



Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers
January 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Park Board Members: Laura Tomacic, Victor Shaw, Grace Diaz Herrera, Maria Leberis, Carol Orah, Art Lovering

Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Laura McCarty, Melissa Rimdzius

Village Board Liaison: Jennifer Spino

Village Staff:

Audience: Jewell Loyd, Calvin Loyd, Montie R. Apostolos, Arleen LaRosa

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion Tomacic/Shaw approve the meeting minutes of November 14, 2017. 5-0, motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS

A. Drake Park Naming Request

Audience members invited to speak regarding the request to name Drake Park.

Montie R. Apostolos – Montie spoke about Jewell’s character, humility, family, passion for playing basketball, and passion for giving back to the community through volunteerism with youth, the Village Project, and the African American Youth Leadership Project.

Arleen LaRosa – Arleen spoke to her support of the Board in honoring Jewell Loyd. She spoke about Jewell’s great pride in the community and support of the community through volunteerism and donations. Arleen also stated that Jewell is an amazing role model for the children of Lincolnwood.

Calvin Loyd – Calvin spoke about Jewell’s experience playing at and learning skills at Drake Park as a child and her great achievements in the basketball (#1 pick for the WNBA and #1 pick for Notre Dame). He spoke to how Lincolnwood and Niles West High School are mentioned when her name comes up or when she is playing. He also spoke about the opportunity to honor Jewell for her achievements.

Jewell Loyd – Jewell thanked the Board and stated that it is a tremendous honor for this to be considered. Jewell spoke about learning to play every sport while spending time at Drake Park and stated that there is something special about the park, the relationships she made here, how she learned to become the person she is today, and

the overall community of Lincolnwood. Jewell spoke about her respect and pride for her hometown of Lincolnwood, and passion for giving back to the community.

Board Discussion –

Gratch – Spoke about how Jewell has impacted so many people, including the adults in the room. Mentioned the Board needs to work within the policy to make recommendations to the Village Board for the final decision. Policy states that the Board cannot name an actual park, but can name the courts and other amenities.

Lovering – Said it is an honor to have Jewell speak in Lincolnwood and referenced her accomplishments in her career and her participation in youth sports in Lincolnwood. Stated support for everything that can be done within policy. Spoke to the historical challenge of park naming, the policy put in place by the Board, and the provision to name amenities within the park. Mentioned the various criteria set into place, of which Jewell exceeds. Suggested the basketball courts be refurbished and renamed after Jewell, either at Drake or Proesel Park.

Gratch – Mentioned the activity at Proesel Park.

Lovering – Commented that the focus of the policy is the land, which cannot be named. A basketball court more than qualifies to be named.

Leberis – Stated it is an honor to meet Jewell and her family, and that it has been a privilege to be a part of this decision.

Lovering – Mentioned Jewell's foundation

Herrerra – Mentioned that all have been in agreement over the past few months

Gratch – Commented that the Board has been talking for months and it is great to have Jewell and her family here tonight. Mentioned one way to move forward is for the Board to make a motion. Mentioned the option to name the basketball courts, and the steps to move forward: budget review, donation, location, and signage.

McCarty – Commented the motion could not be made until there is a decision on court location.

Gratch – Recommend that the Parks and Recreation Department begin working with the Loyd family on the logistics.

Lovering – Recommended that the Board ask for any input from our audience in terms of park location.

Jewell Loyd – Grew up at Drake Park, but also played with her friends at Proesel. She would like to pay respect to them and their time playing in Proesel Park. Proesel Park would be perfect.

Gratch – the Board can make a recommendation to name the basketball courts at Proesel park after Jewell Loyd. This would be taken to the Village Board meeting and all of the logistics would be determined between the family and staff. Thanked the Loyd family.

On motion, Lovering/Tomacic to recommend Proesel Park basketball courts be named after Jewell Loyd. 5-0, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of the 2017 Annual Aquatic Center Report

Rimdzius – Presented the report.

Board Discussion:

- Comments regarding recommendations at the conclusion of the report.
- Request for staff to determine a cost-effective way to utilize landscaping instead of fencing to address the issue of patrons going through the fencing between the concession stand and main pool
- Question if the pool could open earlier during the post-season

Rimdzius – Explains the hours are determined by the ability for the high school staff to arrive on-site and get into position after the school day.

Board Discussion -

- Recommendation to gather feedback from patrons regarding the two-year deck chair replacement.
- Question regarding the recommendation for cameras to be installed at the aquatic center

Rimdzius – Cameras are being recommended for specific locations in order to replace former on-site cameras, for the full implementation of Village cash handling procedures, and to address patron concern near the bike racks.

Board Discussion -

- Question regarding the need to close for capacity this summer, and if an increase in the number of non-resident passes available needs to be addressed.

McCarty – The non-resident passes did sell out in 2017.

Rimdzius – Staff recommends keeping the number of non-resident passes available at the same level as 2017 at this time. If passes are selling out at a faster rate than in 2017, staff would like the opportunity to bring any recommendations for change to the Board at that time.

B. Presentation of the 2017 Turkey Trot Report

Rimdzius – Presented the report.

Board Discussion –

- Turkey Trot is a wonderful event, and a lot of fun.
- Consider heating the 30 x 20 tent

Rimdzius – Staff will request pricing for heat in the tent, to determine if it is feasible.

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McCarty- Mentioned the Village's electronic attendance at meeting policy that allows Board members to participate in any Village meetings electronically. Reviewed requirements for participating electronically.

Lovering – Asked if this is a new policy

McCarty – Stated that it is not new

Spino – Commented on the electronic attendance experience.

McCarty – Updated the Board on the Illinois Park and Recreation Association conference. Commented that the Human Relation Commission's Second Annual Iron Chief Cook Off will be held at the Community Center on February 3, from 6pm to 11pm.

Spino – Recommended guests arrive at the event early to find a seat

McCarty –

- Updated the Board on the new Daddy Daughter Dance location due to Monastero's closing. The event will be held on February 2 at the Skokie Banquet and Conference Center
- The Parks and Recreation Department held the first winter break camp in several years. The camp was extremely successful, with an estimated net profit of \$4000. Staff are excited that the camp ran and are looking forward to next year.
- Happy New Year

STAFF REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES - RIMDZIUS

As noted in report

B. RECREATION SUPERVISOR – ANTOSZ

As noted in report

C. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING COORDINATOR – VERING

As noted in report

D. YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR – FLETCHER

As noted in report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Park Board Minutes prepared by: Melissa Rimdzius-Marsh, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities

Park and Recreation Board President:


Signature


Date