PARKS AND RECRATION BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call was answered by Members Wackerlin, Cairns, Donahue, Sivakumar, Carman, Vice Chairman Andrea and Chairwoman Tredore.

Also present were, Director of Parks and Recreation Trevor Bosack, Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi, Recreation Supervisor Kristi Brewer, Trustee Wendy Anderson, and Recording Secretary Dana Popovich.

Audience Participation

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Parks and Recreation meeting minutes of January 5, 2023 was made by Member Wackerlin, and seconded by Member Sivakumar. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 7-0.

Old Business

Director Bosack gave some updates to a few of the following items from the January 5, meeting. Paul Forth was at the last meeting and inquired about reserving the baseball fields for a tournament. Director Bosack looked into this and said that the Youth Athletic Association was very receptive to the idea. Director Bosack reached out to Paul Forth to let him know, but he had already reserved fields at a different location.

Director Bosack met with high school resident, and Eagle Scout member Ryan Sands. He will be putting a flagpole in at Leroy Guy Park.

Vice-Chairman Andrea asked if it would incorporate any kind of solar aspect.

Director Bosack replied that it would have a solar light on it

Director Bosack said Lynn Dillon playground is scheduled for equipment removal in March and installation would follow right after.

New Business

A. Informational Item-Amenity Discussion-Garden Plot Update

Director Bosack reviewed the options pertaining to the Garden Plots that were brought forward at the November 3, 2022 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The Board recommended eliminating the garden plots and look into a future location as determined through the Parks Master Plan process. Staff presented the Parks and Recreation Board recommendations to the Village Board. The Village Board would like staff to look into other locations in the Village that might be able to support the garden plot rental program. Director Bosack reviewed a list of locations that included costs to prepare and maintain the plots. Three possible locations that stand out are Larsen Park, Richard Taylor Park, and the existing Public Works site.

The Board discussed the various locations, and thought that Larsen Park would be a good spot for the garden plots.

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Director Bosack said that it is a good spot for the short term, but not sure if it could be long term since Larsen Park is scheduled to be redesigned.

Member Donahue thought that Normandy Park might be a good spot for the garden plots. It's a large piece of property.

Director Bosack said maybe we could have two locations, one on the east side and one on the west side.

After much discussion a decision was not made.

Staff Reports

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi discussed the various upcoming events The Daddy/Daughter Date Night is Disney themed this year. There is a new drop in crafts day. Open enrollment for the 2023-24 Preschool is starting soon. Superintendent Buscemi asked the Board for assistance for upcoming events. She also asked for their input on the survey that is sent out to the community, when a park is being updated.

The Board asked what time the Family Bingo event is happening on March 17. Superintendent Buscemi said it starts around 6:00PM.

Village Trustee Liaison Report

None

Member Reports

Member Sivakumar went to an event at McHenry County College and stopped by the NISRA table and they had very kind words about Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi.

Member Carman said on February 7, 2023, there would be a sustainability meeting at Village Hall.

Member Donahue and Member Wackerlin think it would be helpful if the prices and the time of the events were in the Event Guide.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chairman Andrea, and seconded by Member Cairns. The motion was approved by a voice vote 7-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:19PM.

Submitted by

Dana Poporick

Recording Secretary