



Lincolnwood Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers
December 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

PRESENT AT MEETING

Park Board Members: Sarah Hardin, Laura Tomacic, Grace Diaz Herrera, Art Lovering, Victor Shaw, Reese Gratch

Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Laura McCarty, Katie Gamroth, Melissa Rimdzius

Village Board Liaison:

Audience:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion Tomacic/Gratch approve the meeting minutes of the November 8, 2016. 6-0, motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Board- Discusses the letter and memorandum included in the park board packet about the Aquatic Center Post Season Schedule

- Understands the desire for daytime aquatic center hours on weekdays during the post season
- Reviews the memorandum and background as to how the post season schedule evolved over the past four years
- Staff addressed suggestions and questions provided by the letter and petition within the memorandum
- Questions as to whether or not there is a way to have only one section of the aquatic center open during daytime hours in the future

Rimdzius- Provides background on past practices and best practices for partial openings

- Staff constantly assesses availability
- Minimal and ideal lifeguard coverage required for facility
- Staffing required to monitor open water due to lack of fully secure fencing surrounding each pool
- Long-term possibility of replacing the current post and rope fencing with secure, gated fencing to safely close off the activity pool or main pool without the need for staff monitoring. Some considerations associated with this decision include the significant change in the aesthetic of the facility and large expense within the aquatic center budget. Mentioned desire to gather feedback prior to making a significant change.

Board-

- Comments that matrix provided shows a correlation of surrounding community pools' post season hours and their respective high school schedule
- Comments on the letter's point regarding the hiring of more Chicago students or non-students who are available to work during the post-season timeframe. Last season's staff consisted of 49% Chicago residents. Comments on the value of providing employment opportunities for local teens.
- Inquires as to who signed the petition

McCarty-

- Petition distributed in-person at the aquatic center on Saturday, September 3, 2016
- Notes that the post season schedule affected weekday hours of operation; weekend hours of operation remained the same through the end of the season

Rimdzius-

- 183 signatures that staff could decipher
- 55 Lincolnwood Resident Pass Holders
- 103 Non-Resident Pass Holders
- 30 Non-Pass Holders
- Management was notified of the petition after the distribution by staff who were approached and asked if they would like to sign the document

- Petition does not include contact information that would allow for follow-up with signers

Rimdzius- Notes that staff understands and appreciates the importance of recreational aquatics for the community and pass holders. Staff's goal is to provide safe swimming opportunities as often as possible and on a consistent basis. Management constantly assesses staff availability throughout the summer; if enough staff were to be available to cover a consistent schedule in a safe manner, the post season schedule would be adjusted. Management assessed availability for partial daytime openings this past summer up until the beginning of the post season hours. Staff were not available on a consistent basis to allow for daytime openings. Some days even the posted hours required operational adjustments and emergency coverage procedures due to abrupt and unexpected staff call offs for school obligations.

Board- Questions if in the brochure staff would consider putting in a disclaimer that post season hours are subject to change

Gamroth- Comments that only the post season hours would be posted to be as upfront with pass members as possible so they know exactly what the season pass encompasses

Board – Discussed how to follow up with the resident regarding the letter

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Playground Equipment Owned by the Village of Lincolnwood

Rimdzius- Highlights the Kids Around the World program:

- Non-profit organization
- Removes the current equipment
- Repurpose in other areas of the world
- Resulting in a cost saving to the Village for labor removal
- Third playground donated to Kids Around the World

Board- Questions when the removal of the current playground would take place

Rimdzius- As soon as the weather allows, and around the same time as the install of the new equipment

Board- Inquires where the old equipment would go

Rimdzius- Will not know that until the equipment is shipped out

On motion Lovering/Tomacic to approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Playground Equipment Owned by the Village of Lincolnwood to Kids Around the World. 6-0, motion passed.

B. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Award of the G.G. Rowell Park Renovation Contract

Rimdzius- Explains this is for the installation of the new equipment at G.G. Rowell Park. Reminds the Board the base bid is for the install of the approved equipment and provides background to four alternates was included:

- Taller slide
- Additional Swing bay – parent tot swing
- Resurfacing of the Basketball Court
- Removal of the equipment – if kids around the world was unable to do it

Rimdzius- Recommends using Hacienda to install the equipment at G.G. Rowell Park

- Hacienda installed Springfield park in 2013
- Three reference checks were completed and favorable of Hacienda
- Overall amount budgeted for project was \$100,000
- The board can accept the base bid or recommend the addition of any alternates moving forward

Board

- Happy to see base bid is under budget
- Questions if the basketball court can be done at another time

McCarty- Reminds the board that alternate one and two were audience feedback from the past meeting

Rimdzius- Provides information to the heavy use of swings at this park

On motion Lovering/Gratch to approve a Resolution awarding the bid for Purchase and Installation of playground equipment at G.G. Rowell Park with alternate two in the amount of \$100,500 to Hacienda. 6-0, motion passed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT –

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS –

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

McCarty- Informs the board that the Police Chief and Village Board will be discussing cameras in public places at the next Village Board meeting. The Chief will be outlining the pros and cons of cameras in public places. Asks if the board has any initial input if directed to put cameras in parks

Board- Questions which parks and how many cameras

McCarty- Larger park initially Proesel and Centennial

Board- Who would decide what park and how many?

McCarty- Responds: Police Department

Board-

- Questions if lighting would be involved
- Has there been that much increased activity in Proesel and Centennial to warrant it
- Are cameras worth the money?
- Are there other parks around that have cameras?
- Comments on this being in response to crime in the community
- Overall board not opposed to cameras in the park

McCarty- Thank you to everyone that helped out at Turkey Trot, it was a successful event and had the highest turnout of day of participants.

Board- Questions about missing t-shirts

Gamroth- Researched the t-shirts and found that no shirts were missing, but we did run out of adult sizes day of. More adult shirts have arrived and those who did not receive a shirt day of have been notified.

McCarty- Completed the event of the year, Holiday Tree Lighting. Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrived on the fire truck, Lincoln Hall singers were in attendance singing carols, and hot chocolate was given out.

McCarty- Reminds the board that the IPRA conference is coming up, if anyone is interested let us know.

McCarty- Wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

STAFF REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION – GAMROTH

As noted in report

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES – RIMDZIUS

Rimdzius- Informs staff of the first pop up event scheduled for this weekend. Snowman building will take place at Proesel park at 11am on Saturday. With the snow and cold staff are looking to host a few pop up events as the weather allows.

C. RECREATION SUPERVISOR – ANTOSZ

As noted in report

D. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING COORDINATOR – VERING

As noted in report

E. YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - FLETCHER

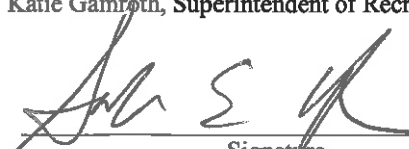
As noted in report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Park Board Minutes prepared by: Katie Gamroth, Superintendent of Recreation

Park and Recreation Board President:



 Signature

2-14-17

 Date