

PARKS AND RECRATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2024

Call to Order

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

Also present were Director of Parks and Recreation Randy Splitt, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Kim Buscemi, Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz, Trustee Bob Huckins, and Recording Secretary Dana Popovich.

Audience Participation

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes of June 6, 2024 was made by Vice-Chairman Andrea, and seconded by Member Cairns. Motion was approved by a voice vote of 5-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. People for Parks Foundation

Director of Parks and Recreation Randy Splitt introduced People for Parks Foundation President Bob Huckins.

Trustee Huckins gave an overview of what the People for Parks Foundation is about. He discussed the different fundraisers they do and was pleased to announce that they were able to provide scholarships for Preschool, Day Camps, and Funtastic Camp.

B. Communication Specialist Presentation

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Kim Buscemi introduced Communication Specialist Courtney Baker to the Parks and Recreation Board. Superintendent Buscemi said that Courtney has brought a fresh perspective and a dynamic approach to our departments marketing efforts. She has done a lot of great things for the Recreation Department, as well as the Village.

Communication Specialist Courtney Baker gave a brief history of her work experience and shared some of the new marketing initiatives that she has implemented.

Director's Reports

Director Splitt reviewed beach activity and said staff provides feedback daily on attendance at both beaches, non-residents turned away, and weather updates.

Director Splitt gave an update to the Parks Master Plan project. He said that Hitchcock Design Group (HDG) is currently working on inputting staff's feedback and final layout of the booklet. Staff is expecting HDG'S final presentation to be ready Mid-August. Staff feels the feedback provided is a solid foundation for the next 5 years.



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Director Splitt said that Celebration Park is scheduled for installation in October 2024. Jaycee Park equipment replacement is being reviewed for additional options.

Superintendent Buscemi was happy to report that Preschool Summer Camp participation has exploded this summer. Class offerings doubled from last summer.

Superintendent Buscemi discussed the new Fall Program Event Guide highlighting new events that include Good Neighbor Day, Family Pumpkin Carving, Tween Zombie Candy Hunt, Princess Ball, and seven specially themed No School Fun Days.

Superintendent Parchutz said all projects for 2024 are complete and are now talking about 2025.

Village Trustee Liaison Report

None

Member Reports

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Chairman Andrea and seconded by Member Donahue. The motion was approved by a voice vote 5-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Submitted by

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