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**THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2015 IN THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE, LOCATED AT 908 SEWARD STREET, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.**

**Present:** President Michael Drennan, Vice President Ann Covode, Rob Bady, Dan Coyne, Pat McCourt

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

**Citizens:** David Braun, Debby Braun, Mike Culhane, Peg Culhane, Mary Goering, Steve Goering, Carole Henry, Brian Johnson, Pat Schumacher, Jean Zuiker

President Michael Drennan called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**Citizen Comment:**

Debby Braun read a statement asking Commissioner Daniel Coyne to resign from the board and gave three reasons for her request. David Braun and Jean Zuiker also gave statements criticizing Commissioner Coyne's actions.

Mary Goering, who identified herself as an attorney, said no one should make any assumptions regarding the park district's settlement of a complaint last spring. She also encouraged the board to seek opinions of a broad section of residents when making decisions.

**Minutes:**

**Motion #1:** Dan Coyne made a motion that minutes from the July 9, 2015 board meeting be approved. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs asked that draft minutes from the July 24, 2015 board meeting be amended to indicate that the county (not the state) usually will decrease the park district's requested levy.

**Motion #2:** Dan Coyne made a motion that amended minutes from the July 24, 2015 budget meeting be approved. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Bills:**

**Motion #3:** Ann Covode made a motion to approve payment of August bills in the amount of \$41,622.48. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:**

**Motion #4:** Pat McCourt made a motion to approve August petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$1,183.64. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Programs Director Kari Lindquist presented her monthly report. Highlights:** About 30 people attended a workshop on canning Ridgeville co-sponsored with Edible Evanston on July 18. Ridgeville also has started a food-sharing program with Edible Evanston. Extra produce from gardens is being donated to food pantries and can be picked up at 1 p.m. Wednesdays in Elks Park.

Since summer camps ended, Kari has been seeking feedback from campers' parents, summer staff members and counselors-in-training. Yoga classes have finished for the summer. Adult Core Stretch n Strength will continue for three more weeks.

Ridgeville's fall brochure is at the printer and will be distributed by mail carriers to every Ridgeville household. Kari and graphic designer Sarin Seeswat prepared an online readable pdf version that has links to go straight to the registration page. New classes are being offered—Zumba/Zumba Gold, a Creative Improv class with Mudlark Theater, a movement class for young boys and an Irish dance class. The park district is offered S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) workshops for 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the afternoons on District 65's school improvement half-days.

There will be a Food Truck Fest and live music in Ridgeville Park on Sunday, August 23. Fall Frenzy/Bike the Ridge will take place on Sunday, September 27.

**Treasurer Gerry Gibb presented his monthly report. Highlights:** Gerry reviewed an updated version of the appropriation ledger for fiscal year 2014-15. He also recommended that the board approve a motion to transfer some money from the corporate fund to the capital improvement fund.

**Motion #5:** Dan Coyne made a motion to transfer as of June 30, 2015 \$1,432.91 to C500 Capital Improvement Fund from the Corporate Fund per the 2014-2015 Appropriation and Levy Ordinances to fund Community House improvement projects. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Office Manager Anna Christina Nelson presented a report. Highlights:** Anna Christina said she is very pleased with the attic cleanup in the Community House. She also thanked Kari for her hard work.

**Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski presented his monthly report. Highlights:**

The Starlight Concert and Food Truck Fest in Brummel Park on July 14 was very successful. Hundreds of people gathered to enjoy food sold by seven different vendors and listen to a great band. Special thanks to the City of Evanston and

8<sup>th</sup> Ward Ald. Ann Rainey for their efforts in organizing this special neighborhood event.

Fourteen soccer teams with almost 70 players participated in the 3-on-3 Unity Soccer Festival in Kamen Park on July 18. Five games were played simultaneously. Heavy rain at 3 p.m. brought a sudden end to the event, but people had a good time and there is talk of having another soccer festival next year. Thanks to Mike Miro, Ruben Sierra, Kari Lindquist and Elliot Hurtig for their hard work on the festival.

Ridgeville's t-ball program ended on July 22 with a pizza party and games in Kamen East Park. The t-ball players, siblings and parents had a great time.

Fifteen teams registered in three different age groups registered for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament on July 23. Winners received trophies and t-shirts. Pizza was served.

Beacon Academy has notified Ridgeville that the school will not use Kamen West Park for boys soccer in the fall because not enough boys signed up to play. Beacon Academy hopes to field a girls team in the spring and use Kamen West Park then.

Dan Coyne asked Brian to provide him with a list of Ridgeville employees and their titles as well as a breakdown of the gas expenses for each Ridgeville vehicle.

**Old Business:**

**Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (beginning July 1, 2015)**

There will be a public hearing on the tentative budget at 7:30 p.m. on September 10, before the board's regularly scheduled meeting. The board will vote on the budget at that meeting.

Board members have tentatively scheduled October 10 as the date they will tour Ridgeville parks and buildings to help prioritize spending.

**Commissioner Guidelines: Best Practices**

Michael Drennan asked board members to review the rough draft of a proposed best practices manual prepared by Michael and Ann Covode.

**IAPD Board Development Program Update**

Michel Drennan will get a quote from parliamentarian Nancy Sylvester of what it would cost for her to consult with Ridgeville board members.

**Commissioners' E-Mail addresses**

Kari Lindquist will continue to explore options for board members to have e-mail addresses at Ridgeville.

**Facility Dude Program:**

Brian Rosinski is researching the program

**New Business:**

Dan Coyne asked that at a future meeting the board discuss what benefits are extended to each of Ridgeville's full-time employees.

Dan Coyne asked that the board consider having a time during each meeting when each commissioner could speak for a few minutes about what is going on in the park district.

Pat McCourt said that Dan Coyne's statement during the Citizen Comment section of the July 13 City Council meeting was an insult to City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz and 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Ald. Ann Rainey and was inappropriate behavior for a Ridgeville commissioner. He also asked that Dan remove postings on Facebook and YouTube that give false information about Ridgeville and its board members and present views that are critical of the park district. Ann Covode called Dan's Facebook post inappropriate and disrespectful.

**Motion #6:** At 9:12 p.m. Ann Covode made a motion that the board go into executive session. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rita McCourt