

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 8, 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, Colleen Panega and Jamie Makuch

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. The named members were present. Also present was Ray Piattoni, Director of Recreation and Parks; Greg Bruggeman, Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks; Beau Breunig, Operations Manager of Recreation and Parks; Kathie Clifford, Administrative Coordinator of Recreation and Parks; Barbara Cachey, visitor; Jo Devine, visitor.

PASS THE CONSENT AGENDA**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****2021-0629 Approval of the August 3, 2021 Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board of August 3, 2021.

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

Aye, 9 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Trokey, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Brennan, Member Kickert, Member Pittacora and Member Panega

Nay, 0

Absent, 3 - Member Plucinski, Member Martinez and Member DeVito

2021-0628 Approval of the August 24, 2021 Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board of August 24, 2021.

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

Aye, 9 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Trokey, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Brennan, Member Kickert, Member Pittacora and Member Panega

Nay, 0

Absent, 3 - Member Plucinski, Member Martinez and Member DeVito

ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION**2021-0550 John Humphrey Complex Field Maintenance/Game Prep**

Scott Trokey addressed Beau with concerns regarding field maintenance. Issues include: Trench in Humphrey 2 center field, uneven grating, poor drainage resulting

in flooded dugouts, dragging, turf conditions and watering. Also, maintaining the fields in between games. Beau stated that they are aware of deficiencies after the first year that need to be addressed. One of the biggest challenges that the Athletics division faces is that they are used everyday and finding the window to do the work is difficult. Also contractors are short staffed and behind schedule. The athletic division has 5 guys maintaining 40 fields at different complexes. Requests for additional staff have been denied. Trokey stated that if the fields are going to be used for National tournaments then the fields need to be maintained better. He also stated that permanent mounds need to be added in which Beau stated that then fields could only be used for baseball and not softball. Adding more temporary mounds could be an option.

Chairman Dubelbeis would like a punch list of issues to bring to the next meeting and have an action plan.

Refer to audio for discussion

2021-0630 Sportsplex Gym/Soccer Field Rates and Revenue

Greg Bruggeman discussed that at the last meeting there was discussion regarding fees for gym and soccer field rentals along with drop in activity fees at the Sportsplex. Handouts with data were distributed to members. Gym rental hours/revenue are down this year but the peak time for rentals is October 1 through May 31st. Off time is June through September. There is not much unused time for turf rentals during peak season. Hours for rentals are Monday - Friday 5p -9p, Saturday 8a - 7p and Sunday 8a - 7p. Current pricing for 1/2 field is \$75 for non-resident and \$65 for resident. Rates for full turf 90% resident - \$125; 50-89% - \$155; 49% or below - \$190. The request is for a \$5 increase across the board. This price will still be lower than Palatine, Bolingbrook, Frankfort, Westmont and Naperville. This price is higher than Libertyville which is privately held.

Current gym rental rates are \$40 - 90% resident; \$50 - 50-89% resident; \$60 - 49% below residents. The request is for a \$5 increase across the board.

There were inconsistencies in the numbers provided for hours/revenues. They will be updated and redistributed.

Refer to audio for discussion.

I move to recommend raising Sportsplex gym and soccer rental fees \$5.00 for residents and non-residents.

APPROVED

Aye, 9 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Trokey, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Brennan, Member Kickert, Member Pittacora and Member Panega

Nay, 0

Absent, 3 - Member Plucinski, Member Martinez and Member DeVito

2021-0631 Sportsplex Drop in Activity Fees

Current Sportsplex drop in activity fees are: \$4 for residents, \$8 for non resident youth (8th grade and under), and \$15 for non resident high school and older. The recommendation is to raise the resident rate \$1 to make it \$5 and \$2 for non resident making it \$10 for youth and \$17 for high school and older.

Refer to audio for discussion.

I move to recommend raising the drop in activity fees \$1.00 for residents and \$2.00 for non-residents.

