

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2016 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, Programs Director Kari Lindquist, Treasurer Gerald Gibbs

Citizens: Debby Braun, Polly Marsh, Rick Marsh, Pat Schumacher, Jerome Summers, Judith Treadway, Jean Zuiker

President Michael Drennan called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

As part of Black History Month, the board honored former NBA player Rick Marsh, a Ridgeville resident who has been devoted much time to community activities, including the FAAM basketball program for children. Rob Bady introduced Mr. Marsh to the board and reviewed his impressive biography. The board presented Mr. Marsh with a plaque and Mrs. Marsh with a flower arrangement.

Citizen Comment:

Debby Braun asked the board to consider changing its way of handling citizen comments at meetings, requiring that comments be made at the beginning of meetings before any business takes place. She said it would be preferable to allow people to comment during the meetings if people have something to say relevant to the matters being considered by the board.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1: Dan Coyne made a motion that minutes from the January 14, 2016 board meeting be approved. Pat McCourt 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 \$15,200.82. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #3: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve February petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$41.14. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Highlights:

The new ice rink in Kamen East Park has been getting steady use during cold weather, with an average of 23 skaters per day. Ricardo Ramirez staffs the David Wood Fieldhouse ("Warming House") on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 4-8 p.m., Tuesdays from 4-7

p.m. (The Ridgeville Band practices in the Fieldhouse beginning at 7 p.m.), Saturdays and Sundays from noon-8 p.m. Several families have expressed thanks to the park district for the improved rink.

At the March meeting, Brian plans to distribute to the board bids for resurfacing the driveway at the Community House. The goal is to have the board approve a bid and have the work completed by May 15.

In mid-November a tree in Reba Park damaged the top of a building at 717 Reba Place. The damage was caused by heavy winds that pushed a tree limb against the top of the building. Brian had the tree pruned immediately. Building occupants did not submit a claim to their insurance company. They asked Ridgeville to pay for the repairs, which totaled \$850.00. Ridgeville's insurance company denied the claim. The board authorized Brian to offer the building residents \$425.00. Brian will report at the March meeting.

Brian and Anna Christina are preparing for the annual Workers' Comp audit scheduled to take place February 18 or 19.

Signups for summer camps continue. Brian and Kari are starting work on hiring summer staff members. Most of the staff from last summer will be invited to return.

Programs Director Kari Lindquist presented her monthly report. Highlights:

Summer day camp for 5-7-year-olds and Session 2 of Arts Camp is filled. Space is available in the other day camps and in the mini-camps. Letters have been sent to many of the 2015 summer staff members asking them to work at Ridgeville again during summer 2016.

Kari attended the Washington School Resource Fair, where she met with parents and promoted Ridgeville programs. She plans to attend the Mayor's Summer Employment Fair in March.

February registration for winter classes is up about 15% from January signups. Ridgeville's first Family Dance program took place January 23. A good number of families participated and expressed appreciation for this new winter activity.

Packets have been sent to Elks Park gardeners. The packets included updated rules and information about splitting plots. The January Edible Evanston workshop went well and another one will be hosted at Ridgeville February 27 where there will be a seed swap in addition to the meeting. Kari's goal is to have Ridgeville again collaborate with Elks Park gardeners on food pickups as well as host information programs for the gardeners.

Students who participated in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) workshop February 3 made stop motion videos, creating all of the clay figures and sets themselves. The next workshop will be in April and will focus on projection mapping.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs presented his monthly report. Highlights:

Gerry distributed to board members and reviewed an updated appropriation ledger, general ledger–balance sheet and statement of revenue and appropriations. He recommended the board approve a motion to transfer \$542.00 from one General Ledger Account to another.

Motion #4: Dan Coyne made a motion to transfer \$542.00 from the General Ledger Miscellaneous Credit Category to the Miscellaneous Income Category. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Review Comparable Equitable Employee Benefits With Other Park Districts

Dan Coyne researched the full-time employees' benefits in four park districts – Highland Park, Belvidere, Northbrook and Gurnee. Michael Drennan asked Dan to compile the comparative costs of these park districts' benefits. This issue will be discussed at the March meeting.

New Business

Capital Improvement Plan

Board members scheduled a special meeting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 20 in the Community House to discuss capital improvements.

Pat McCourt asked that the March agenda include board discussion of how citizen comments at meetings are handled.

Pat thanked Rob for spearheading the honoring of Rick Marsh.

Pat told the board about the death of former Ridgeville Commissioner Jean Esch.

Motion #5: At 9 p.m. Dan Coyne made a motion that the board go into executive session. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rita McCourt

The purpose of the executive session was the annual review of Brian Rosinski.

Motion #6: Dan Coyne made a motion that the board come out of executive session. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #7: Pat McCourt made a motion that Brian Rosinski's annual salary be increased from \$81,500 to \$83,800 effective November 19, 2015. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #8: At 10 p.m. Rob Bady made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Pat McCourt