

APPROVED

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2016 IN THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE, LOCATED AT 908 SEWARD STREET, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

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

Absent: Vice President Ann Covode

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

Citizens: Debby Braun, Jean Zuiker

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

Citizen Comment: none

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1: Dan Coyne made a motion that minutes from the October 13, 2016 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 November bills in the amount of \$35,517.73. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #3: Rob Bady made a motion that November petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$250.00 be approved. Dan Coyne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Director Natalie Sallee presented a report. Highlights:

The "Purple Purse Challenge" was organized by the YWCA in cooperation with The Allstate Foundation in October to raise awareness about domestic abuse. The YWCA asked for Ridgeville's support, The 8-foot-tall purple purse that traveled throughout Evanston was in Ridgeville Park on October 5, the day of the final Farmers Market of the season. Neighbors stopped by to take selfies with the purse.

Natalie and Ruben Sierra attended a meeting at the Civic Center October 13 to discuss the city's parks survey, which includes city and Ridgeville parks. Space in the Community House was set up for residents to take the survey and postcards were available for those who chose to take the survey online. Survey grades and feedback will be posted on the City of Evanston website after the first of the year.

Ridgeville's Halloween Happening on October 20 was a fun event. Joel Frankel provided music.

Approximately 20 children and their parents participated in the Pop-Up Adventure Playground in Ridgeville Park on October 16, making forts out of recyclable items. Another event is planned for December 18, weather permitting, and some winter events may be planned.

There was a nice turnout for the Garden2Table end-of-season potluck. The instructors who have guided the program for the past four years will be unable to return in 2017. Natalie has been meeting with them to discuss ways to keep a garden program going.

Natalie helped publicize Tavern Tales, the Ridgeville Cultural Arts Foundation event November 6 at Firehouse Grill.

The spring/summer brochure will focus on three categories of classes – for kids, adults and families. Several new classes are being offered.

Winter Camp will take place December 27-30/January 3-6. Ridgeville also is offering Lumen Teen Winter Camp at the David Wood Fieldhouse December 27-30. Michael Drennan connected Natalie to Lumen Kids, a 501©3 organization with a curriculum that “strives to connect students to the world around them and educate them on diversity in their urban and natural environments.”

Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski presented his monthly report. Highlights: The roof on the David Wood Fieldhouse in Kamen East Park has been replaced. Final cost was \$9,060 – more than had been expected because rotten wood under shingles had to be replaced. Dilapidated wood railroad ties in Ridgeville Park have been replaced with treated wood. The project cost \$7,345.

November 8, election day, was busy in the Community House, which served as a polling place for two precincts.

The Halloween Happening on October 20 was very successful with more than 60 families attending. The entire staff pitched in to make it a fun event.

The board will adopt the levy ordinance at the December 8 meeting. Requests to rent Ridgeville facilities have increased dramatically.

The Ridgeville Cultural Arts Foundation made approximately \$2,000 at the November 6 Tavern Tales event.

Plans are being made to install the ice rink system in Kamen East Park as soon as weather permits.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs presented his monthly report:

Gerry is following up with the auditing firm after receiving a draft of the annual audit. Board members will receive the audit at the December meeting.

Old Business:

Capital Improvement Plans

No report

Comparable Equitable Employee Health Benefits

Dan Coyne asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

New Business

Proposal to Post Audio Recordings of Monthly Board Meeting on the Ridgeville Park District Website

Motion #4: Dan Coyne made a motion that audio recordings of monthly board meetings be posted on the Ridgeville Park District website and remain on the website for two years. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion approved by a voice vote. Pat McCourt voted no.

Rob Bady asked Pat why he voted no. Pat said because it was the consensus of the board at the October meeting that a decision would not be made until all board members were present.

Motion #5: Rob Bady made a motion to rescind Motion #4. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion approved by a voice vote. Dan Coyne voted no.

Citizen Comment: none

Motion #6: At 8:05 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