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

Aye, 9 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Trokey, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Brennan, Member Kickert, Member Pittacora and Member Panega

Nay, 0

Absent, 3 - Member Plucinski, Member Martinez and Member DeVito

2021-0632 Recreation and Parks Report

Ray Piattoni gave a recap of Recreation highlights. Preschool starts Monday and has 183 children enrolled. The wood floors in the aerobics studio and gym have been resurfaced with polyurethane which is a yearly project. The track is 20 years old and is being replaced and will open on September 15th. The Centennial Park Aquatic Center closed on Labor Day for its 30th season with no major incidents. They were audited 3 times and received two 5 star and one 4 star ratings. The 4 star was the first one which gives staff an opportunity to work on inefficiencies. Total season admissions were 69,249 in which 61% were residents. 1622 memberships were sold in which 85% were residents. Member admissions were 28,464 residents and 5, 576 were non residents. The perception is that the pool is mostly non residents which in fact it's 61% residents.

Beau mentioned that there is a Triple Crown softball tournament taking place September 10 - 12 at Centennial Park with 64 teams. Kevin White is the new part-time Complex Manager overseeing athletic fields and staff on nights and weekends. Kevin's experience includes: field/court supervisor for the Bolingbrook Park District, Athletics Supervisor for the Oswegoland Park District and GM at Urban Air Adventure Park. Kevin starts September 13th.

Ray mentioned the Veteran's Golf outing was held on August 31 with 109 golfers and raised around \$20,000 in support of Veterans Commission initiatives and

organizations. The final concert in the series was held September 5 and featured Purple Veins (Prince tribute band), George Michael Reborn and The Ultimate Queen Experience with Mark Martel. Attendance was around 1500 with 103 day of show purchases. A VIP area was new this year which was a fenced off area with it's own port a potties and bar for \$10. The September 11th Commemoration Ceremony is Saturday starting at 10am which will feature speakers from the fire district, police department, veterans commission, Joel VanEssen who is the Director of Public Works who is a navy veteran along with a pastor from a local church who helped clean following 9/11. Brewfest is September 18th and tickets are currently on sale. There are 213 people registered. 1865 is an event at Stellwagen which will feature civil war re-enactments from 11a - 4p. October 2 is the Great Pumpkin Party which will have three 2 hour sessions. The Parks Master Plan had 2 engagement sessions last week and is compiling that information which will be shared. ETC is preparing a survey which will be sent to a random sample of 300 residents. The survey will then be made available to the general public via social media, the Village's website and the Master Plan microsite.

Refer to audio for discussion

2021-0633 Arts Commission Report

John Lawler asked everyone to vote for the photos that were submitted for the Photo Contest. Next event is in February which will be an amateur Art Show. Invitations will be sent out to all the High Schools in the south suburbs. We will ask the schools not to submit more than 10 items due to space constraints. We are actively working on getting sponsorships so we could give out scholarship awards. This will be a three day event held at the Cultural Center that will be open to the public.

Discussion only

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Two non-scheduled visitors addressed the Board.

Barb Cachey expressed her concerns about the construction of the pavilion at Cachey Park. That no work has been done in several days, the work site is strewn with debris which presents a safety hazard and that a 17" tree was knocked down by construction equipment. She would like to know when the work will be completed and the tree replaced.

She again stated in her opinion the new playground renovation was a down grade and not an improvement. She also expressed her concerns about the lack of shade, the size of the playground and asked when the metal digger would be replaced and the landscaping will be repaired.

Jo Devine asked about the bocce ball replacement and at what cost. It was explained that the bocce ball courts would be completely renovated with new

materials at a cost of approximately \$27,000. She asked that leagues be developed and that they should be advertised in the program guide. She asked if the \$27,000 could be better utilized for other projects.

Refer to audio for discussion

Tom Dubelbeis said for the December meeting he would like the members to think of their roles and responsibilities. Are we doing what we think we should be doing? Are we addressing the issues that should be addressed. Should we be taking a different focus? We need to chart our path and set goals for 2022.

NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT: 7:29 P.M.

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

Aye, 9 - Chairman Dubelbeis, Member Gentile, Member Trokey, Member Lawler, Member Arredondo, Member Brennan, Member Kickert, Member Pittacora and Member Panega

Nay, 0

Absent, 3 - Member Plucinski, Member Martinez and Member DeVito