

APPROVED

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON MARCH 10, 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, Pat McCourt

Absent: Dan Coyne

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

Citizens: Debby Braun, Pat Schumacher, Jean Zuiker

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

Citizen Comment:

Debby Braun said she looked forward to the discussion of when citizen comments are allowed at board meetings.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1: Pat McCourt made a motion that minutes from the February 11, 2016 board meeting be approved. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Motion #2: Rob Bady made a motion to approve payment of March bills in the amount of \$12,042.45. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brian noted that the bills included \$425.00 paid to residents of the building at 717 Reba Place. In mid-November a tree in Reba Park damaged the top of the building. The damage was caused by heavy winds that pushed a tree limb against the top of the building.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #3: Rob Bady made a motion to approve March petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$50.89. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Highlights:

The new ice rink system in Kamen East Park has been removed and stored. The park district purchased an extra liner in case the used one has been damaged.

Two late-season snowfalls caused the park district to buy more salt. Brian complimented the maintenance crew for purchasing the exact amount of salt needed.

Total Paving & Brick Services, Inc. of Beach Park has been hired to patch the Community House parking lot for \$4,900.00.

Brian has found one firm willing to paint the Community House basement and hopes to have the job completed in several weeks.

Applications are being accepted for summer employment. Kari has done a nice job working with 2015 employees who want to return this coming summer and attending job fairs to publicize the openings. She will attend the Evanston Mayor's Job Fair on Saturday, March 12.

The Community House will be a polling place for two precincts on Primary Election Day March 15.

Ridgeville's annual Golden Egg Hunt will take place at 11 a.m. (sharp) on Saturday, March 19 on the Community House grounds followed by live entertainment in the first-floor studio. Mr. Bunny will attend.

Signup has been steady for Spring Break Camp, which will take place March 28 through April 1 in the Community House, headed by Vee Witter.

Brian Rosinski presented the monthly report of Programs Director

Kari Lindquist. Highlights:

Spring classes begin next week. Kari has been marketing the programs in an effort to increase participation. The Garden2Table program will begin with spring classes and be on Thursdays. Participants will have the option of taking the class in two sessions. Session I will be March 17-June 30 and Session II will be July 7-October 20.

Registration for summer camps has been going well. All camps are now full except for Time Travelers. Three directors are returning – Vee Witter for the 5-7-year-olds camp, Lois Rosinski for the Pre-K camp and Gaby FeBland for Wizards Camp. Kari will hire new directors for Arts Camp and Time Travelers Camp. Several counselors are returning. Kari is interviewing 13-14-year-olds who want to be Counselors In Training. Many were Ridgeville campers as youngsters.

April 15 is the deadline for vendors to apply to participate in the weekly Farmers' Market in Ridgeville Park. Applications are available on the Ridgeville website and have been sent to previous vendors and those who contacted the park district throughout the year. Board members are asked to refer potential vendors to Kari or the website.

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. He recommended action on a bill that was double-posted in February.

Motion #4: Rob Bady made a motion to amend February 2016 bills, changing the total of corporate bills from \$15,200.82 to \$15,159.68, deducting double posting of an Office Max payment of \$41.14 (on both corporate bills and petty cash expenditures). Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Gerry noted that the actual check was drawn on the Petty Cash account.

Old Business

Review Comparable Equitable Employee Benefits With Other Park Districts

Motion #5: Ann Covode made a motion that discussion of park districts' employee benefits be postponed until the April 14, 2016 board meeting. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Drennan will forward to all board members information obtained by Dan Coyne from from other park districts.

Capital Improvement Plan

Board members had a special meeting on February 20 to discuss long-term capital improvements in the park district.

Michael Drennan said that at the meeting, two committees were formed:

- Michael and Rob Bady will consider changes/improvements at Leider Park
- Ann Covode and Pat McCourt will consider changes/improvements at the Art Studio

Motion #6: Ann Covode made a motion that the two capital improvements committees report at the April 14, 2016 board meeting. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Citizen Comments at Board Meetings

Motion #7: Pat McCourt made a motion that there not be a time limit on individual speakers during the Citizen Comment section at the beginning of board meetings and that citizens be permitted to speak during the meetings when they have something to say about matters being considered.

There was no second to the motion. Discussion followed.

Motion #7 (as amended): Pat amended his motion so that there would be no time limit on citizens' comments at the beginning of each board meeting and no time limit on citizens' comments at the end of each board meeting.

There was no second to the motion. Discussion followed.

Motion #8: Ann Covode made a motion that there be no time limit on citizens' comments at the beginning of each board meeting but that there be no citizens' comments at the end of each board meeting.

There was no second to the motion. Discussion followed.

Motion #8 (as amended): Ann Covode amended her motion so that there would be no limit on citizens' comments at the beginning of each board meeting and that there be ten minutes of citizens' comments at the end of each board meeting. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion approved with 3 "yes" votes; one "no" vote.

This change will be in effect beginning at the April 14, 2016 meeting.

Brummel Park Improvements

Brian is going to meet with Sarah Flax, City of Evanston grants administrator/CDBG, to determine if Ridgeville may be eligible to receive federal funds to pay for new playground equipment in Brummel Park.

Motion #9: Pat McCourt made a motion that Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski be directed to apply for a federal Community Development Block Grant to pay for a new play equipment in Brummel Park. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #10: Pat McCourt made a motion that Rob Bady be reimbursed for money spent on a plaque and flowers presented to Rick Marsh and Polly Marsh at the February 11, 2016 board meeting. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #11: At 8:40 p.m. Pat McCourt made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rita McCourt