

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM
MEMORIAL HALL BOARD ROOM**

Chairman Curran called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to Order at 6:40 p.m. at the Memorial Hall.

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Curran, Commissioners Scott Banke, Marybeth Dougherty, Edward McCarthy, Kathleen Mulligan, Edmond Opler & William Otto

Members Absent: Commissioners John Deppe & Diane Griffin

Also Present: Brian Frizzell, Offside Soccer

Staff Present: Gina Hassett, Director of Parks and Recreation
Linda Copp, Secretary

Commissioner Dougherty made a correction on page four and Commissioner Opler stated one on page one under monthly reports. Commissioner Mulligan moved approval of the February 22, 2010 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes with these corrections. Commissioner Dougherty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports

February 2010 Revenue/Expense Report

Ms. Hassett stated that there will be some pool expenses to come. There will be pump repairs and removal of the lockers. \$25,000 was given for the pool from the 2010/11 budget. All others are normal expenses. Board approved some of next year's capital into this year's capital and will hopefully be approved at Tuesday meeting for pool heaters. The net capital for this year will be approximately \$50,000.

Recreation Program Report

Ms. Hassett stated that the summer brochure is back and waiting until after spring break to mail it to residents. The Cook County Forest Preserve meeting is this Wednesday and she will be attending with Dave Cook regarding Duncan Field. They will revisit the long term lease issue. Ms. Hassett stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement would not continue to be considered for a grant if there is not a 25 year lease of the property.

Ms. Hassett stated that bids were received for Burns Field basketball court and the Board Action will go to the board on Tuesday, March 23. If approved, the work will need to be done before May 1st. Some repairs are being done to the skate park and the skate park will hopefully be ready to open on April 1st.

Ms. Hassett stated that the Bunny Breakfast and egg hunt will be April 3. Ms. Hassett also commented on the pool being non-compliant with the EPA. She does not know if we will be fined. There was lifeguard training this past weekend. Ms. Hassett stated that an incentive was offered this year for the first 100 patrons for swimming pool passes. Pool patrons received two free guest passes with their paid membership. All of the passes are gone. Chairman Curran asked about feedback from residents regarding cutback of hours. Ms. Hassett said that there

have been a few complaints. Ms. Hassett explained the options for some private rentals of the pool after it closes.

Chairman Curran stated that he talked to President Tom Cauley regarding the issue of closing the pool and President Cauley stated that it was more of a side note discussion and not really a serious consideration.

Park & Recreation Commission Follow Up Items

Lyons Township Update

Chairman Curran stated again that we are awarded \$150,000 for a shelter at KLM. Where and what kind is still to be determined. The Township has sent paperwork to the Village from their lawyers. Chairman Curran and staff will check to see if there are options of using some of the funds for other parks as well.

Commissioner Banke stated that maybe the Zook House could be incorporated with a picnic shelter. Ms. Hassett explained other options for a location as well such as by the Lodge or HCA. Ms. Hassett stated that the submission was very general so we are very open as to the location. The money will be used very easily. Chairman Curran commented that the new shelter will be more revenue.

Veeck Park Update

Ms. Hassett stated that hopefully field renovations will start in April. Chairman Curran asked if we have a timeline. Ms. Hassett stated that soccer will be out for this season and that baseball is dependent on the weather. There is no estimate, but hopefully mid-May if the weather is dry. Ms. Hassett will attend the construction meeting Tuesday morning to get some idea on the timeline.

Ms. Hassett has told Little League not to anticipate the baseball field to be ready this year. Commissioner Banke asked if Little League has submitted their schedule. Ms. Hassett stated that she has received a tentative schedule and hopes for a solid one later this week.

Field Fees and Policy Discussion

Brian Frizzell was in attendance representing Offside Soccer. Ms. Hassett stated that she met with Sue Gould from AYSO. Ms. Gould stated that there is an adult league where Offside Soccer could be part of AYSO. Offside Soccer would have to form their own board and would have to submit a budget, volunteer list and a roster.

Ms. Hassett stated that the question would be if they would still fall under the \$10 per player fee. They would be a recreational organization under AYSO. Mr. Frizzell explained that they play year round. Ms. Hassett told Mr. Frizzell that the fields would not be striped in the summer and Mr. Frizzell said that they would not need the fields striped.

Ms. Hassett stated that Offside Soccer would need to follow the same rules as AYSO. Mr. Frizzell stated that 50% of the group are already volunteers with AYSO. He stated that they would not have a problem with the AYSO fee and has had discussion with Ms. Gould. Ms. Hassett stated that if Offside Soccer asked for excessive time, then the player fee would also need to increase.

