

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

6:30 PM

Rec Administration Conference Room

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 6:30P.M. The named members were present. Also present was Ray Piattoni, Director of Recreation & Parks; Greg Bruggeman, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks, Kathie Clifford, Administrative Coordinator; Sean Kampas, Trustee.

Present: 7 - Chairman Dubelbeis; Member Lawler; Member Martinez; Member Brennan; Member Kickert; Member DeVito, Member Panega

Absent: 5 - Member Gentile; Member Trokey; Member Plucinski; Member Arredondo, Member Pittacora

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Aye, 7 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Lawler, Member Martinez, Member Brennan, Member Kickert, Member DeVito and Member Panega

Nay, 0

Absent, 5 - Member Gentile, Member Trokey, Member Plucinski, Member Arredondo and Member Pittacora

2021-0395 Approval of the May 5 ,2021 Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board of May 5, 2021.

ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION**2021-0412 Dedicated Pickleball Courts**

The Recreation & Parks department has been looking at different options for building a dedicated Pickleball court within the Village. Pickleball has become one of the fastest growing sports throughout the United States. Eagle Ridge 1 and Eagle Ridge 2 were options discussed at the 5.4.2021 Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Doogan Park is another option due to the large amount of green space available. Currently there are tennis courts, Frisbee golf, a pavilion, walking trails and a playground. There is a large area where the Robert Davidson building once stood which is next to the tennis court. The area has ample parking and has adequate separation from the houses. If this location is chosen a neighborhood meeting will be set for residents to attend a future Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Director Piattoni suggested that the Board members go to the site prior to the meeting. The letter that will go out to the Residents will also be sent to the Board members.

2021-0396 Pickleball Soundproofing

At the May 4, 2021 meeting residents from the Emerald Estates subdivision were

present to voice their concerns over the Pickleball noise that is present at the park. There was one resident who complained that the noise is very disturbing on evenings and weekends. Barriers were installed in an attempt to dampen the sound which resulted in feedback from residents about the aesthetics and safety concerns about not being able to see through the barrier. The barriers were taken down. The majority of the residents in attendance were in favor of having no soundproofing done and leaving the court as is. 6 sound proofing options were presented to the Board which included:

*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 (This is what was put up, then taken down)

*5-Install professional sound proofing material - This material is solid black that you cannot see through)

*6-Install a clear sound proof material

The Board members discussed that there was only one resident who complained about the noise and if you move next to a park, one must realize that there will be noise coming from the people who visit the park.

The Board members unanimously agreed that there should be no changes made to the court.

Discussion only

2021-0397 Evergreen Park Soccer Field Addition

Director Piattoni discussed that the Village seeks to add another soccer field at Evergreen Park. The park has over 29 acres and currently has bike/walking paths, a pavilion and a playground. Originally it was thought that the land could not be built on due to builder recommendations dating back years ago. After the Village lawyers looked into this matter, it was determined that this is not the case. The park has ample open space to build one or two soccer fields. There is off-street parking and the resident homes on either side of the park are quite a distant away from where the fields would be. This is in the early stages and a rendering with the dimensions will be provided to the Board which will show different options of where the soccer field/s could be. A neighborhood meeting would be scheduled once the process is in motion.

Discussion only

2021-0415 Veterans Park Discussion

The Recreation & Parks department along with the Mayor's and Village Manager's office has received many complaints from Residents regarding Veterans Park. The complaints range from large groups gathering from morning until evening to an extensive amount of garbage left behind throughout the park. Residents feel

that they cannot go to their own neighborhood park when these large groups are gathering and they have to see the trash the days following the party. The Recreation Advisory Board members discussed that this is a park that is available for residents to use. There is no limit as to how many people could be there. Residents are able to go and get a permit to utilize the pavilion which gives them access to the pavilion from morning until 9:00p. This permit is for the pavilion only, not the park. There is a \$50 deposit which is returned if there is no damage.

