



Lincolnwood Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers
August 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT AT MEETING

Park Board Members: Reese Gratch, Art Lovering, Amy Kaniff, Grace Diaz Herrera,

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

Village of Lincolnwood Staff:

Audience: Damien Kardaras: 7150 N. Karlov Ave; Ira Kudish: 7226 N. Tripp; Marcello Falcone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion to approve Diaz-Herrera/Kaniff the meeting minutes of the July 12, 2016. 4-0, motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center Master Plan

McCarty- Recaps the June meeting where the board wanted staff to move forward and solicit public input for the presented master plan

McCarty- Provides an update addressing the proposed financial cost of the proposed plan, and having staff move forward with budgeting of funds through the Village Capital Improvement Plan to address facility improvements

McCarty- Comments on the plan being a guideline for improvements and future planning

Board Discussion:

- Funding- when will funds become available for larger updates, how does staff go about obtaining grants
- Age of current facility and when should major renovations be expected to maintain current status

McCarty- Keeps up to date on grant funding via IPRA and watching grant websites. Hopes funding becomes available in the next two years

Rimdzius- Speaks to current status of Aquatic Center and budgeting through program budget for bathhouse flooring and behind the scenes mechanicals that will near their lifespan in the next few years.

B. 2016 Lincolnwood Fest Recap

Kardaras- Provides board with an update of the 2016 Lincolnwood Fest

- 3 out of 4 days were completely rained out
- Qualified for weather insurance, collected \$12,000 to put back towards budget
- Past Lincolnwood Fest net approximately \$20,000. 2016 Lincolnwood Fest netted about \$18,000
- Planning for 2017, asking some of the same bands back

Board Comments and Questions:

- Weather was the worst it has ever been for the Lincolnwood Fest
- Car show was nice
- Questions how vendors did
- Inquiries about the fields and repair

Kardaras- Comments on increased sponsorship and a few verbal commitments to return next year

Kardaras- Praises the hard work and support of Public Works, Fire and Police

Rimdzius- Confirms most scheduled activities in the park have been able to be rescheduled. Men's softball has been most challenging, offering earlier morning games.

Board Comments:

- All support having the Lincolnwood Fest again in 2017

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of the 2016 Winter/Spring Program Report

Gamroth- As noted in presentation

Board Questions- Daddy Daughter Dance Special Event:

- How long has Daddy Daughter Dance been at Monestaro's
- Is the Community Center large enough to hold the Daddy Daughter Dance?

Gamroth- Confirms dance has been at Monestaro's for at least five years, and with the registration numbers seen in the past three years the Community Center would be large enough to hold the event if moved

Board Questions- Exercise, Fitness and Health:

- What is Nia?

Gamroth- Similar to interpretive dance, incorporating free flowing movements

Board Questions – Jazz Dance:

- Residency status of those who attend on Friday evenings

Gamroth- Hard to tell due to drop in, approximately 1/3 are Lincolnwood residents

B. Request from Grossinger Auto Group to hold an Employee Picnic in Proesel Park on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 1pm-4pm

Gratch- Confirms this is the 3rd year Grossinger has requested this event, all has gone well with it.

On motion Kaniff/Lovering to approve a request from Grossinger to hold an Employee Picnic for 300 people in Proesel Park on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 1pm-4pm. 4-0, motion passes.

C. Consideration of a Request from All Out Sports Marketing to Organize and Supervise a USSA Certified World Series Qualifier Girls Softball Tournament in Proesel Park on Saturday, October 8 from 8am-8pm and Sunday, October 9 from 8am-4pm

Rimdzius- Informs the board about All Out Sports Marketing wanting to hold a girls softball tournament in October in Proesel Park. Group is looking to have 300-600 people in the park for the tournament, and considering providing concession sales with profits going to Windy City Rage
Kudish- Long time Lincolnwood resident looking to host the tournament at Proesel, recently held a tournament in Skokie with 40 teams

Falcone- Likes that there are four fields together, Proesel is perfect to keep all teams in one spot

Lovering- Questions what the concessions would be

Kudish- Likely, chips, drinks, etc.

