

# **VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Civic Center**

## **Recreation Advisory Board**

*Members: Andrew Bennan, James Arredondo, Mike Martinez, Jim Pittacora, Jamie Makuch, Yvonne Shurley, Mike Niehoff, Gino Gentile and Doug Sickler*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. The named members were present along with Ray Piattoni, Director of Recreation and Parks; Greg Bruggeman, Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks; Kathie Clifford, Administrative Coordinator; Mike Mazza, Operations Manager for Natural Resources and Facilities; Sean Faulkner, Natural Resources Supervisor for Natural Resources and Facilities; Kevin Stephens, Maintenance Worker III for Natural Resources and Facilities and 10 residents.

**Present:** 6 - Member Arredondo; Member Martinez; Chairman Brennan; Member Niehoff; Member Gentile, Member Sickler

**Absent:** 3 - Member Pittacora; Member Makuch, Member Shurley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****2024-0165 Approval of the February 6, 2024 Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board of February 6, 2024.

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

**Aye,** 6 - Member Arredondo, Member Martinez, Chairman Brennan, Member Niehoff, Member Gentile and Member Sickler

**Nay,** 0

**Absent,** 3 - Member Pittacora, Member Makuch and Member Shurley

**ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION****2024-0166 2024 Playground and Pavilion Projects**

Mike Mazza, Operations Manager, introduced Sean Faulkner, Natural Resources Supervisor and Kevin Stephens, Maintenance Worker. They are proposing to install 4 new pavilions this year at Brown Park, Cameno Real Park, Capistrano Park and Country Club Estates Park. The ones at Brown Park and Cameno Real are new features to the park and the ones at Capistrano Park and Country Club Estates are replacements. All new pavilions are made of steel. Mike presented a slide show with pictures of where the pavilions will be located. The Brown Park pavilion was to be placed where an old oak tree succumbed to decay and was removed. Cameno Real park which is located just south of the police department will be getting a new pavilion. Capistrano Park currently has a wooden pavilion and will be replaced with a new steel one. Country Club Estates current pavilion is located in the middle of the park and we are proposing moving it to a new location.

Refer to audio for board discussion and resident comments. Residents would like the pavilion at Country Club Estates to remain in the middle of the park. They also expressed concerns about the condition of the playground. Mike stated that the playground at Country Club Estates is slated to be renovated in 2025.

Mike stated that Orland Park has 66 parks, 55 playgrounds and 46 pavilions. A typical U.S. community with a population range between 50,000 to 99,999 has on average one playground for every 3,859 residents. With a population of roughly 60,000, the Village of Orland Park has one playground for every 1,090.

Ten year history of playground projects (2013 - 2023):

- \*2013 - 2019: 6 playgrounds were renovated

- \*2019 Park assessment was done

- \*2020 - 2023: 22 playgrounds were renovated

- \*2023 - Playground and Pavilion Assessment was done focused solely on the condition of playground and pavilions. The goal of this assessment is to provide a roadmap for the next 5 years (2024 - 2028).

The Village Board approved a 5-year capital budget which included renovating 16 playgrounds and 10 new pavilions between 2024 - 2028. Another assessment will be done after 2028.

512 postcards were sent out regarding the 2024 playground and pavilions projects. There was a QR code to take the survey with information directing them to the website which also had the survey. There was a section on the survey to leave comments and the only comment was for Mallard Landing park to use earth tones for the playground equipment. 31 people took the survey (8 lived by Colonial Park, 4 from Frontier Park, 15 from Mallard Landing Park and 4 from Treetop Park) Most of the survey respondents were from Mallard landing Park and Colonial Park. Each of the four parks had 2 options to choose from with different playground options.

Colonial Park was built in 1998. The existing equipment has 4 swings (2 tot / 2 belt), 5 slides, 1 ADA component and 20 total components. Option 1 has 4 swings (2 belt, 1 tot and 1 ADA), 6 slides, 7 ADA components and 30+ total components. Option 2 has 4 swings (2 belt, 1 tot and 1 ADA), 6 slides, 7 ADA components and 30+ total components. 25 people answered the survey and 88% chose Option 2.

Frontier Park was built in 1996. The existing equipment has 6 swings (2 tot, 4 belt), 5 slides, 5 ADA components and 37 total components. Option 1 has 6 swings (3 belt, 2 tot and 1 ADA), 5 slides, 5 ADA components and 30+ total components. Option 2 has 6 swings (3 belt, 2 tot and 1 ADA), 7 slides, 5 ADA components and 30+ total components. 24 people answered the survey and 71% chose Option 1.

Mallard Landing Park was built in 1996. The existing equipment has 6 swings (2 tot, 2 belt, 2 ADA), 7 slides, 5 ADA components and 41 total components. Option

1 has 4 swings (2 belt, 1 tot and 1 ADA), 8 slides, 7 ADA components and 30 total components. Option 2 has 4 swings (2 belt, 1 tot and 1 ADA), 7 slides, 7 ADA components and 30+ total components. 29 people answered the survey and 79% chose Option 2. The Board discussed that lowering the amount of swings from 6 to 4 is not acceptable. They will recommend keeping it at 6 swings.

Treetop Park was built in 1988. The existing equipment has 2 swings (1 tot, 1 belt), 2 slides, 1 ADA components and 12 total components. Option 1 has 4 swings (2 belt, 1 tot and 1 ADA), 6 slides, 5 ADA components and 30+ total components. Option 2 has 4 swings (2 belt, 1 tot and 1 ADA), 6 slides, 5 ADA components and 30+ total components. 25 people answered the survey and 60% chose Option 1.

Refer to audio for discussions.

I move to recommend to the Village Board to approve installing 4 new pavilions at Brown Park, Cameno Real Park, Capistrano Park and Country Club Estates Park keeping the pavilion at the same location at Country Club Estates Park.

AND

recommend choosing option 2 for playground at Colonial Park; option 1 for playground Frontier Park; option 2 at Mallard Landing using earth tones (Green and Brown), moving ADA component to add in 2 more swings; and option 1 at Treetop Park.

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

**Aye,** 6 - Member Arredondo, Member Martinez, Chairman Brennan, Member Niehoff, Member Gentile and Member Sickler

**Nay,** 0

**Absent,** 3 - Member Pittacora, Member Makuch and Member Shurley

## **2024-0167 Recreation & Parks Report**

Ray stated that all the structural walls are up at Centennial Park West and concrete was poured on the stage area last week. The steel structures will start to go in on March 15. The roof will be installed in April and depending on weather, the landscaping will begin.

The artificial turf is scheduled to be installed beginning April 1. The fence fabric is going in and the new garage will be pushed back away from the field for easier access. There will be a men's, women's and family restroom along with storage for athletic organizations in the new building. Camera installation will be installed soon. The bleachers will be delayed. We are working on fabricating those. We had a Chamber event last week trying to get momentum towards the fundraising

goal for the All-Inclusive park. We will reapply for the OSLAD grant this summer for that.

The July and August concerts at Centennial Park West have been booked. We are still looking for a headliner for the June concert. The Mayor will make an announcement once all bands are booked.

The Saturday lineup has been booked for the Taste. There will be an opening band and a national headliner band. We are looking for national headliners for Friday and Sunday. Once those are booked, there will be an announcement.

Refer to audio for discussion

Discussion only

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

## **NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS**

## **ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 P.M.**

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

**Aye,** 6 - Member Arredondo, Member Martinez, Chairman Brennan, Member Niehoff, Member Gentile and Member Sickler

**Nay,** 0

**Absent,** 3 - Member Pittacora, Member Makuch and Member Shurley