

APPROVED

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2015 IN THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE, LOCATED AT 908 SEWARD STREET, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

Present: President Pat McCourt, Robert Bady, Ann Covode, Dan Coyne

Absent: Vice President Michael Drennan

Also Present: Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski, Program Director Kari Lindquist, Treasurer Gerald Gibbs, Corporate Secretary/Office Manager Anna Christina Nelson

Citizens: Christine Benn, Debby Braun, Socorro Clarke, Anique Colbet, Amy Dale, Charlotte Lehman, Kristen Lems, Sandra Madison, Ann Parkinson, Garrett Proctor, Pat Schumacher, Joe Stillwell, Jean Zuiker

President Pat McCourt called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m.

Citizen Comment:

Rob Bady introduced Ray Knox, who lives in the park district and played baseball in the Negro Leagues. Mr. Knox received a standing ovation and was given a resolution by the board.

Socorro Clarke introduced herself. She is running for election to the Ridgeville board in the April 7 election.

Dan Coyne asked to add seven items to the agenda. President Pat McCourt said Dan could make a statement about any of the seven matters but could not add to the agenda because the final version had to be published 48 hours before the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Dan Coyne asked that the draft minutes be amended to indicate that he recused himself from the January 8 executive session on advice from an attorney.

Motion #1: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve amended minutes from the January 8, 2015 meeting. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Motion #2: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve payment of February bills in the amount of \$17,111.98. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #3: Rob Bady made a motion to approve February petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$291.46. Dan Coyne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski's presented his monthly report.

Highlights:

On January 23, Brian attended the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) conference in Chicago and found the seminars very informative. He also met with IAPD staff members and vendors.

At the conference, Brian investigated ice rink options for Kamen East Park. He suggested the board consider purchasing a rink system with a liner, board brackets and other accessories so the only water lost would be from evaporation. Brian estimates such a rink would cost between \$5,000 and \$8,000, depending on its size. He also estimates it would pay for itself in saved overtime expenses in 3-5 years because of the number of hours spent flooding the current rink space that does not have boards. Dan Coyne said he has spoken with some Ridgeville residents who said they would be willing to try to raise funds to pay for an improved rink.

Brian attended the 8th/9th Ward meeting on February 5 at the new Little Beans Café, located at the corner of Asbury and Oakton. Brian met with Little Beans co-owner Rob Spengler and will discuss with him the possibility of trading services.

Kari Lindquist and Amy Dale have been collaborating on a proposal to change Elks Park garden plots. 2015 contracts have been sent to those who had the plots in 2014 and these gardeners were invited to the February 12 board meeting.

Program Director Kari Lindquist presented her monthly report. Highlights: Enrollment in winter classes is strong. There are 20% more participants compared to winter 2014 and almost 50% more participants compared to the fall 2014 session.

Kari is promoting Spring Break Camp and will distribute flyers (in English and Spanish) to schools in the district. There are many applicants for counselor jobs.

Some summer camp programs are already filled to capacity. Waiting lists have been started for those already filled.

Kari attended sessions and had discussions with other park district professionals at the IAPD convention and continues to gather ideas about new programs and how to strengthen the programs already in place at Ridgeville.

Ridgeville is cooperating with Edible Evanston in planning a free "Seed Swap & Give-Away" from noon-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 28 in the Community House.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs presented his monthly report. Highlights: Gerry distributed updated figures from the park district's General Ledger and Appropriation Ledger as well as a list of outstanding account items (approved not cleared or charged not approved) totaling \$2,109.10.

Corporate Secretary/Office Manager Anna Christina Nelson presented a report. Highlights:

Anna Christina asked for clarification on finalizing and publicizing the agenda for each monthly meeting.

New Business:

Elks Park Garden Plots

Kari explained the proposal that each of the 14 garden plots be divided in two in 2016 and noted that there has been a long waiting list of people who would like to have a plot. There were many suggestions offered by those in attendance, including expanding into Elks Park, possible sharing of some plots, weed control, composting and various items used as trellises. Before the March 12 board meeting, Brian and Kari will meet with Amy

Dale, Garrett Proctor and others interested in the garden plots to come up with a plan to bring to the board.

Hours of Communications Director/Program Director:

Brian told the board Communications Director Mike Miro has been reducing his hours at Ridgeville because of increased job responsibilities elsewhere and Programs Director Kari Lindquist has been very capable in taking on some of Mike's Ridgeville duties. Brian presented a plan to increase Kari's hours from 20 to 30 through May and reduce Mike's hours from 28 to 14 per pay period.

Motion #4: Dan Coyne made a motion that the board go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the proposal to adjust the hours of Communications Director Mike Miro and Program Director Kari Lindquist. Rob Bady seconded the motion.

President Pat McCourt said there was not going to be an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Motion #5: Ann Covode made a motion to approve the proposal to increase Kari Lindquist's hours from 20 to 30 through May and and to reduce Mike Miro's hours from 28 to 14 per pay period. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion approved in a voice vote. Dan Coyne voted no.

Old Business:

Potential Brummel Park Garden Development:

Tabled.

Commissioner Guidelines:

Ann Covode said she and Michael Drennan continue to work on a proposal that they will present to the board.

IAPD Board Development Program Update

No report.

Racial Justice Statement:

Tabled until March 12 meeting.

Motion #6: At 9:15 p.m. Dan Coyne made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rita McCourt