

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

7:00 PM

Rec Administration Conference Room

Recreation Advisory Board

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:17pm The named members were present. Also present were Ray Piattoni, Director of Recreation and Parks; Beau Bruenig, Operations Manager of Recreation and Parks; Kathie Clifford, Administrative Coordinator.

Present: 6 - Chairman Dubelbeis; Member Gentile; Member Lawler; Member Arredondo; Member Martinez, Member Brennan

Absent: 5 - Member Cortez; Member Trokey; Member Ansmits; Member Plucinski, Member Barry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**2020-0882 Approval of the Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of October 6, 2020.**

I move to approve the Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of October 6, 2020.

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

Aye, 6 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez and Member Brennan

Nay, 0

Absent, 5 - Member Cortez, Member Trokey, Member Ansmits, Member Plucinski and Member Barry

ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION**2020-0883 2021 Calendar of Events**

A list of 2021 Events was passed out to the members. A updated list will be provided at every meeting.

Discussion only

2020-0884 Reports

Ray Piattoni provided the Recreation update. The Turkey Trot was held on Sunday, November 22 instead of the usual Thursday of Thanksgiving. There were 409 participants. Heats ran hourly from 7a - 12p with 100 participants in every heat. A virtual option was available from November 23 - 26. Pumpkin donuts were purchased from Orland Park Bakery.

The Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting ceremony was November 29. 1,000 guests enjoyed the lighting of the tree, lawn decor, holiday vendors, community entertainment, visiting with Santa and a Candy Cane Hunt which was new this year.

The Ice Rink opened on November 30. Due to capacity limits of 50 people, reservations must be made up to 5 days prior. The cost is \$3 per person. This may continue next year and have a Resident/Non-resident fee.

North Pole Express was a 2 day event on December 4 and 5 with 2 sessions each day. It was sold out with 240 participants. Instead of taking the train to the Oak Lawn station, the event was held at the 143rd street station. 20 people rotated through 3 events that included a trolley ride to see the holiday lights; a visit with Santa; and crafts, a bonfire and activities around the Crescent Park tree.

Santa's Pit Stop was at Sportsplex on December 12. Children had a chance to visit with Santa, who was behind a Plexiglas shield.

Children's New Year's Event was December 31. The event was held at the Centennial Park Ice Rink with 76 participants. Everyone enjoyed activities, a bonfire and lunch from McAllister's Deli.

Centennial Park Aquatic Center Received a 5 star Aquatic Safety Award for the 2020 season. This is the 12th consecutive year receiving a 5 star rating.

Letters to Santa was new program this year in which parents filled out a form and Santa wrote a letter to their children. 50 letters were sent out.

The History Museum held 5 events with a total of 113 participants from October through December. It's All fun and Games exhibit runs from January 30 - June 5th.

Halloween and Holiday House decorating contest was a new program with 27 houses participating. 2 winners were chosen per category.

Beau Breunig gave the Parks update. Received 1/2 million dollars to improve existing amenities. This will be spread around town in different parks and fields. It will not be spent on the parks that are in the Parks Master Plan RFP. The money will be spent on big ticket items such as shade structures, benches, infield renovations and basketball/tennis court repairs.

There is a challenge with fencing going up in Village Square and Ishnala Woods. Improvements are being made to the baseball fields at these two parks. Homerun fencing is being installed, back stops are being added and fields are being improved. Resident's surrounding the parks have expressed concerns that the fencing blocks their site lines to the pond and the homerun fence would not allow other sports to be played in an open field such as soccer. Lack of parking is also a concern. These fields are used by OYA for baseball and softball and having a home run fence is a big draw for organizations. Enhancing Ishnala Woods field would be a draw to girls softball teams and younger teams. The construction of the fencing has been stopped until the issue is resolved. Piattoni stated that moving forward with any big project in neighborhoods that meetings will be held to get

resident's input.

A special meeting with the 2 neighborhood will be scheduled for January 20 or 21. The residents affected by the improvements will receive a letter informing them of the meeting time and place. The Recreation Advisory Board is invited to the meeting. Their purpose will be to listen to the resident's concerns and not offer any opinions. There will be renderings and plans of each field for everyone to view. At a follow-up meeting, possibly the March 4th scheduled meeting, the board will have a discussion and offer a recommendation that would be presented to the Village Board. Beau suggested if you don't know where the parks are, to take a drive and look at the parks before the meeting.

Refer to audio for discussion

Arts Commission update. Plans for 2020 have been on hold due to Covid. Discussion on holding events at the amphitheater have been held. The budget is \$5700. Dubelbeis state to start looking at program and determine cost but be aware of the price. Depending on what plans they come up with, we could petition for more money with a business plan.

Discussion only

2020-0885 Playground Installation Discussion

Discussion only

2020-0886 Parks Master Plan

13 companies submitted bids for the Parks Master Plan bid. Copies were available to view and offer suggestions. Pdfs will be mailed but are large files. The plans are for a concept design for the 4 locations including John Humphrey Complex phase 3 , Schussler Park, Centennial West and Centennial Park. The company that gets the bid will do community outreach, attend board meetings, meet with various community groups, hold community meetings, putting out survey's, evaluate each area and present concepts. Out of the 13, there are 7 companies that will be interviewed. It was narrowed down by cost and references. Some companies are local and some are national.

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Discussion only

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM

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

Aye, 6 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez and Member Brennan

Nay, 0

Absent, 5 - Member Cortez, Member Trokey, Member Ansmits, Member Plucinski and Member Barry