

APPROVED

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 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; Attorney Charles Valente; Sandra Byrnes, president of H.R. Mentor, Inc.

Citizens: Debby Braun, Jean Zuiker

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

Citizen Comment: none

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1: Pat McCourt made a motion that minutes from the September 8, 2016 public hearing be approved. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Motion #2: Dan Coyne made a motion that the minutes be revised to indicate a quorum was present at the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. and to omit Pat McCourt's comment about commissioners arriving late. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed in a voice vote. Pat McCourt voted no.

Motion #3: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve revised minutes from the September 8, 2016 public hearing. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed in a voice vote.

Motion #4: Rob Bady made a motion that minutes from the September 8, 2016 board meeting be approved. Dan Coyne seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Motion #5: Dan Coyne made a motion that the minutes be revised to omit some of the comments made by Wellington Grinage. There was no second to the motion.

President Michael Drennan called for a vote on **Motion #4**. It was approved by a voice vote. Dan Coyne voted no.

Approval of Bills:

Motion #6: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve payment of October bills in the amount of \$24,689.52. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #7: Dan Coyne made a motion that October petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$40.00 be approved. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed

Old Business:

Comparable Equitable Employee Health Benefits

Sandra Byrnes, president of H.R. Mentor, Inc., gave the board an overview of her many decades in the human resources field. She said that 88% of her clients reward top-level executives with better health insurance benefits as a way to reward them.

Program Director Natalie Sallee presented a report. Highlights:

Natalie said she is enjoying being part of the Ridgeville staff and thanked Brian, Anna Christina Nelson, Michael Miro and Saralina Kamholtz for their help in training her in her new job. She presented a list of fall classes, has sat in on most of them, was able to observe the last couple of Farmers Markets in Ridgeville Park and helped at Bike the Ridge.

There was a S.T.E.A.M. workshop on September 21 and workshops will take place on November 8 and December 7. Enrollment is almost at capacity. There are been requests for workshops to be scheduled on days off in Skokie District 69 and on weekends.

Pop-Up Adventure Playground will take place in Ridgeville Park on October 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The Ridgeville Cultural Arts Foundation fundraiser, Tavern Tales, is scheduled for November 6. Natalie is working on the spring/summer 2017 brochure.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs presented his monthly report:

Gerry gave board members “A Study of Appropriations and Revenue Flows to Illustrate Timing and Importance of Ordinances” and reviewed its significance in Ridgeville operations.

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

Highlights: The annual audit process began September 19. Brian expects the final audit to be presented at the board’s December meeting.

Bike the Ridge/Fall Frenzy on September 25 was very successful with hundreds of people gathering in Ridgeville Park and many more riding bicycles on Ridge Avenue. Musicians and singers from School of Rock performed and children enjoyed the moon bounce. Brian said the City of Evanston was fantastic in its cooperation on the event.

Natalie Sallee is off to a good start as Ridgeville’s new program director.

The park district’s annual Halloween Happening will take place on October 20.

A new roof will be put on the field house in Kamen East Park and the dilapidated wood border along the west side of the Ridgeville Park playground will be replaced. The soccer patch has been removed from Elks Park.

Attorney Charles Valente presented a report:

Charles said there is nothing in state law to prohibit anyone from recording public meetings.

New Business

Michael Drennan suggested that audio recordings of monthly board meetings be posted on the park district’s website. Discussion followed.

Motion #8: Dan Coyne made a motion that audio recordings of monthly board meetings be posted on the Ridgeville Park District website. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the board that the matter be postponed until the November meeting.

Citizen Comments Phase Two:

Debby Braun objected to Dan Coyne taking pictures of her working at the Ridgeville booth at the Custer Street Fair in June and recording citizen comments made at the public hearing and board meeting on September 8.

Jean Zuiker said that everyone who attends board meetings should be notified that they are being recorded on audio and said every person who speaks should be identified so that anyone listening to the audio recordings will know who is talking. Jean also said she objects to pictures and video recordings being placed on You Tube without the permission of the people being recorded.

Motion #9: At 9:00 p.m. Dan Coyne made a motion that the board go into executive session.

Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rita McCourt

The purpose of the executive session was the annual reviews of Anna Christina Nelson, Ruben Sierra and Marcos Cruz.

Motion #10: At 9:50 p.m. Pat McCourt made a motion that the board come out of executive session. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #11: Pat McCourt made a motion to keep Anna Christina Nelson’s salary at \$52,500 and to provide her with a one-time benefit of three additional vacation days during 2017 as recognition for more than 25 years of employment at Ridgeville. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a voice vote. Dan Coyne voted no.

There was no change in the compensation for Ruben Sierra and Marcos Cruz so no

Motion #12: At 9:55 p.m. Pat McCourt made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Pat McCourt