

# **VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Civic Center**

## **Recreation Advisory Board**

*Members: Thomas Dubelbeis, Gino Gentile, Scott Trokey, John Lawler, James Arredondo, Mike Martinez, Barbara Plucinski, Andrew Brennan, Kyle Kickert, Jim Pittacora, Diane DeVito and Colleen Panega*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. 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; Joel Van Essen, Director of Public Works; Mike Mazza, Operations Manager, Natural Resources & Facilities; Blake Harvey, Natural Resources & Facilities; 40 Residents of Orland Park.

**Present:** 9 - Member Gentile; Member Trokey; Member Lawler; Member Arredondo; Member Martinez; Member Brennan; Member Pittacora; Member DeVito, Member Panega

**Absent:** 3 - Chairman Dubelbeis; Member Plucinski, Member Kickert

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****2021-0330 Approval of the April 6, 2021 Minutes**

[COMMITTEE MOTION ALWAYS BEGINS WITH - SEE BELOW]

I move to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 Recreation Advisory Board meeting

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

**Aye,** 9 - Member Gentile, Member Trokey, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez, Member Brennan, Member Pittacora, Member DeVito and Member Panega

**Nay,** 0

**Absent,** 3 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Plucinski and Member Kickert

**ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION****2021-0321 2021 Calendar of Events**

A calendar with the 2021 Special Events was distributed and it was explained that this was just an internal document and not available to the public.

Discussion only

**2021-0322 Pickleball Courts**

Beau received feedback from a resident that the pickleball sound is very disturbing on evenings and weekends on the Village pickleball courts particularly Emerald Estates. The noise of pickleball is becoming a challenge to overcome in other communities with the rapid popularity of pickleball game. Barriers were installed in an attempt to dampen the sound which resulted in feedback from residents that they were not pleased with the aesthetics and safety concerns with

not being able to see in the courts.

6 sound proofing options will be presented to the Recreation Advisory Board to vote on. These items are:

\*1-Make no changes

\*2-Assign dedicated times

\*3-Soft paddles and soft ball policy (only at Emerald Estates)

\*4-Install in house fabricated sound dampening panels - wood paneling that is covered by sound dampening material. This material is what was installed that received feedback re: safety and aesthetics.

\*5-Install professional sound proofing material (Accoustiblok custom sound proofing panels) - This material is solid black that you cannot see through and very costly.

\*6-Install a clear sound proof material - Clear rubber/vinyl curtain hung on the fence which is the same material that is used at warehouses and grocery stores.

Residents were able to express their comments/concerns which included:

~The noise is very disturbing both inside and outside the house at all hours of the day making it difficult to sleep.

~Parking has been an issue with people parking in front of driveways.

~Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and a lot of surrounding communities have better facilities. Most of Orlando's courts are striped on existing tennis courts, except 1.

~The courts are all in parks which should be used to go outside and play.

~Families are enjoying going to the park in their neighborhood to play with their children/grandchildren. They do not want to go to a dedicated facility to play.

~Time restraints should not be put on play time as people have different schedules.

~If you play with a softer paddle/ball, it is not considered pickleball.

The Village is looking at building a dedicated pickleball court with 6-8 courts. Eagle Ridge 1 and Eagle Ridge 2 are options. This would take at least a year to finalize because of the approval process. Recreation Advisory Board

Voting on the soundproofing options will be deferred until the June 1, 2021 meeting for further discussion.