During the discussion, the Board had the following suggestions: that extra garbage cans be placed in and around the park especially during the summer months when the use is higher; to have certain hours for rentals and not have the pavilion the entire day; have an attendant be present throughout the rental time.

At the July meeting, the group will look at the Outdoor Facility License Regulations and make recommendations for any changes.

Discussion only

2021-0398 Recreation & Parks Report

Director Piattoni discussed that \$500,000 was allocated to be used to improve the parks. In the past, this money was spent primarily on one park at a time. Now the money will be sprinkled throughout many parks. These parks will receive the following improvements:

~Cachey Park - Install new fencing on the east and west sides of the court to fully enclose the tennis court. In addition, 2 new gates will be installed and court surface will be touched up as needed.

~Dogwood Park - Repair and resurface basketball court. Install new pole, back board, rim and net. Approximate cost \$115,000.

~Eagle Ridge Park 1 - Renovate and upgrade bocce ball courts. This location is one of the more highly used locations. Install accessible path to courts and also make accessible pads around the courts. Renovation will include new benches and court surface.

~Fountain Hills Park - Repair and resurface basketball court. Court ponding issue needs to be fixed. Court has significant ponding which is deteriorating the court surface. Approximate cost: \$115,000.

~Grassland Park - Repair and resurface basketball court. Court significantly deteriorated. Approximate cost: \$115,000.

~Laurel Hills Park - Repair and resurface tennis and basketball courts. Remove concrete wall ball, as it's a graffiti magnet. Consider making 1 tennis court and new construction of a half basketball court.

~Mission Hills Park - Repair and resurface basketball court. Ponding issues that have caused significant deterioration.

~Perminas Park - Install fencing and gates to enclose the tennis courts.

~Saratoga Park - Replace/Renovate Bocce Ball courts. Courts are deteriorated and aged and need upgrading.

~Wedge Wood Estates Park - Repair and resurface tennis court. Repair fencing

and heaving fence posts. Court surface has significant asphalt cracking.

Approximate cost: \$115,000.

~John Humphrey - Purchase and install shade structure for field #5 dugouts.

Approximate cost: \$15,000 (Coop purchase)

~Eagle Ridge Park II - Purchase and install dugout shade structures. Approximate cost: \$15,000 (Coop purchase)

~Ishnala Woods - Install new gravel infield.

~Village Square - Level and re-surface gravel infield.

A neighborhood meeting will be scheduled to discuss these renovations with residents.

Discussion only

2021-0399 Arts Commission Report

The Arts Commission held it's sub-committee meeting on May 27th at 3:30p at the Recreation Administration office. In attendance was Tom Dubelbeis, Jean Petrow, John Lawler, Barb Plucinski and Colleen Panega.

The sub-committee is seeking approval of awarding prizes for the Picture Orland contest. \$50 prizes for each of the following categories would be awarded - Adult, High School and Elementary age. The prize money would come the Arts Commission budget. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, August 31st. The contest flyer was reviewed and one change was recommended. The flyers will distributed village wide once approved and printed. The Arts Commission will judge all photo submissions.

The lighting at the Cultural Arts Center was discussed. Colleen will follow up with making light blocking panels to fit windows to block outside light during performances.

A Youth Art contest is tentatively scheduled for February 11 - 13, 2022. The program will be co-hosted with the Orland Arts Alliance. The event will be hosted at the Cultural Arts Center. \$1,000 was added to the budget for miscellaneous supplies. The suggested hours for the program are Friday: 6p-10p; Saturday: 1p-10p; Sunday 12p-4p.

Colleen has been tasked with how the sub-committee can incorporate our current dance students into extracurricular performances to get the program out in the public and draw more attention to what the village offers.

Discussion only

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT: 7:22 P.M.

ADJOURN

Aye, 7 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Lawler, Member Martinez, Member Brennan,
Member Kickert, Member DeVito and Member Panega

Nay, 0

Absent, 5 - Member Gentile, Member Trokey, Member Plucinski, Member Arredondo
and Member Pittacora