

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

7:00 PM

Rec Administration Conference Room

Recreation Advisory Board

*Members: Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Gino Gentile,
Daniel McMillan, Jeffrey Withgott, Brian Begley, Felicitas Cortez, Scott Trokey,
Laimdota Ansmits, John Lawler and Barbara Plucinski*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. The named members were present. Also present: Nancy Flores, Director of Recreation; Gary Couch, Directors of Parks; Mike Mazza, Operations Manager of Parks; Irene Buikema, Recreation Division Manager; Kathie Clifford, Administrative Coordinator; Gail Nonaka, visitor; Mike Martinez, visitor

Present: 7 - Chairman McMillan; Member Gentile; Member Withgott; Member Cortez; Member Ansmits; Member Lawler, Member Arredondo

Absent: 3 - Member Begley; Member Trokey, Member Plucinski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Aye, 7 - Chairman McMillan, Member Gentile, Member Withgott, Member Cortez, Member Ansmits, Member Lawler and Member Arredondo

Nay, 0

Absent, 3 - Member Begley, Member Trokey and Member Plucinski

2019-0404 Approval of the Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of April 2, 2019.

I move to approve the minutes of the regular Recreation Advisory from April 2, 2019.

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

ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION**2019-0406 Introduction of New Member**

James Arredondo came from the Economic Development Board. He has lived in Orland Park for 19 years. He has 2 daughters that went to Sandburg, coached OYA for many years. James worked at Andrew Corporation and Panduit for many years and currently works as an Engineer at Navistar in Lisle. Dan McMillan explained that the Recreation Advisory Committee is a hybrid between sports and arts. Trustee Katsenes was at the meeting to swear Jim in.

Discussion only

2019-0407 Discussion with Trustee Dodge

Trustee Dodge is the new chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Dan McMillan asked what he sees as the mission for our committee both for arts and

sports. Dodge stated not many towns can lay claim that most subdivisions in Orland Park are 1/2 mile of a park. The Board as a whole looks at that as asset based along with the bigger complexes. The committee should find the right things to do to make sure people appreciate and use those assets. Trustee Dodge stated he would like the committee to start thinking how we could do big things for the Village broadly. By way of example bringing competitive races to Orland such as a 1/2 marathon. Look at the big picture to keep bringing big events to Orland Park. We have events, but we need to keep the energy going. We need to think broadly about culture with performing arts and fine arts and figure out how to provide programs that work not only locally, but regionally. We need to challenge some of the givens and assumptions to achieve upping the ante so to speak for Orland Park. Once we get the vision right, we have to figure out how to pay for it. Think broader longer range projects that are high visibility to our residents and that will track people to Orland to use our facilities, eat at our restaurants and shop at our stores. This is what the committee should be thinking about. As an advisory board, you have the license to push the thinking. People of Orland Park expect a certain level of service and value with our programs. Trustee Dodge and the Mayor have talked at length about how to bring a multi-use complex to Orland which would be a huge public investment. There is not a business model for this yet, but it would bring thousands of people to Orland which would benefit our economy. John Lawler mentioned that building a year round Performing Arts Center would do the same. Trustee Dodge said don't be disappointed if some plans we come up with take 5 to 10 years. Once we have a vision we will need to think about how to pay for it. He will bring any ideas we have to the Board.

Discussion on Performing Arts Centers in and around the south suburbs took place.

Discussion only

2019-0409 Teen Board Member

Dan asked the committee if they think that a teen member will work stating that we have had a teen member and it just never really worked. It sounds like a great idea to stay connected to the youth. Is it just not conducive to what we do? One suggestion was to have a teen guest once in while. Another suggestion is to form just a teen committee maybe through the bridge teen center or Sandburg. Flores stated teens are busy and we actually cut our teen program because of lack of participants. We had a teen committee that would get together to do community service projects, but it dwindled. Further discussion will take place at another meeting.

Discussion only

2019-0410 Arts Commission

John Lawler discussed the chalk artist, Sean Hayes, coming to the Market on

Thursday June 6. There are 10 High School students from Sandburg and Reavis that will be doing grid drawing.

The photo contest is all set to begin in July. John is working on sponsors for prizes. There is \$1200 raised from a few sponsors so far.

Friends of the Arts is ready to go with sponsorship cards and banners. There will be a booth at the Market promoting this. Money raised for sponsorship needs to be deposited.

The Arts Commission is putting together a concert to be held at the Presbyterian Church on Wolf Rd, Friday October 18th. It holds 250 people in their friendship hall. The cost for this event will be a donation. Entertainment includes 2 singers, a soprano, a tenor, pianist and a violinist for \$2300. The guitarist is \$1200 for a total of \$3500. Planning on selling 200 tickets at \$20/each.

Discussion only

2019-0411 Recreation Update

Nancy Flores commented that the first Market in the Park was cancelled due to unprecedented rain. The grounds were saturated. The reason the Market could not be held on the sidewalks is because of all the electricity that is required by the vendors. We are working on Plan B which would put the vendors on the sidewalk using the electric on the lightpoles. Currently we have 50 vendors that hits a wide demographic not only because of the food options but the artisanal, artsy, live music and family friendly atmosphere. Because of the upcoming development of the downtown area, the event will have to be moved. Probably back to the Village Center.