Chairman Curran asked Mr. Frizzell if he had a preference at Veeck fields. Mr. Frizzell stated that they like the biggest one. Ms. Hassett commented that currently the west field is the only big field available. Mr. Frizzell stated that he would still like to change the fee schedule for the adult program. Chairman Curran stated that the process is involved and goes to the Board level and could take several months. Mr. Frizzell admitted that the AYSO option sounds great and he stated that they don't schedule games. Mr. Frizzell stated that he thinks they can work it out but stated that he believes it is unfair to them. There is no urgency from their perspective but he prefers that the issue is addressed. Chairman Curran stated that the process should start in the fall when the season is winding down.

Ms. Hassett asked if Sue Gould gave a timeline for getting this done. Mr. Frizzell stated that the current fee schedule will not work and is too expensive. Ms. Hassett stated that she agreed with Chairman Curran to start in the fall season and asked if for the spring we want to extend the \$10 per player fee for the spring season. Commissioner Otto asked if the field striping costs are included in the Agreement. Ms. Hassett stated that the agreement didn't state what was included. Ms. Hassett told the Commissioners that the paint is \$3500 per pallet. Commissioner Ottol stated that AYSO was paying \$7000 striping fee before the \$10,000 option was agreed on.

Commissioner Otto asked if AYSO was asked for another donation, would that offset the cost of the adult soccer program. Commissioner Opler stated that he thought it was great what the adult men were doing. Mr. Frizzell stated that they are informal and does not want formal games. Chairman Curran thanked Mr. Frizzell for coming

Ms. Hassett asked the Commission to approve the \$10 per player fee for the spring. Chairman Curran moved approval and Commissioner Mulligan seconded. Mr. Frizzell stated that the Village website is not current when fields are closed. Ms. Hassett stated that email blasts are used for notification if the fields are closed because staff does not have access to putting information of the website.

July 4th Parade Theme and Grand Marshal

Ms. Hassett stated that she has not had contact with Alice Mansell's friends and that we still need a theme for this year. Chairman Curran commented how Alice had a network for community volunteers and suggested supporting her in some way in the parade. Ms. Hassett will reach out to her family for having a memorial to Alice.

Commissioner McCarthy stated about having an Alice Mansell Memorial parade and still have a Grand Marshal. The Commissioner once again suggested the retiring Hinsdale Central coach as the Grand Marshal.

Commissioner Otto stated that we could do a little flyer about what Alice did for the community. Commissioner Dougherty stated that Alice started all the garden walks and then gave the donations to different organizations such as HCA. Ms. Hassett stated using volunteers and giving back to the community could be a good theme. Commissioner McCarthy suggested doing a flyer stating the things Ms. Mansell was involved in. Chairman Curran asked for a motion to use a volunteer theme. Commissioner Dougherty made motion for approval and Commissioner Mulligan seconded the motion.

Sports Summit

Ms. Hassett stated that she was thinking about a sports summit for November. Chairman Curran stated that all the clubs would come together and issues would be addressed. Chairman Curran asked for an early October planning session for a November summit.

New Business

KLM Dog Clean Up Day

Brian McElwaine has requested another clean up day. One was done last year with a group of dog walkers and was very successful. Ms. Hassett stated that she told Brian that it should be done before Lacrosse starts and within the next few weeks.

Swim Team and private rentals fee

Ms. Hassett stated that Kurt Lindemann has put together fees for private pool rentals for the weekends. Ms. Hassett will reach out to some of the athletic teams for private rental of the pool. There are some other swim clubs that are interested as well. Ms. Hassett stated that we will not turn the keys over and give anyone access. The restricted hours will impact the high school swimmers. Ms. Hassett commented that last year the high school swimmers were very inconsistent in their lap swim usage. The high school may pay for the pool time in order to use the morning hours. Ms. Hassett will continue to work with them to see what their needs are.

Chairman Curran reiterated the cost of \$140 per hour for the pools. Ms. Hassett stated that is the cost if all three pools are used. The cost could be less if only the lap pool is used. Commissioner Dougherty asked if the same number of staff is needed if only the lap pool is needed. Ms. Hassett stated that one or two lifeguards would always be needed plus a manager for lap swimming. A youth rental party would need 8 – 10 staff. Ms. Hassett stated that the fee would need to be high enough to make a profit on the rental.

KLM Capital Improvements

Ms. Hassett stated that on Tuesday, March 23 the board will review the proposed budget. Village Manager Dave Cook told Ms. Hassett that the \$200,000 might be pulled for Duncan Field if the project is not going forward. Ms. Hassett stated that KLM definitely has 3 projects that could be done with those funds. The lodge roof would cost approximately \$50,000; the retaining wall along County Line would cost approximately \$60,000 and the road overlay going into KLM would cost approximately \$80,000. She stated that even though it is a road project, because it is in a park, it is a Parks and Rec expense. Ms. Hassett believes that the road is the most important if only part of the funds can be used.

