

APPROVED

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2017 IN THE RIDGEVILLE PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE, LOCATED AT 908 SEWARD STREET, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

Present: President Michael Drennan, Vice President Ann Covode, Dan Coyne, Pat McCourt

Absent: Rob Bady

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

Citizens: Debby Braun, Cicely Fleming, Rocky Kunz, Vincent Thomas, Jean Zuiker

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

Citizen Comment:

Debby Braun asked about the Ridgeville Board meetings being video taped by Commissioner Dan Coyne and then posted on his Facebook page or streamed live on his Facebook page.

Jean Zuiker said she does not think it is a good idea for Commissioner Coyne to video tape the meetings.

Cecily Fleming introduced herself as a candidate for 9th Ward Alderman.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve minutes from the January 12, 2017 meeting. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Motion #2: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve payment of February bills in the amount of \$17,491.41. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Petty Cash Expenditures:

Motion #3: Dan Coyne made a motion to approve February petty cash expenditures of \$200.00. Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Rosinski presented the monthly report of Program Director Natalie Sallee. Highlights:

Natalie has been cleaning and organizing the Community House attic in preparation for summer programs. Winter classes are going well. Two Zumba classes have been combined and the class takes place on Saturday mornings. The Creative Improv Class for children has been canceled because of no enrollment. Because of low enrollment, Green Edens has decided not to teach Garden2Table Workshop Series.

From 1-5 p.m. on February 18 in the Community House Jason Brown from the Ridgeville Foundation will lead an event called “Rocks & Rolls.” This is a free event and those who attend will have the opportunity to paint rocks for a rock garden and share soup recipes. Jason is seeking bread donations from local bakeries and restaurants.

From 7-8 p.m. on March 20 in the Community House Natalie will lead a discussion of the book “The Other Wes Moore” as part of the Evanston Public Library’s Community Wide Read event.

Ridgeville Park District is partnering with the City of Evanston in a “Clean Up, Evanston!” event in April, in honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day. There will be activities in Ridgeville Park and Elks Park.

S.T.E.A.M. workshops are at capacity for the rest of the school year. The instructor, Marieke, does a great job working with the children who participate in the District 65 half-day workshops.

Vee Witter, Wesley Shavers and Bryan Richards will return to lead Spring Break Camp in March. Natalie will post job notices and interview candidates to fill remaining staff positions for summer camps.

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

Brian has been in touch with Sarah Flax, the city’s Community Development Block Grant administrator regarding the status of the proposed CDBG project in Brummel Park. There has been no action because lawmakers have not yet passed a federal budget for 2017 and also because there may be changes in disbursement of federal funds to sanctuary cities such as Evanston.

Ridgeville has received two grants for safety products – one from IPARKS for \$860.00 and one from American Risk Policy Consult for \$404.75. The grants were used to purchase safety cones, headphones to reduce noise and first aid kits.

Warm weather over the past month has limited skating on the ice rink in Kamen East Park.

Storage pods have been removed from the basketball court in Reba Park. The pods stored items owned by people forced out of their apartments at 635-637 Sherman Avenue by a fire.

Brian will be out of town from March 29 through April 3.

Treasurer Gerry Gibbs presented his monthly report:

Gerry distributed and reviewed the updated appropriation ledger, statement of revenue and appropriations, general ledger and balance sheet.

Gerry recommended the following motions:

Motion #4: Dan Coyne made a motion to move \$833.00 from Accounts Payable to Income as Farmers Market delivery fees. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #5: Dan Coyne made a motion to move \$39.90 from Outstanding Items to Income as a check reissue fee. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Capital Improvements Committee

Leider Park – no report

Art Studio (east of Community House) – no report

Old Business

Illinois Association of Park Districts Code of Conduct

Postponed until the March meeting.

Video Taping of Ridgeville Board Meetings

Pat McCourt said that at a meeting when all commissioners are present he would like an opinion or statement from the board regarding Commissioner Coyne's video taping of board meetings. Ann Covode suggested possibly having meetings video taped and put on Ridgeville's Facebook page. Further discussion postponed until the March meeting.

New Business

Signature Cards at U.S. Bank

Motion #6: Dan Coyne made a motion to amend the investment account at U.S. Bank to have the following as signees:

- Michael Drennan, President, Ridgeville Park District Board of Commissioners
- Ann Covode, Vice President, Ridgeville Park District Board of Commissioners
- Brian Rosinski, Director of Parks & Recreation, Ridgeville Park District
- Gerald Gibbs, Treasurer, Ridgeville Park District

Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Celebration of Black History Month

President Michael Drennan said he has not selected a person or organization to be honored and asked for suggestions to be discussed at the March meeting. Dan Coyne suggested Rev. Michael Nabors, pastor of Second Baptist Church and head of the Evanston chapter of the NAACP. Ann Covode suggested that the matter be included on each year's January agenda so that a decision about any celebration can be made before February, which is Black History Month.

Citizen Comment:

Debby Braun said she continues to object to Commissioner Coyne video taping meetings and citizens who speak at meetings.

Jean Zuiker said board meetings should not be video taped by an individual and then used by that individual for his/her own purposes.

Cicely Fleming suggested that Bennett Johnson be considered as someone to honor during Black History Month. She also asked the board about reports she has heard about a skate park being built in/by Ridgeville.

Vincent Thomas suggested that Ridgeville organize an event where African American Northwestern students and African American professionals would speak with young people about education, careers and other relevant topics.

Motion #7: At 8:52 p.m. Dan Coyne made a motion that the board go into executive session. Pat McCourt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rita McCourt

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Michael Drennan called the executive session to order at 9:04 p.m.

Motion #8: At 9:10 p.m. Pat McCourt made a motion that the board come out of executive session. Dan Coyne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Motion #9: Pat McCourt made a motion to increase Treasurer Gerry Gibbs' compensation to \$6,000 per year effective July 1, 2016. Dan Coyne seconded the motion.

Motion #10: At 9:12 p.m. Patrick McCourt made a motion to adjourn the meeting Ann Covode seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously