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APPROVED

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2015 IN THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE, LOCATED AT 908 SEWARD STREET, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

Present: President Michael Drennan, Robert Bady, Dan Coyne, Pat McCourt

Absent: Vice President Ann Covode

Also Present: Programs Director Kari Lindquist, Treasurer Gerald Gibbs

Absent: Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski

Citizens: Debby Braun, Mike Culhane, Carole Henry, Pat Schumacher

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

Citizen Comment: - none

Minutes of September 10, 2015 public hearing:

Motion #1: Dan Coyne made a motion that minutes from the September 10, 2015 public hearing be approved. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of September 10, 2015 meeting:

Motion #2: Dan Coyne made a motion that minutes from the September 10, 2015 board meeting be approved. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Motion #3: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve payment of October bills in the amount of \$18,765.27. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #4: Rob Bady made a motion to approve October petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$302.26. Dan Coyne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Programs Director Kari Lindquist presented her monthly report. Highlights:

Fall classes are going well with good enrollment. New students will be able to begin classes October 28 – the six-week mark for fall classes. Patrons are now able to purchase an 8-class punch card online.

There were six participants in Ridgeville's first S.T.E.A.M workshop on October 7 with students making miniatures to learn about colors. Next workshops will take place November 4 and December 2.

October 7 was the final Farmers Market for the season. Pre-orders increased from an average of 12 to 18 per week during the season.

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Bike the Ridge on September 27 was a great event. Musicians from the School of Rock provided lively entertainment.

Each commissioner is now able to set up his/her own e-mail address at Ridgeville. Once all commissioners have completed the process Kari will include commissioners' e-mails on the park district website.

Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski 's monthly report was presented by Kari Lindquist. Highlights:

The annual Bike the Ridge/Ridgeville Fall Frenzy event on September 27 was a great success, with many bike riders and others enjoying good music, food and gathering in Ridgeville Park. Special thanks to those who worked on the event -- Mike Miro, Kari Lindquist, Anna Christina Nelson, Ruben Sierra and Marcos Cruz. The City of Evanston did a wonderful job organizing Bike the Ridge and overseeing the safety of bike riders. Anj Hansen and 8 th Ward Alderman Ann Rainey deserve special thanks for their Bike the Ridge efforts and ongoing support of Ridgeville. Commissioners Bady and McCourt also attended the event.

Ridgeville's "Halloween Happening" will take place in the Community House on Thursday, October 22, from 4-5:30 p.m. with a harvest display, live music and treats for those who attend.

The City of Evanston's Forestry Department and Ridgeville will share the cost of removing three diseased Siberian elm trees along the alley north of Leider Park. The trees are outside the fence but partially on Ridgeville property.

The annual audit has begun. The auditors' report will be presented at the December board meeting.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs presented his monthly report. Highlights:  
Gerry gave board members a copy of the latest appropriation ledger figures for fiscal year 2015-16.

#### Old Business

##### Commissioner Guidelines: Best Practices

Each board member was given a binder that includes:

- Ridgeville Park District Best Practices (as of 10/8/15)
- General Ordinance of Ridgeville Park District
- Ridgeville Park District Personnel Policy
- Ridgeville Park District General Recreation Policy

#### Commissioners' E-Mail Addresses

(see above/Kari Lindquist's report)

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#### New Business

##### Review Employee Sick Leave Policy/Procedure

Dan Coyne asked that this item remain on the agenda until the board has time to discuss all benefits offered to each of Ridgeville's four full-time employees.

Dan would like this discussion to take place before the next budget cycle.

Kari read a report from Brian following his discussion with Jason Anselment, an attorney for the Illinois Association of Park Districts. Attached to the report was a list of employee benefits offered by Ridgeville and seven other park districts.

#### Review Commissioner Code of Conduct

Pat McCourt asked that consideration of a commissioners code of conduct be postponed until a board meeting when all commissioners are present.

Resolution for Estimated Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Motion #4: Dan Coyne made a motion that the following resolution be approved:  
Resolved that the amount of taxes which this Board estimates the District will be required to levy for the fiscal year 2015-2016 is \$612,000.00. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Other New Business

Rob Bady said that during the Bike the Ridge event he introduced himself to the minister of the Fresh Anointing Worship Center, located at the corner of Ridge Avenue and South Boulevard. They discussed some issues that the church group has with Ridgeville and Rob suggested the minister discuss the matters with Brian.

Dan Coyne apologized for his Facebook post of June 18. Dan gave board members and others present a copy of the written apology.

Motion #5: Pat McCourt made a motion that Kari Lindquist's annual review be postponed until the November meeting. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #6: At 8:27 p.m. Dan Coyne made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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