The Brewfest is Saturday September 21. Nancy discussed meeting with Marty Natchel who wrote books on the art of beer. He was a craft brew judge both internationally and nationally and is a beer educator at the College of Dupage Business of Craft Beer where you could get a certificate. He saw our branding and was intrigued. He gave us guidance and feedback. He will be helping us with the event and volunteering on sight. Mazda of Orland Park was interested in sponsoring another event and decided on a Brewfest in place of the Harvest Hoedown. Felicitas commented as a member of the Orland Park Chamber of Commerce that this is the fourth year that they have done an Arts and Drafts event which is always the fourth Saturday in September and wonders why ours is the same month. She proposed to the Mayor that there should be a shared calendar of events for in and around the village. There is a brew themed event scheduled every Saturday in September. She asked if our area can support such events? Nancy Flores responded that we could look at this like any event that we do. There has to be balance. A lot of communities host a Turkey Trot and North Pole Express, we started our own Turkey Trot and North Pole express and they are two of the communities favorite events. None of our planned events are meant to be

negative. The date we chose was based on other events that we have going on such as the Pumpkin party, Concerts at Centennial Park West and the Veterans golf outing.

The Ticketed concert featuring Loverboy and Jefferson Starship is our first ticketed event at Centennial Park West. Tickets are \$30 available on Universe.com which is a subsidiary of Ticketmaster. Residents are able to purchase tickets beginning June 14th and Non-residents can purchase beginning June 23rd. It was asked why Non-residents are not paying more in which Flores responded that we need to sell 5,000 tickets, which is 71 tickets a day. The opening act is 4Cast. The price was determined after talking to agents of bands from the 80's, Trustee Dodge and the Mayor. People will be able to Bring their own alcohol which will also be available to purchase onsite.

Discussion on free concerts, parking, staffing

Volunteers are needed for the Veterans Liberty Run, Market at the Park and Taste of Orland.

Jim Arredondo brought up the discussion on why people cannot bring water into Taste of Orland. Nancy answered that there are water filtration systems at the Taste and that people are sneaking in alcohol in water bottles. It was explained that selling alcohol is the way the Restaurants are making money and it cost them a lot to be a part of the event. This year people will be allowed to bring in closed water bottles with the seal not broken.

Our big sponsors this year for events are Mazda at \$84,000, Palos/Loyola at \$75,000, and Christopher Burke at \$30,000.

Discussion only

2019-0412 Parks & Grounds Update

Gary Couch informed the committee that Matt Creed is no longer with the Village. He has moved to Cape Coral, FL as Superintendant. Mike Mazza took his place. Mike worked in Development Services prior. He brings a well rounded skill set to the department. He is an arborist and a master gardner; has planning experience; knows village code. This will help out with the development of parks and landscaping with sustainable plants. We are moving forward as an organization on what we want others to do on our property and how it could be done affordably and sustainably.

Centennial pool is now open and there were a lot of capital projects that happened: Installation of non-slip coatings on the zero depth pool slides; removal of 2 delapidated fiberglass landings on the lazy river staircase tower; concrete pans installed; conversion of 3 remaining vertical turbines to flooded suction pumps. All vessels were power and acid washed which is 50,000 square feet. A

single coat of paint was applied prior to opening. A second coat will be done at season's end allowing us to push professional painting out at least another year. Additionally the VGBA grates were replaced in the zero depth pool; women's locker room outdoor changing area was rebuilt and reconfigured to improve traffic flow; repairs on the zero depth pool filter and removal of hairnets; replacement of multiple butterfly valves. There was a leak identified in the activity pool and will be further evaluated at the end of the season. We had a successful inspection from IDPH.

The Parks Master renovation plan is in progress. We hired a company called Studio GC. They will identify back log maintenance, improvements and prioritize a list of parks. Our oldest park is 27 years old. All parks are inspected monthly. Gary stated that if we want to stay relevant, we need to stay current on our parks. Since the 80's there has not been an influx of funding into our facilities so our hopes are the consulting firm will shed some light to the Board.

Parks went back to the board to increase funding to the John Humphrey Complex renovation. The paths surrounding the complex will be replaced. We are just waiting on the MWID permit.

Discussion on the updates took place.

Athletic/Grounds updates: The Board approved a prefab restroom at Centennial Park which should be done in July. It has dry plumbing, concrete walls, solar fans, solar lights and is ADA compliant. It is located by soccer field 1. A 24 x 44 foot pavillion will be constructed by soccer field 2. There is a lot of programs there and no shelter. A 10 space parking lot will be added to Wlodarski Park this year. Soccer goals at Centennial have been sodded. The mowing contractor is working diligently to keep up, it is been the wettest May on record. Fertilizing is about 75% complete on Class 2 and Class 3 despite weather once again being an issue.

Additional projects include paving Brentwood and Cachey park parking lots; Eagle Ridge II roof replacement; rebuilding Cachey Park's tennis courts, followed by basketball and tennis at Brentwood.

An ecological study will be performed at Humphrey woods. We need to assess how to keep this wooded area. We are losing trees and want to keep ahead of it to keep it thriving.

Discussion only

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS

Visitor, Mike Marinez, introduced himself as Barb Plucinski's neighbor and is interested in getting involved with the Arts Commission. Nancy Flores suggested

reaching out to the Mayor who does the appointment.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:55 P.M.

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

Aye, 8 - Chairman McMillan, Member Gentile, Member Withgott, Member Cortez,
Member Trokey, Member Ansmits, Member Lawler and Member Arredondo

Nay, 0

Absent, 2 - Member Begley and Member Plucinski