E. Potential Dog Park Planning Process Discussion**

**Rimdzius**- Provided information regarding dog park recommendations from Cook County and American Kennel Club. Leashed dogs are currently allowed in Centennial Park, Valley Line Trail and the Union Pacific Trail. Dog Park concept brought to Park Board seven times throughout 2000 – 2019. Parks considered due to available space: Flowers, Goebelt, Proesel and Centennial. Flowers and Goebelt are nearby Valley Line Trail, but also residential homes and reduced parking. Proesel space is currently rented as a soccer field. Centennial has the

largest space to offer and available parking. Land currently rented from MWRD and grants affect land usage. Consultant Firm assistance is recommended if Park Board recommends moving forward. Estimated cost of firm in the range of \$6,000-\$10,000. Looking for Park Board's direction in regards to proceed in researching the viability of a dog park at Centennial Park with or without a landscape architecture firm.

**Discussion of Flowers Park site.** Advantages include trail access. Disadvantages include proximity to residential homes, children's playground and no parking.

**Discussion of Proesel Park site.** Advantages include most popular park with sense of community and available parking. Disadvantages include proximately to floor hockey court, baseball/softball field 4, donated global fitness spot and would result in loss of revenue from soccer rentals. Space also is used for Lincolnwood Fest.

**Discussion of Centennial Park site.** Advantages include dogs are already permitted, largest area to offer potential location, available parking. Disadvantages include less draw overall to current park, heavy costs with water estimate.

**Discussion of surrounding communities dog options.** Skokie allowing more dog allowance in parks and a discussion of current surrounding dog park options available for Lincolnwood residents to purchase memberships as Non-Residents.

On motion Herrera/Shaw recommend staff to proceed in researching the viability of a dog park in Centennial Park including the cost of consulting with a landscape architecture firm to conduct the community input process and develop preliminary plans for a potential dog park in the TY 2020-2021 budget proposal. 6-1, motion passed.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE AQUATIC CENTER REPORT.**

**Lazzara-** As noted in report

Several firsts for the Aquatic Center include: Open for business on Memorial Day Weekend, Pass holder only hours and a soft serve machine at the Concession Stand. Looking to reduce evening open pool hours in 2020 to allow for evening rentals and staff trainings. Also looking to contract the Concession Stand out to a vendor. Overall weather played a large effect in attendance and revenue for the 2019 season.

**Discussion of outside food and current policies.** Concession Stand revenue loss is significant, but \$10,000 is attributed to the soft serve machine. Loss and left prevention is also to be considered. Contracting Concession Stand would allow for professionalism and professional supervision.

**Discussion of Non-Resident Membership rates.** Wilmette is a direct competitor with lower rates who former members have switched to.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

None

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Delesi-** Reported that he attended Trunk or Treat and was happy that the event was offered to the community. Questioned Trustee Sargon regarding signage.

**Sargon-** Reported signage would be brought to the Park Board in January.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Rimdzius** – Turkey Trot will be on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Weather taking an effect on

registration numbers, hoping to sell out. Lincolnwood Lights will be held at the Promenade on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Holiday Hunt will start prior to with prizes for children. Thank you to staff and Commissioners for assistance and attendance to fall events. Trunk or Treat in the coming years will be on the weekend. This will result in early event times but potential reduced internal participation and higher community attendance.

**STAFF REPORTS-**

As noted in report

**Lazzara** – Thanked the Board for their continuous support.

**Zdeb** – Thanked the Board for their continuous support. Commented on earlier camp start time for 2020.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Motion to adjourn: Tomacic / Second- Audisho

Park Board Minutes prepared by Olivia Zdeb, Recreation Supervisor

Park and Recreation Board President:

  
Signature

1/14/20  
Date