



Village of Lake in the Hills

600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, Illinois 60156

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2024

Call to Order

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

Also present were Director of Parks and Recreation Randy Splitt, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Kim Buscemi, Trustee Wendy Anderson, and Recording Secretary Dana Popovich.

Audience Participation

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Old Business

Jaycee Park

Director of Parks and Recreation Randy Splitt reviewed concept plans for Jaycee Park. Director Splitt and the Board discussed various designs, and options that would be best for that location. Director Splitt said he will take the Boards feedback to Nu Toys, and hopes to have new plans for the Board at the November meeting.

New Business

A. Beach Operations

Director of Parks and Recreation Randy Splitt gave an overview of the 2024 Beach season. On June 6, 2024, IRMA conducted their Aquatic Facility Visit. The purpose of the visit was to identify any hazards seen in the aquatic facilities and any deficiencies in our Aquatic Facility Safety Program. The report stated that current operations are in line with state regulations for swimming beaches. While the 2024 season was considered successful, the report outlined three additional options to be considered for the 2025 Beach season. The first option would be to just continue with the current beach operations. The second option would be to standardize staffing and emergency plans. Option three would introduce resident fees. Director Splitt discussed the cost, the benefits, as well as the challenges for each option. Director Splitt asked for the Board's direction on which option should be considered for the 2025 beach operations.

The Board recommended option three as the most cost- effective solution to operate both beaches while aligning with IRMA'S recommendation.

B. Parks Master Plan Needs and Strategies Summary

Director Splitt reviewed the Parks Master Plan's Needs and Strategies summary.

C. Strategic Review of Parks and Recreation Board Meetings

Director Splitt reviewed the Chapter 8.16F, Parks and Recreation Board Meetings. Director Splitt discussed aligning meetings with scheduled topics and consider reducing the number of meetings. The Board provided feedback. Director Splitt said he would provide updates to Chapter 8 for the Boards review and recommendation at the November Board meeting.



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Director's Reports

Director Splitt said Celebration Parks playground equipment is scheduled to be installed the week of October 14th.

The Memorial Program has led to the addition of a bench for a long-time resident of Lake in the Hills. The bench was placed at Nockel's Park in a grass area overlooking the new fishing pier and the lake. A remembrance for the family where their beloved husband and father spent many hours fishing off the pier at Nockel's Park.

Superintendent Buscemi discussed some of the upcoming October events.

Superintendent Buscemi gave a recap of the Summer Sunset Fest. She said a survey was sent out and had 173 people respond. Based on the feedback, the Sunset Fest got four out of five stars. The Community Picnic was well received and the variety of food vendors was appreciated.

Superintendent Buscemi highlighted an event that Supervisor Casie Peltz had put together called Good Neighbor Day. Senior citizens that needed some help with yard work had signed up and Supervisor Peltz and volunteers went to their homes to do yard work. It was a heartwarming experience for everyone that participated.

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 Cairns. The motion was approved by a voice vote 6-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Popovich".

Dana Popovich

Recording Secretary