



Lincolnwood Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers
April 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT AT MEETING

Park Board Members: Laura Tomacic, Art Lovering, Reese Gratch, Amy Kaniff, Grace Diaz Herrera, Victor Shaw; Village Board liaison Jennifer Spino, Village President Jerry Turry
Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Laura McCarty, Katie Gamroth, Melissa Rimdzius
Village of Lincolnwood Staff: Sergeant Laura Namovicz
Audience: Howard Bernstein 6040 N. Kilbourn; Paul Sortal 2100 Birchwood Wilmette, IL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion Grace/Shaw to approve the meeting minutes of the March 8, 2016. 6-0, motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bernstein-Is very happy about the bike path, and is looking to raise the height of fence for added privacy of his yard

McCarty- Thanks Mr. Bernstein for coming and is directing his request to the buildings department

OLD BUSINESS

B. Bike Path Update

McCarty- The ComEd pathway, now calling Valley Line Trail, construction has begun. Construction is to be completed middle of July. The Union Pacific Bike Path's construction will begin in the fall.

Lovering- Issues concern with those that might have encroached on the path, and could be a possible safety hazard with fences so close to the path.

C. Shelter Update

McCarty- Shelter renovation has begun and will be completed by June 4. Replacing roof, skylights, bathroom doors, and has been funded by friends of the Community Center.

A. Update on Revised Park Naming Policy

Gratch- This policy was approved by the Park Board at the March 8, 2016 meeting. It has been presented to the Village Board and approved at the April 5 Village Board meeting.

McCarty- Recaps the naming request for Alan Chapman field from May 2015, and reviews the revised policy criteria for naming a park amenity

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of a request to Name Field #3 in Proesel Park After Former Resident Alan Chapman

Gratch- This request is coming back to be considered under the new policy. Points out section G in the policy "Park land, buildings facilities and park amenities will be named only after discussion by the Park Board and then a waiting period of not less than sixty days."

Turley- Notes that April 3, 2015 when the request first came through. In an initial meeting with Jan Hincapie and Reese the feeling was to move forward with the request. Addresses the 60 day voting per the policy and requests a vote be made.

Turley- Speaks to the request being made before the revised policy was in place and rules being changed in the middle of the request. Asks board to consider the request on its merits and not rely solely on new policy.

Sortal- Reminds park board of original message and hopes park board will give it consideration. Questions the redefinition of the policy and keeping worthy individuals out because they have not returned to Lincolnwood. States that the request was honorary in nature and that Alan Chapman is deserving.

Gratch- Open up a discussion, but will not call a vote tonight based on section G of the policy

Board Discussion Points

- Policy been narrowed down as requested
- Delicate decision, limited number of parks
- First presented no motion was made to approve naming of the field
- First presented a motion was made to approve a scoreboard
- Does Alan fit the criteria

Gratch- Will put this back on the agenda do discuss further next month. Directs board to think more about the request

Board Discussion- Fit the criteria?

Sortal- Reiterates he did mean to apply that the new policy was written to exclude

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT –

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS –

DIRECTOR’S REPORT –

McCarty- Make everyone aware of a drive by shooting near Columbia Park on Easter Sunday. It was rainy, two men were waiting in a car to defog windows and a car came down and shot at them. Police held a meeting held last night to discuss. Suggestions came out were put lighting or cameras in the park. The police do have covert squad car that travels through the community. Police do drive in this area and have a presence. Not a random act of violence.

Lovering- Victims came out of a residence, not in the park?

Namovicz- Correct, came out of houses south of the park

Lovering- Seems more community issue then park issue

Namovicz- The meeting ended positively, reminding the community to be good to each other

McCarty- Public Works is also performing more clean up in the area

Rimdzius- Park came up because of the proximity to park, and the flyer mentioned the park

Herrera- Did they identify shooter?

Namovicz- Not yet, police have a good amount of physical evidence and still working on it

McCarty-Olivia new Recreation Supervisor will be starting April 18, non-resident pool pass sale is this weekend on April 16, shelter reservations started on April 4 and staff has been busy preparing for the summer season.

STAFF REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION – GAMROTH

As noted in report

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES - RIMDZIUS

Rimdzius- Softball will run on Sunday, but Friday and Wednesday are cancelled. We have been speaking to Evanston about working together to get something more going for softball. The parks busy on paper with soccer and baseball rentals.

Lovering- Do we have Lincolnwood baseball numbers?

Rimdzius- Working on game schedule now, numbers are up this year and they have two new softball teams.

Rimdzius- The shelter will have a fence going up this Friday for roof construction

C. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING COORDINATOR – VERING

As noted in report

D. YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - FLETCHER

As noted in report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

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

Park and Recreation Board President:



 Signature

5/10/16

 Date