

APPROVED

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

Present: President Michael Drennan, Vice President Ann Covode, Pat McCourt

Late Arrival: Rob Bady (at 8:15 p.m.)

Absent: Dan Coyne

Also Present: Programs Director Kari Lindquist, Treasurer Gerald Gibbs, Attorney Charles Valente (arrived at 8:05 p.m.)

Citizens Present: none

President Michael Drennan called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

Citizen Comment:

Board members were given copies of a letter from Connie Uselman expressing her gratitude for being able to join the gardening program in Elks Park. She thanked and board and staff.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1: Pat McCourt made a motion to approve minutes from the June 9, 2016 board meeting. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Motion #2: Ann Covode made a motion to approve payment of July bills in the amount of \$37,090.10. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #3: Pat McCourt made a motion to approve July petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$747.58. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kari Lindquist presented the monthly report of Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski. Highlights:

Session 2 of summer camps began on July 5. Directors and counselors are doing a great job. Camp programs end July 29.

The summer's special events have been very successful. The first concert in Ridgeville Park was on June 26. Approximately 200 people attended the 4th of July races. Two events that were particularly popular that day were the balloon toss for those 15 years and younger and the egg toss for those 16 and older. The Brummel Park Food Truck Fest took place on July 12. Soccer Fest will take place July 16 and the 3 on 3 basketball tournament finals will take place July 19 in Ridgeville Park.

On July 5 the staff of U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth played a softball game in Kamen Park East and Kamen Park West.

On July 12 Brian and Kari attended a Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities and Infrastructure Fund pre-application meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to gather information about the application process for 2017 grants.

Ridgeville will apply for a grant to make improvements in Brummel Park. On

June 15 Brian met with Ald. Ann Rainey and Brummel Park neighbors to discuss ideas about play equipment may be added to the park.

Brian will be on vacation July 30 through August 7.

Programs Director Kari Lindquist presented her monthly report. Highlights:

Camps are going well. The Renegade Writers' Mini-Camp is being held this week. Due to low enrollment, the Play-Well Art and Architecture Mini-Camp was canceled.

Evanston Public Library staff members have been working with Ridgeville on various projects. A representative has been reading to campers every two weeks and they are completing summer reading challenges. Campers in the Time Travelers program visited the South Branch Library last month and those in Arts Camp will visit next week. The library book bike will come to Ridgeville's Arts and Craft Markets this season.

The first Arts & Craft Market on June 29 was a success. There were three arts and craft vendors and many neighbors attended. The next market is scheduled for July 27 and will have at least two more vendors. Kari is negotiating with Salad Bowl Creations to be a regular vendor, selling jams and jellies.

On June 26 there was a workshop on identifying weeds with Edible Evanston that was attended by about 40 people. There also was a concert featuring Twangdogs that was attended by more than 100 people.

The Shakespeare on Ridge Festival has begun with Mudlark Theater performing "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The Arc Theater will begin performances of "As You Like It" on July 24.

The 2nd annual soccer festival will take place July 16 in Kamen Park. This year there will be an area where children can play, a moon bounce and a DJ. Kari has arranged for Amanecer Breakfast Tacos to be there.

The Ridgeville Band concert/Strike Up the Band Day will be July 31 in Ridgeville Park. There will be other musical activities for families and young people to enjoy.

Work has begun on the fall brochure, which should be completed by July 25 and delivered to households in early-to-mid August.

Kari announced to the board that she is leaving Ridgeville to take a job at DePaul University. Board members thanked Kari for her excellent work during the time she has worked for the park district.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs presented his monthly report. Highlights:

Gerry distributed an updated appropriation ledger, general ledger–balance sheet and report on outstandings from June 1 through June 30, 2016.

Capital Improvement Committee

Ann Covode said a friend has done a drawing of a band shell for Elks Park. She will share the drawing with the board at the August meeting. She also suggested that Ridgeville and Mudlark Theater could possibly work out some kind of partnership for fundraising and rental of space at Ridgeville. Ann and Pat McCourt will meet with Mike Miro of Mudlark to discuss.

Old Business

Review Comparable Equitable Employee Benefits With Other Park Districts

Board members received from Brian a written report about insurance costs charged by three different companies.

Motion #4: Rob Bady made a motion that discussion of employee insurance benefits be postponed until the August meeting. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Discuss Survey for Ridgeville Park District

Michael Drennan will ask representatives from the Wilmette Park District to attend the August meeting.

Tentative Budget

Motion #5: Ann Covode made a motion to approve the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Motion #6: Pat McCourt made a motion to approve the prevailing wage ordinance. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brummel Park

See above (Brian Rosinski's report)

Evanston Community Foundation Leadership Course

Board members discussed whether the park district should pay for a board member or two to participate in the Evanston Community Foundation's Leadership program. The program costs \$1500 for each participant.

Motion #7: Ann Covode made a motion that the board compare the cost of attending the annual Illinois Association Park District conference with the cost of the Evanston Community Foundation Leadership program and then decide where to spend park district funds. There was no second to the motion.

Motion #8: Pat McCourt made a motion to table the matter indefinitely. There was no second to the motion.

Motion #9: Ann Covode a motion to continue the matter until the August meeting. Rob Bady seconded the motion. The motion passed in a voice vote. Pat McCourt voted no.

Motion #10: Ann Covode made a motion that the annual review of Anna Christina Nelson be postponed. Pat McCourt seconded the motion Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #11: At 8:54 p.m. Pat McCourt made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: (Phase Two) - none

Minutes submitted by Rita McCourt