Refer to audio for discussion

Discussion only

## **2021-0323 Public Works/Natural Resources 2021 Playground Renovations**

Mike Mazza, Joel Van Essen and Blake Harvey, from Public Works & Natural Resources, were present to discuss playground renovations, pavilion renovations and storm water improvements. Mike stated that 1400 letters were sent to residents who reside 500 feet from the parks informing them of the upgrades, the

RAB meeting, and that information is available of the Village's website. There will be 9 playgrounds that will receive renovations, 6 were 1/2 complete in 2020 and 3 will get a full makeover. Mike showed each park with a option A and an option B. The Board will vote on which option they choose per park. Resident's and the board discussed each park and voted on the following options:

~Cameno Real Park - Option B

~Discovery Park - Option B

~Spring Creek Park - Option A

~Bill Young Park - Option B

~Village Square Park - Option B

~Wedgewood Square Park - Option B (change orange color to gray)

Cachey Park - Option B

Marley Creek Park - Option A

Ishnala Woods Park - Option B

Playground renovations will be completed by Landscape Structures, Inc

5 pavilions will be replaced in the following parks: Sunny Pine, Heritage, Spring Creek, Colonial and Cachey.

Public Works along with the Utilities Division will be working on storm water solutions in the following parks: Brown, Spring and Frontier.

Refer to audio for discussions on park renovation, pavilion installation and storm water repairs.

Discussion only

#### **2021-0324 Taste of Orland Format**

Ray Piattoni discussed the new format for Kids Day at the Taste of Orland. In previous years, Kids Day was held on the school grounds at High Point/Orland Junior High for one day from 1p-5p. This location is far from the main grounds of the Taste where the restaurants and entertainment are held. In an effort to increase attendance on the main Taste grounds, Recreation & Parks are proposing changing the name to Kids Zone, making it a two day event (Saturday and Sunday) from 1p-4p and moving it to the main grounds. Activities like Touch a Truck and the barrel train car rides would be held in the FLC parking lot. This would benefit both restaurants and guests. With Kids Zone ending at 4:00p it will have little impact on the lawn seating and parking at FLC for the evening crowd,

Piattoni also discussed a change in the restaurant layout. In previous years, restaurants were in 3 rows on the right of the stage. Restaurants closest to the John Humphrey complex expressed displeasure with this placement. For 2021, staff proposes two front rows for the restaurants on the west side of the stage and one row on the east side. The third row closest to John Humphrey will be used for seating.

This will be presented to the Board of Trustees on May 17, 2021.

Discussion only

**2021-0325 Recreation and Parks Report**

Director Plattoni informed the Board that the Master Plan RFP was awarded to Wight and Company. They will develop a master plan and develop conceptual designs which identify the appropriate uses and improvements to four village parks including Centennial Park, Centennial Park West, Schussler Park and John Humphrey Complex. The selection committee included staff from the following departments: Recreation & Parks, Village Manager, Engineering and Public Works. An important part of this conceptual design will be from community feedback. At some point, Wight and Company will come to a Recreation Advisory meeting. They will design 3 concepts for each of the four parks.

2021 Summer tournaments are heavy and there have been some issues which are being worked through with the different organizations.

Illinois Special Olympics is hosting summer games in 2022 in Orlando. 22 of our athletes have been nominated to participate. They are going through the process of applying.

The Recreation Department has been searching for a new Assistant Director and completed final interviews with 2 candidates last week. An offer was extended to Greg Bruggeman from Dekalb Park District in which he accepted. He should be starting on May 17 or May 24.

Refer to audio for discussion

Discussion only

**2021-0328 Arts Commission Report**

John Lawler discussed that the Arts Commission will be moving away from the Recreation Advisory Board meetings and will hosting their own meetings once it is official. The members are working on a budget to host a Art Show in February in which students enrolled in art classes would be invited. The event would be held Friday and Saturday with awards on Sunday. Looking for sponsors for this event where prizes and scholarships would be awarded. This will be a ticketed event.

Discussion only

**2021-0329 Meeting Time Change to 6:30PM**

I move to approve changing the meeting time from 7:00p to 6:30p beginning June 1, 2021.

I move to approve moving monthly meeting time to 6:30PM.

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

**Aye,** 9 - Member Gentile, Member Trokey, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Martinez, Member Brennan, Member Pittacora, Member DeVito and Member Panega

**Nay,** 0

**Absent,** 3 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Plucinski and Member Kickert

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT 9:15 PM**