

# **VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 6, 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, Andrew Brennan,  
Kyle Kickert, and Jim Pittacora  
Teen Member: Erin Barry*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. 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 and visitor Matthew Lulich.

**Present:** 7 - Chairman Dubelbeis; Member Gentile; Member Ansmits; Member Lawler; Member Brennan; Chairman Kickert, Chairman Pittacora

**Absent:** 6 - Member Cortez; Member Trokey; Member Plucinski; Member Arredondo; Member Martinez, Member Barry

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**Aye,** 7 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Ansmits, Member Lawler, Member Brennan, Chairman Kickert and Chairman Pittacora

**Nay,** 0

**Absent,** 6 - Member Cortez, Member Trokey, Member Plucinski, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez and Member Barry

**2021-0235 Approval of the March 2, 2021 Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board of March 2, 2021

**ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION****2021-0236 2021 Calendar of Events**

A list of 2021 Recreation and Parks Special Events were distributed to the Board members. The Summer concerts were discussed. Ray Piattoni informed everyone that the 2 concert series dates are June 26th with Scott Stapp and August 14th with Blue Oyster Cult at Centennial Park West. Concerts in the Park are on 2 Sundays in June and July. June 20th will have Classical Blast and July 18 will have the Four C Notes.

Refer to audio for discussion on band choices

Discussion only

**2021-0237 Art Commission Report**

Southwest Community Band, sponsored by the Arts Commission will be at the Civic Center on May 23rd from 2 - 3:30 P.M. Arts Commission plans have been on hold due to Covid. They are interested in getting on the calendar officially for an event in 2022. Chairman Dubelbeis suggested getting a business plan together to

present to the Board.

Discussion on possible events - refer to audio

Discussion only

**2021-0238    Public Works/Natural Resources 2021 Playground Renovation Discussion**

Public Works department is making improvements on playgrounds, pavilions and storm water. They will be posting notices at those locations. At the May meeting they will be presenting the changes to the Board and to the residents from those neighborhoods that might attend. The May meeting will be held at the Civic Center.

Discussion only

**2021-0239    Parks Master Plan RFP Update**

The Parks Master Plan RFP went out to bid in 2020 and 13 companies sent proposals. Their price ranged from \$88,000 to \$49 million. This was broken down to 7 companies that were in the \$130,000 range. Interviews were conducted by a selection committee which included various village departments with the 7 companies and 2 were chosen as the finalist. The team will recommend at a Board meeting in May for 1 company to get the bid. Once approved, the year 2021 will be a year of planning. Residents and athletic organizations will be heavily involved along with the Board and the Recreation Advisory Board. The company chosen will do all the planning, interviewing, putting together conceptual plans, conducting surveys with all information gathered. The parks included in this plan are Schussler Park, Centennial Park, Centennial Park West and John Humphrey phase III.

Refer to audio for discussion

Discussion only

**2021-0250    Pickleball Courts**

A tennis court at the Sterling Ridge court was re-striped so pickleball could be played. There have been complaints of the noise that playing pickleball produces and is disturbing to the neighbors. Parks staff have installed sound panels and after 14 hours there were concerns that it is a safety hazard as you cannot see behind them. Options that are being looked at are sound reducing curtains, set hours, keep sound panels up or do nothing at all. Notices will be posted at the park for the residents to attend a future meeting to voice their concerns and the Recreation Advisory Board could make a recommendation.

With the popularity of pickleball, a dedicated pickleball site with 6 courts with fencing around is being considered. Eagle Ridge and Eagle Ridge 1 are 2

locations that are being considered. The estimated cost to build a facility would be \$250,000 including construction and engineering. Both parks have parking. This is not part of the Master Plan. The neighborhoods would be involved in the process.

There is \$500,000 allocated to park improvements this year which 1/2 will be used for this park. The rest will be used at parks throughout the village with projects such as repaving tennis and basketball courts, adding fencing. Larger items are being addressed in the Parks Master Plan.

Refer to audio for discussion on locations, parking, lighting and funding

Discussion only

#### **2021-0271 Orland Park Practice Field for Spring Season**

Member Brennan brought up concerns regarding a soccer net in the middle of the football practice field. Beau stated that it will be removed when football resumes. Another concern is that the shed at the football practice field does not lock and isn't sealed properly and when it rains it gets wet inside. Beau mentioned that the roof capping should be complete and will follow-up. Brennan mentioned that the Pioneer trailer is parked at Centennial Park and asked if the Metra lot was available to park the trailer. Beau suggested moving the trailer next to the shed by the practice field.

discussion only

#### **2021-0272 John Humphrey Complex Baseball Fields**

Member Brennan brought up issues at the John Humphrey Complex in which Beau answered:

\*Cement around the outfield fence posts are too high off the ground - This will be fixed when the warning track is complete.

\*Field 5 has a steel drain pipe in the outfield - Beau is checking on this

\*Field 5 has large surface rocks in the outfield - This will happen when leveling is done and top soil was placed.

Beau suggested emailing him when there are safety issues.

Refer to audio for discussion on field scheduling, field usage and High Point fields.

Discussion only

#### **2021-0240 Reports**

Director Piattoni stated that the Lucky Egg Hunt was held on March 27th and had a new format which had 4 trails and 18,000 eggs. Registration was recommended and over 1,300 children registered and over 2,000 attended.

Special Recreation held their Garage sale at the Civic Center with 50 tables sold

out. Covid distancing was practiced with vendors and customers. They raised over \$400 in sales and \$1250 in table sales.

The Knights of Columbus raised \$1500 for the special recreation program through a GoFundMe page in lieu of the Tootsie Roll Drive.

The Centennial Park Aquatic Center is opening Memorial Day weekend. We are planning on a normal season. Last year we operated in 3 two hours sessions. We run under the guidance of IDPH on how we could operate this year. The pool capacity is 1,773 and we are hoping to at least run at 50%. Lifeguard training has begun which will continue until pool opens.

The History Museum is working with the Historical Society. The Historical Society had a change of leadership and they are working on future partnership and sharing collections.

Stellwagen Farmhouse is being inspected for the structural integrity of the house. We are in the process of gathering quotes to do assessments of the structure, foundation, floors and walls. Once this is complete, it will be determined if remediation work will be complete or if the house will be protected.

The Winter Wonderland used a reservation system this year due to limited capacity which worked well. There was close to 10,000 skate reservations made for almost \$30,000 in revenue. The reservation system will be considered for next year.

Discussion only

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT: 8:12 P.M.**

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

**Aye,** 7 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Ansmits, Member Lawler, Member Brennan, Chairman Kickert and Chairman Pittacora

**Nay,** 0

**Absent,** 6 - Member Cortez, Member Trokey, Member Plucinski, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez and Member Barry