



Lincolnwood Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers

May 10, 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT AT MEETING

Park Board Members: Laura Tomacic, Art Lovering, Amy Kaniff, Grace Diaz Herrera, Victor Shaw; Sarah Hardin

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

Village of Lincolnwood Staff: Andrew Letson

Audience:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion Kaniff/Shaw to approve the meeting minutes of the April 12, 2016. 6-0, motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Request to Name Field #3 in Proesel Park After Former Resident, Alan Chapman

McCarty- Notes that the request has been withdrawn and that Mr. Chapman was very appreciative of Park Board professionalism and time spent on the request

Park Board Members- Comments on the compliments received from Mr. Chapman in the withdrawal letter sent to the Parks and Recreation Department and points brought up that lead to withdraw.

B. Approval of the 2016-2019 Parks and Recreation Department Strategic Plan

McCarty- Notes that Strategic Plan in the packet was a result of the planning session in April, and this plan went into effect May 1, 2016

Park Board – Commented on liking the addition of dates and staff for accountability

On motion Diaz Herrera/Kaniff to approve the 2016-2019 Parks and Recreation Department Strategic Plan, 6-0 motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Proposed ITEP Projects

Letson- As noted in presentation

Board Discussion on Plan One-

- Questions width, and proximity to curb at McCormick the path would be located
- Questions if it would impact current features such as Frisbee golf in the park
- Questions if this would be intended to replace the current path
- Questions if there is anything else that could be done instead in Centennial
- Notes it is a positive addition to utilize the lumen from current street lights to light up path, making it safer later in the evening

Letson- Notes that the current path would continue to be maintained, and because of current gas line the path would be approximately six to seven feet away from the curb but close enough to be lit by the current street lights.

Board Discussion on Plan Two-

- Questions if this plaza has been a request from users of the bike path
- Questions what is included in the plaza
- Questions location of plaza
- Notes it is a nice enhancement to the paths and would be more of an aesthetic project

Letson- Plaza came up again because it was something that was initially applied for. The Plaza at the Valley Line Trail is at the crossing point on Lincoln Ave. and would be a potential joint project with

Skokie, and the Village would be looking to cost share. The Plaza would include benches, bike racks and would not be covered. Staff is continuing to contact Skokie to get them on board.

Hardin- States that both worthwhile, if we had to pick one it would be the first

Lovering- Go for both

Lovering- Notes the grant mentions vegetation management and storm water management, things to bring back native plants, could beautification of new bike path be included?

Letson- Potentially, staff will take a look at the grant requirements to see if it falls in

B. Approval of Amendment to Alltown Bus Service Contract, Inc. of Skokie, Illinois

McCarty- Notes that last year staff went through a formal bid process for summer bus transportation. This year staff is recommending renew with following amendment to include dates and fees of 2.5%

On motion Hardin/Tomacic move to approve first amendment to Alltown Bus Service Contract, 6-0 motion passed

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT –

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS –

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

McCarty- Notes that the bike path plan was included in the packet for board to review

Lovering- Speaks to his concern of some of the fences that seem very close to the path.

McCarty- Mentions that John form FGM will be at next meeting to present Aquatic Center Master Plan. Would like to have board tour the Aquatic Center before June meeting.

Lovering- Do we want audience participation for this?

McCarty- First would like to inform the Park Board and then begin public outreach

McCarty- June Park Board meeting will start at 7pm at the pool and then reconvene in Council Chambers after the tour

STAFF REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION – GAMROTH

Lovering- Refers to Park Inspections and would like to see if anything can be done with the fence at Flowers Park. It's old and rusted and might not be needed now that the tracks are gone

Hardin- Maybe put in an access point to the path and clean up the rest of the fence

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES – RIMDZIUS

Rimdzius- Notes the pool is full and start-up procedures are happening now. It will take approximately two weeks to balance out the chemicals.

Rimdzius- Comments on new pool hours for the summer. Activity pool open two hours earlier and main pool opening one hour earlier than past years. Post season the Aquatic Center is opening at 4pm on weekdays and 10am on weekends. Overall the Aquatic Center is scheduled to be open 10 more hours than last year. This is a change and will continue to promote as much as possible. The goal is to provide a consistently safe environment to our public.

Rimdzius- Picnic reservations are up from last year, but have begun to plateau. Staff would like to open reservations to non-residents on June 4th in hopes to attract more use and generate additional revenue.

C. RECREATION SUPERVISOR – ANTOSZ

Antosz- Comments on Memorial Day planning and putting procedures to paper for future years

D. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING COORDINATOR – VERING

As noted in report

E. YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - FLETCHER

As noted in report

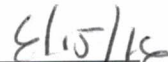
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

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

Park and Recreation Board President:


Signature


Date