

APPROVED

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON JULY 9, 2015 IN THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE, LOCATED AT 908 SEWARD STREET, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

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

Absent: Vice President Ann Covode, Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski

Also Present: Corporate Secretary/Office Manager Anna Christina Nelson, Programs Director Kari Lindquist, Treasurer Gerry Gibbs, Attorney Charles Valente, 9th Ward Ald. Brian Miller

Citizens: Marta Bady, Mollie Bady, Christine Benn, Debby Braun, Preston DaCosta, Eloise Davis, Clayton Duba, Gordon DuCharme, Mary Guering, Carole Henry, Ann Johnson, Richard Katz, Carol Krochmal, Frank Krochmal, Joanne Kunz, Rocky Kunz, Charlotte Lehman, Don Leventhal, Margie Leventhal, Pamela McCann, Anne Parkinson, Dillon Ross, Pat Schumacher, Celina Varela, Mary Willis, Lainie Wolfson, David Zerega, Jean Zuiker

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

Citizen Comment:

Christine Benn said some of the garden plots by Elks Park are not being used and are overgrown with weeds. She asked that these plots be offered to people on the wait list who want to garden this summer.

Several people spoke in favor of and against the portable toilet that was installed July 2 north of the basketball courts in Ridgeville Park. As an experiment, the portable toilet is to remain there during July and August. It is locked at 8 p.m. each day when the rims are removed and is unlocked at 9 a.m. when the rims are put up.

Minutes:

Motion #1: Dan Coyne made a motion that minutes from the June 11, 2015 board 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 July bills in the amount of \$19,379.79. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #3: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve July petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$1,359.47. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Programs Director Kari Lindquist presented her monthly report. Highlights

Summer yoga classes are going well. The Adult Core Stretch n Strength class will begin July 20. Second session of summer camp programs began July 6. One more mini-camp will be offered – Renegade Writers Camp will take place July 13-17.

Lyons Farm has a great selection of fruit at the Farmers Market in Ridgeville Park each Wednesday.

Outdoor theater performances in Ridgeville Park will begin July 11 with Arc Theatre's presentation of "Macbeth." Mudlark Theater's first performance of "Romeo & Juliet" will be July 23. Other summer events being publicized around town are the Brummel Park Food Truck Fest + Concert on July 14, the Unity Soccer Festival + Concert in Kamen Park on July 18, the Ridgeville Band of Evanston performance in Ridgeville Park on July 26, a showing of "The Lego Movie" in Brummel Park on August 11 and the Ridgeville Park Food Truck Fest + Concert on August 23.

Kari is finalizing the fall class schedule and preparing the fall brochure that will be delivered (by U.S. mail carriers) to each Ridgeville residence. She expects to finish edits on the brochure by the end of July.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs: - No report

Office Manager Anna Christina Nelson presented a report. Highlights:

Anna Christina provided board members with additional information on long-term care insurance being offered to Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund members and retirees. There will be no cost to the park district. No board vote is necessary. Ridgeville will participate in the program.

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

This is the park district's busiest season as camps continue and special summer events take place. Approximately 100 people attended the 4th of July races in Kamen Park. Special thanks to Michael Drennan for his help that day.

Maintenance workers will begin adding wood chips to play circuits in the parks July 13. They have been doing a good job keeping the parks in shape.

Brian will be on vacation August 1-9.

Old Business:

Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (beginning July 1, 2015)

Motion #4: Pat McCourt made a motion to authorize purchase of an ice rink system for Kamen East Park. Dan Coyne seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously,

Motion #5: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs and Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski will set a date to meet with board members to further review the 2015-16 budget. If more than two board members want to attend, a special meeting will be scheduled as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Michael Drennan will propose dates to schedule a tour of the Ridgeville parks and buildings to help prioritize spending for the new fiscal year.

Commissioner Guidelines: Best Practices

At the June 11 meeting, Michael Drennan and Ann Covode distributed to board members a rough draft of a proposed best practices manual. Pat McCourt asked that the matter be tabled until there is improvement in commissioners' attendance at monthly meetings. Pat reviewed minutes for the past 27 months of meetings and found that at 63% of the meetings, there was at least one commissioner absent. He asked that for the next six months, commissioners make a concerted effort to attend every meeting so there will be a full board of elected representatives to conduct park district business.

IAPD Board Development Program Update

Before the August 13 meeting, board members are to submit to Anna Christina Nelson their completed responses to two sets of evaluation sheets. This will be a first step before scheduling a meeting with parliamentarian Nancy Sylvester.

Commissioners' E-Mail addresses

Kari Lindquist will continue to explore options for board members to have e-mail addresses at Ridgeville . Attorney Charles Valente says board members have to be careful that using e-mail does not violate provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

IMRF Long-Term Care Insurance: - See above

New Business:

Stop Payment Fees:

Motion #6: Dan Coyne made a motion that a \$50 charge be imposed when a check has to be re-issued to a vendor or employee because the original check was lost or not cashed or for any other reason not the park district's fault. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Facility Dude Program: - No action

Pat McCourt asked Charles Valente to check with David Saunders to find out if David would be able to attend the board's September meeting.

Dan Coyne asked that at the August 13 meeting board members review Ridgeville's policy about sick leave and how sick days are tracked.

Anna Christina Nelson said the parking area south of the Community House is in terrible condition. Brian is researching options for repairing or resurfacing that area.

Motion #7: At 9:25 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