

APPROVED

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2017 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, Treasurer Gerald Gibbs

Citizens: Debby Braun, Nancy Graham, Wellington Grinage, Sandra Madison, Jean Zuiker

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

Citizen Comment:

Debby Braun said she objects to being videotaped by Commissioner Dan Coyne at the Ridgeville Board meetings. She said President Michael Drennan has not answered her question about who will pay for any damage to the Reba Park basketball court caused by storage pods there now. Debby also asked the board to take into consideration that one of the commissioners refused to sign the Illinois Association of Park Districts Code of Conduct.

Wellington Grinage said he objects to being videotaped by Commissioner Dan Coyne at the Ridgeville meetings. He said the soccer circle that was placed in Elks Park during part of the summer damaged the grass and limited use of the park. Jean Zuiker said she objects to being videotaped by Commissioner Dan Coyne at the Ridgeville meetings.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve minutes from the December 8, 2016 meeting. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Motion #2: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve payment of January bills in the amount of \$14,353.86. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #3: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve January petty cash expenditures of \$440.11. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There has been great use of the ice rink in Kamen East Park when weather has been cold enough to keep the ice from melting. Luis Mendoza and Kevin Williams staff the warming house during skating.

Summer camp registration opened January 4 and there have been many signups. Winter Camp

ended January 6. Daily attendance averaged 16 children. Vee Witter did a fantastic job directing Winter Camp. Wesley Shavers and Bryan Richards (a former Ridgeville camper) were counselors. Summer jobs will be posted later this month and then interviewing will begin. Several of the good counselors from last summer plan to return.

Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski presented the monthly report of Program Director Natalie Sallee. Highlights: Natalie has created a YouTube Channel for Ridgeville and uploaded all of the 2016 board meeting audio recordings. There is a link on the website to direct people to the YouTube Channel. Natalie also continues to clean up the website in an effort to make it more user-friendly and easy to navigate.

There is registration information on the website for 2017 S.T.E.A.M. Workshops and summer camp programs. Natalie has spoken to many parents who are enthusiastic about Ridgeville's summer camp programs.

Winter classes began this week. Children's dance classes led by Laura Downey are filling up and enrollment for adult classes looks good—especially for the new Spanish For Beginners class.

Ridgeville will participate in a book discussion as part of the Evanston Public Library's Wide Read program in March. Natalie will lead the discussion at the Ridgeville Community House.

The Garden2Table program is being changed. Amy Dale of Green Edens will lead a series of 12 Garden2Table Workshops on Monday evenings beginning January 23. Cost of the workshops will be \$25 each or \$250 for all 12.

The Ridgeville Garden program also is being changed. The garden, just south of the Community House, will be rented for \$1,100 to "The Ridgeville Gardeners" led by Sandra Madison. Six gardeners will be recruited for the garden and other people will be welcome to help when they are available.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs presented his monthly report:

Gerry distributed to board members and discussed a list of outstandings (checks approved but not cleared and checks cleared but not approved). He also distributed and discussed the updated appropriation ledger, balance sheet and general ledger/statement of revenue and appropriations.

Capital Improvements Committee

Leider Park – no report

Art Studio (east of Community House) – no report

Old Business

Ridgeville Response to Fire at 635-637 Sherman

Rob Bady said the people forced out of their apartments by the fire at 635-637 Sherman want to thank Ridgeville for allowing six storage pods to be placed on the Reba Park basketball court. He added that three of the pods are now empty and items in the other three pods will be removed over the next few weeks. Michael Drennan said if the pods have caused any damage to the court, Reba Place Fellowship (owner of the building) will be contacted to pay for any necessary repairs.

City of Evanston Open Space Score Card

The board discussed the report.

New Business

Agenda for the February board meeting

- 1) Michael Drennan asked that board members discuss the Illinois Association of Park Districts Code of Conduct.
- 2) Pat McCourt asked that the board discuss Dan Coyne’s continued videotaping of monthly board meetings.

Citizen Comment:

Debby Braun said that she believes Michael Drennan was rude to her during Citizen Comment at the beginning of the meeting and that Michael owes her an apology.

Wellington Grinage said that it is not legal for anyone to videotape a minor at a public meeting without permission from the minor’s parent or guardian. He also said the board should look into any possible conflicts of interest involving Dan Coyne.

Motion #10: At 8:55 p.m. Dan Coyne made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Rob Bady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rita McCourt
