

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

7:00 PM

Civic Center

Recreation Advisory Board

*Members: Thomas Dubelbeis, Gino Gentile,
Felicitas Cortez, Scott Trokey, Laimdota Ansmits,
John Lawler, James Arredondo, Mike Martinez, Barbara Plucinski, Andrew Brennan
and Kyle Kickert
Teen Member: Erin Barry*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The named members were present. Also present were Ray Piattoni, Director of Recreation and Parks; Beau Brueing, Operations Manager of Recreation and Parks; Kathie Clifford, Administrative Coordinator.

Present: 8 - Chairman Dubelbeis; Member Gentile; Member Ansmits; Member Lawler; Member Arredondo; Member Martinez; Member Brennan, Member Barry

Absent: 4 - Member Cortez; Member Trokey; Member Plucinski, Chairman Kickert

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Brennan, seconded by Member Martinez, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye, 8 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Ansmits, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez, Member Brennan and Member Barry

Nay, 0

Absent, 4 - Member Cortez, Member Trokey, Member Plucinski and Kickert

2021-0135 Approval of the January 5, 2021 Recreation Advisory Board minutes

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of January 5, 2021.

ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION**2021-0137 Calendar of Events**

A list of 2021 Recreation and Parks Special events were distributed to the Board members. There was no discussion regarding the list.

Discussion only

2021-0138 Ishnala Woods / Village Square Fencing Project

Chairman Dubelbeis address the audience by stating that the Recreation Advisory Board is a recommending body that does not make decisions for the Board of Trustees. We take input and pass on our recommendations and the Board will review and make a final decision.

Dubelbeis opened the floor to the residents to speak regarding the issues at Ishnala Woods and Village Square. He stated there will be no limit as to how long one could speak. A summary from the January 21st meeting Included: The fences will impact the view of the park and pond, will be ugly and reduce access to the pond; The fields should be multi-purpose and a fence will impact the ability to use

the field for other activities such as soccer and other field sports; There is not enough parking and when teams are using the fields there is congestion on the streets, driveways are blocked and there has been minor damage done to resident's cars; Property values will be negatively impacted; The field should accommodate multiple sports and a fence will impact the use of fields for soccer and other activities; Fences will become a collection point for the accumulation of wind-blown refuse, and no one will clean up the refuse; The fields often flood in April and May and greatly reduces the effective use of the fields; The protective cover applied to the top of the fence for safety is unattractive and the fence will impact winter sledding.

The Mayor and the Trustees have asked the Recreation Advisory Board to become more engaged in community issues like this to offer their recommendations. This will continue for future park and playground improvements.

The original recommendation from staff included homerun fencing, dugout fencing and back stop fencing. After getting resident's input, they are recommending the following: As far as Ishnala Woods, the field orientation will stay the same, it will be a dirt infield which improves play and safety. There will be no home run fence but they will put up a back stop and a dugout fence for safety and protection. A soccer goal will also be put up.

For Village Square the orientation will remain the same with back stop and dugout fencing only. Homerun posts will be removed and holes in ground will be repaired. Sledding will be affected in the fact that people will have to walk around the dugout fence.

Dubelbeis read 2 letters that were mailed to the Board. (refer to audio). Chairman Dubelbeis mentioned that these 2 parks are the result of developer land donation and is comprised of land that cannot be or would be difficult to develop and subject to flooding. Even though they are designated neighborhood parks that they are for all the residents of Orland Park. OYA boys and girls programs use the parks and do allow a certain % of non-resident which is usually 10%. Fields primarily will be used by children 10 and under.

Refer to audio for Resident's discussions.

Chairman Dubelbeis summed up the resident's concerns and made the following motion:

I move to recommend to the Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees that backstop and dugout fencing only be installed at Ishnala Woods and Village Square Park and soccer goal to be installed at Ishnala Woods.

Dubelbeis stated that the recommendation will be brought to the Board of Trustees along with the other issues such as parking and safety.

A motion was made by Member Brennan, seconded by Member Arredondo, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye, 8 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Ansmits, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez, Member Brennan and Member Barry

Nay, 0

Absent, 4 - Member Cortez, Member Trokey, Member Plucinski and Kickert

2021-0158 Change in Frequency of the Recreation Advisory Board Meetings

Chairman Dubelbeis explained that the frequency of the meetings will be changed and if they are not needed they could be cancelled. The Recreation Advisory Board will be getting more involved in resident issues and the Parks Master Plan. The Board will be meeting with the consultant and giving them our input and attending neighborhood meetings so we will be busier.

Motion: I move to approve the changes to the Recreation Advisory Board meeting schedule.

I move to approve having monthly Recreation Advisory Board meetings.

A motion was made by Member Gentile, seconded by Member Arredondo, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye, 8 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Ansmits, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez, Member Brennan and Member Barry

Nay, 0

Absent, 4 - Member Cortez, Member Trokey, Member Plucinski and Kickert

2021-0139 Reports

No discussion

Discussion

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Lawler, seconded by Member Gentile, that this matter be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye, 8 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Ansmits, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez, Member Brennan and Member Barry

Nay, 0

Absent, 4 - Member Cortez, Member Trokey, Member Plucinski and Kickert