Falcone- Packaged goods

Lovering- Comments on health department regulations if cooking food

Kudish- Not planning on a grill

Rimdzius- Confirms staff would be in communication with the health department

Gratch- Asks for clarification on the financial impact

Kudish- The size of the tournament will determine the amount of support needed from Public Works for field maintenance

Rimdzius - Financial impact presented is based off of Public Work fees for their time during this tournament

Lovering- Questions if scheduled Parks and Recreation programs would need to be moved

Rimdzius- Yes, in-house soccer, men's softball and a Sunday soccer rental. We would reschedule games and practices ahead of time. Shelter would not be rented out during that weekend

Kudish- Comments on the bigger impact being the large amount of people traveling to Lincolnwood for the tournament

Lovering- Questions the age group of the players

Kudish- Invite 10's, but probably 12-18's

Lovering- Questions additional signage in the park

Kudish- Teams might have a banner, but not looking at sponsor signage

On motion Lovering/Diaz-Herrera to approve a request from All Out Sports Marketing to hold a girls softball tournament in Proesel Park for over 150 people, and an Ordinance waiving the enforcement of the business license fee requirements set forth in Article 1 of Chapter 9 of the Village Code with respect to merchants that will sell concession items at the Tournament on October 8 and 9 2016. 4-0, motion passes.

D. Approval of a Resolution to Close a Portion of Lincoln Ave. between Touhy and Pratt on Sunday, November 20 from 7am-11am for the 2016 Lincolnwood Turkey Trot Gratch- Request that comes every year to close Lincoln Ave during Lincolnwood Turkey Trot

On motion Lovering/Kaniff to approve a Resolution to close Lincoln Avenue between the hours of 7am-11am for the annual Turkey Trot Race on Sunday, November 20, 2016. 4-0, motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT –

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS –

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

McCarty-

- Reminder next meeting is September 27, the following meeting after that is in November.
- Thank you to Melissa for hard work and hours at the Aquatic Center, keeping it up and running for patrons
- Thank you to Olivia and Katie for efforts with Day Camp and the ACA accreditation process
- Thank you to Linda and Aryn for a very successful Summer Concert Series
- Village is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Village Hall Building, celebration on September 8
- ComEd path is an active construction site, completion date in mid- September. Ribbon cutting to be in October
- U.P in process with a completion date of mid-November

Board Comments:

- ComEd path is very close to existing fences
- Questions proposed connection piece with Skokie trail

McCarty- Proposed connection was through a grant opportunity we are waiting to hear back on
Lovering- Would like to see some kind of clean up at the U.P site if funding is available

STAFF REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION – GAMROTH

Gamroth- Reminder Coffee with Clergy on September 19 at the Community Center

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES – RIMDZIUS

Rimdzius-

- Aquatic Center faced a couple mechanical/maintenance challenges. One in the filter room, and one involving clogged drains. Both issues have been resolved and we are looking forward to a great end of the season
- IRMA conducted a safety evaluation of our playgrounds and pool.
- IDPH inspected the aquatic center and we have received notification that we are licensed for the 2017 season
- GG Rowell park playground RFP documents have been available since mid-July. The document has been shared with 51 vendors, and we are awaiting the design proposals which are due August 25

C. RECREATION SUPERVISOR – ANTOSZ

As noted in report

D. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING COORDINATOR – VERING

As noted in report

E. YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - FLETCHER

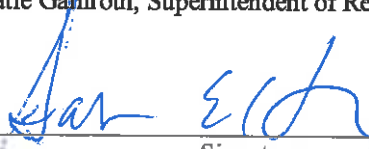
As noted in report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

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

Park and Recreation Board President:



Signature

11-8-16

Date