

APPROVED

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON APRIL 14, 2016 IN THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE, LOCATED AT 908 SEWARD STREET, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

Present: President Michael Drennan, Dan Coyne, Pat McCourt

Absent: Vice President Ann Covode, Rob Bady

Also Present: Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski, Programs Director Kari Lindquist, Treasurer Gerald Gibbs

Citizens: Debby Braun, Pat Schumacher

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

Citizen Comment: - none

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1: Dan Coyne made a motion that minutes from the special board meeting on February 20, 2016 be approved. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #2: Pat McCourt made a motion that minutes from the March 10, 2016 board meeting be approved.

The motion was not seconded. Dan Coyne did not attend the March 10 meeting. The minutes will be considered at the board's May meeting.

Approval of Bills:

Motion #3: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve payment of April bills in the amount of \$44,651.67. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #4: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve April petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$758.22. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Highlights:

Approximately 125 people attended Ridgeville's annual Golden Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19 on the Community House grounds followed by musical entertainment in the first-floor studio provided by Joel Frankel. Mr. Bunny made an appearance, delighting the children.

The park district will receive an \$800 refund from the workers' comp premium paid in 2015. The payment follows an audit that took place on February 5.

Ridgeville hosted 9th Ward Alderman Brian Miller's ward meeting on April 7 in the David Wood Fieldhouse. Ald. Miller and several city staff members provided information and answered questions. Approximately 55 people attended.

Weather permitting, repair work will begin in mid-May on the Community House parking lot.

Brian met with Sarah Flax, the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administrator, to discuss Ridgeville's plan to apply for funds to pay for new play equipment in Brummel Park. There will be pre-application meetings in July and the grant application is due in August. The CDBG committee will make funding recommendations in September. If the grant request is approved, money will be available once the federal government releases it to the city. That will not happen until June/July of 2017.

Programs Director Kari Lindquist presented her monthly report. Highlights: Participation in spring classes is up compared to the winter session. Kari hopes to use summer classes to build momentum for fall classes.

Spring term of the Garden2Table program has begun. There are 19 participants so far.

Spring break camp went well with an increase of 25% in participation compared to last year. There were up to 20 campers on some days. Vee Witter was the director, Jack Medard was the counselor and STEAM instructors led lessons on drawing comic books and creating sculptures.

Jamie Olah has been hired as director of Arts and Time Travelers Camp this summer. Kari is impressed with many who have applied to be summer camp counselors. Summer camp orientation will take place on Saturday, May 14.

Lyons Farm and Katz Cookies have applied to be vendors in Ridgeville's Farmers Market program. Pre-order forms for Farmers Market delivery are on the Ridgeville website. The delivery area has been expanded north to Dempster Street. The first Farmers Market will take place on Wednesday, June 1.

Assignment of Elks Park garden plots is being finalized. Plots were split to offer more people opportunities to garden. Those on the wait list are being offered spots for the season. Kari has been in contact with Edible Evanston to discuss continuing sharing excess food by placing it in coolers in Elks Park again this year.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs presented his monthly report. Highlights:

Gerry distributed to board members an updated appropriation ledger, general ledger–balance sheet and statement of revenue and appropriations.

Gerry also distributed a detailed list of corporate account, payroll account and petty cash account expenditures that either had been approved by the board but not cleared or that have been charged to the park district but not yet approved by the board. Brian said Office Manager Anna Christina Nelson will resolve these items before the next board meeting.

Old Business

Review Comparable Equitable Employee Benefits With Other Park Districts

Dan Coyne distributed information about employee benefits offered by three park districts – Belvidere, Highland Park and Northbrook. Brian will get the information to Ann Covode and Rob Bady before the board’s May meeting.

Motion #5: Pat McCourt made a motion to postpone discussion of comparative employee benefits. Dan Coyne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Capital Improvement Plan

Dan, Michael, Ruben Sierra of the Ridgeville staff and Nevin Belser, a facilities manager, toured park district buildings on March 8. Dan distributed a list of Mr. Belser’s suggested improvements for each building.

Pat McCourt distributed an outline of plans for the Art Studio building (east of the Community House) submitted by architect Susan Rundle.

New Business

None

Citizen Comment:

Debby Braun expressed concern about park district spending given budget limitations and asked the board to keep in mind that money is tight this year.

Motion #6: At 8:26 p.m. Dan Coyne made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rita McCourt