Commissioner Mulligan asked that if the road is fixed at KLM could it be made wider. Ms. Hassett will ask, but that could be a much greater expense. Ms. Hassett stated that she doesn't believe the board will allocate all of the \$200,000 but perhaps at least one project could be done.

Ms. Hassett stated that County Line Road is not a road like Madison where there are a lot of children, but the wall only has a couple of years in its life cycle and will need to be replaced. Commissioner Otto asked if the eagle scouts could help with the retaining wall project. Ms. Hassett stated that this is too big of a project for them. Commissioner Otto also asked about the damage at Oak Field. Ms. Hassett was not aware of the damage and will check on it.

Chairman Curran asked about the Board meeting on Tuesday and if it is a budget meeting only. Ms. Hassett commented that she has not seen the agenda and there will be a staff meeting

Tuesday afternoon where the agenda will be seen. She will forward a copy when available. Chairman Curran asked if any one else could go since he was not available. Commissioner Otto will attend in Jeff's absence

2010-11 Budget Status

Commissioner Mulligan asked about adjustments in the budget for paddle court repairs. She mentioned that the lights will need to be done. Ms. Hassett asked Commissioner Mulligan to send her an email with a cost estimate.

Brook Park Donation and potential projects

Ms. Hassett will be talking to the Brook family and she will be taking pictures of the shelter. The Brook family is writing a bio for a plaque for the park. Ms. Hassett will talk to the family regarding any additional uses for their donation.

Exploratory Joint Pool Assessment for Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills

Chairman Curran stated that both pools need to discuss options of community feedback, what do they want to keep etc. Ms. Hassett has talked to them and will talk to members of the Clarendon Hills board. Commissioner Dougherty will help with that feedback.

Correspondence

School District 181 Projected Enrollment through 2015

Chairman Curran thanked Ms. Hassett for getting the projected enrollment numbers. Chairman Curran stated that those projections were used for the sports summit and this shows that the enrollments are currently declining. Chairman Curran stated that it is something to keep in mind for the pool and activities.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Hassett mentioned that Gateway consists of eight communities, Countryside will be pulling out after this year. Ms. Hassett asked them about why they are pulling out and they said they don't levy a special recreation fund and so based on their participation it is cheaper for the residents to just pay. Ms. Hassett explained that the contracts are for one year and will be revisited each year. Ms. Hassett commented that community could join in their place.

Ms. Hassett stated that ACA passed the waiver of fees for HCA for their summer usage of KLM.

Commissioner Otto asked if we get rewarded for being within budget. Ms. Hassett stated that revenues are still down and she would like to see more cooperative programs. Ms. Hassett stated that there will be fee increases for the summer on all programs. Boys Lacrosse was a loss last spring because it was a third party program and didn't have volunteer coaches. Lacrosse America is no longer in the park districts and we are using a new organization, School of LAX.

Commissioner Banke asked the cost of the brochure. Ms. Hassett stated we are paying cost by printing it at IBLP. The bill was \$5800 for the summer and the postage will be about \$1400. There is also approximately \$1500 in brochure layout. Staff has talked about going totally online for cost savings. We might be able to put it on line and send a post card when the brochure is

available. There would still need to be some printed copies for those who do not use the computer.

Commissioner Mulligan asked if we could combine with other organizations to coordinate brochures. Ms. Hassett will look into that, but the timing is different for HCA and the Community House. Commissioner Opler suggested waiting to see what happens with the budget and believes that it would really need a lot of promotion to just be on-line. Ms. Hassett stated that the Community House and HCA deliver it through the Hinsdalean. Commissioner Mulligan believes that you will lose people if it is only online.

Ms. Hassett will reach out with the Community House and HCA. Chairman Curran asked Ms. Hassett for feedback next month. Commissioner Banke mentioned that people need to educate people and that there should be a line item for these costs.

Commissioner McCarthy asked Ms. Hassett about the money for Duncan Field and if that would invalidate negotiations with the Forest Preserve. She doesn't think that it would invalidate. Even if we could get OSLAD funding, that would be 1½ years later. Ms. Hassett stated that the Forest Preserve doesn't like the project at all. Commissioner Ottol asked if they even know where the field is. Ms. Hassett stated that they don't. Commissioner Otto asked if Hinsdale could do eminent domain against the Forest Preserve. Commissioner Dougherty stated that we could not. We don't have anything else to give them to negotiate.

Commissioner Otto asked about the burm at Veeck and how short the field is going to be. Ms. Hassett stated that there is to be an access road all around and that the burms are larger than on the original plans.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Dougherty moved to adjourn. Commissioner Mulligan seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting was declared adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Copp