

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE
Meeting Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Village Hall, 118 W Cook Avenue, Libertyville
Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Chairman Todd Gaines called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Parks and Recreation Committee members in attendance included Chairman Todd Gaines, Trustees Pete Garrity and Rich Moras. Recreation and Sports Complex staff included Director of Recreation and Sports Complex Connie Kowal, Recreation Manager Julie Ludwig and Administrative Secretary Julie Fanning. Also in attendance included Mayor Terry Weppler, Village Administrator Kevin Bowens and Superintendent of Parks, Forestry and Grounds Jim Barlow.

1) Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee

Chairman Todd Gaines motioned to approve the Tuesday, June 7, 2016 meeting minutes. Trustee Pete Garrity seconded. Minutes approved.

2) Dog Days of Summer

Director Kowal noted that the Dog Days of Summer event is on schedule. Director Kowal will invite Mr. Kaiser to the August meeting to discuss the event. Chairman Gaines commended Mr. Kaiser for his efforts on the event coordination for the festival.

3) Hockey Rink Relocation Update

Village Engineer Fred Chung presented the elevation drawing for the potential hockey rink at Adler Park. Fred explained that with the combined retaining wall and hockey boards there would be a considerable drop on the south end portion of the rink. Additionally a retention pond would have to be placed on the south end of the rink approximately 1.5 acres in size. The bike path would have to be moved north of the current location that would affect the current tree line. With the information presented, the Committee suggested that the Sports Complex location be reviewed for a potential location. It was noted in correspondence from Community Development Director John Spoden that the Sports Complex was developed under a Special Use Permit and Superintendent Jim Barlow noted that the potential green space area at the Libertyville Sports Complex was fairly flat as it was designed as an overflow parking lot. Trustee Moras reiterated that the Committee is looking at the Libertyville Sports Complex location as a potential site but no final decision has been made as the Committee and Staff are in the planning process. Additionally more parking would have to be added to the 74 lost spots from the hockey rink to account for the hockey patrons.

Director Kowal noted that the current Libertyville Sports Complex business operations still require overflow parking for major event parking. Additionally, if the Golf Learning Center is sold, the Golf Learning Center parking would be unavailable unless the agreed purchaser allows shared parking during the Libertyville Sports Complex events which could be difficult to arrange on a consistent basis.

Wendy Vieth, 1509 Juliet Lane, explained that she frequents the Sports Complex during the winter months. The traffic for the drop off and pick up lane is backed up to the Golf Learning Center due to the busy Sports Complex facility usage. Mrs. Vieth asked if the Village would consider creating a better drop off area and reconfiguring the entire parking lot to accommodate for the extensive traffic at the Libertyville Sports Complex.

Director Kowal continued discussion on location, planning and construction of the possible hockey rink, and explained that most likely the hockey rink will not be open for the winter 2016 season. He suggested utilizing a baseball field such as Odom as a location for a multiuse facility including a baseball field and seasonal hockey rink. Director Kowal also suggested approaching private business entities that may have additional land to be used. Mayor Weppler suggested that the liability of the private business offering

land to the Village could be too high. The Committee noted that Odom would not be a good location. The two other locations in Adler Park are considered a floodplain and there is also a storm sewer.

Mayor Wepler informed the Committee and staff that a plan will need to be completed prior to submitting to the Plan Commission. Fred Chung will request of meeting with the Director of Community Development John Spoden to discuss further regarding the plan submission.

Staff will develop a plan for the Sports Complex northwest end parking overflow space for a potential hockey rink location including a topographical survey, engineering information and analysis of additional parking spaces at the south end fire line and the east end of the Sports Complex. Director Kowal thanked the hockey rink supporters for their continued support and meeting attendance.

4) Butler Lake Sunken Garden

Director Kowal explained that the water fountain will be rebuilt and a plaque will be added to the fountain honoring resident Valerie Carlson for her beautification and maintenance of the Butler Lake Sunken Garden. Once the project is completed, the Village will arrange a ceremony with the family members.

5) Other Updates

A) Libertyville Senior Center Update

Director Kowal briefed the Committee that the part time Senior Center Assistant Coordinator was posted on the Village site.

B) EAB Progress Update

Superintendent Barlow noted that the in house removals will begin in August.

C) Libertyville Golf Course

No updates regarding the Libertyville Golf Course litigation with BCS Golf. Director Kowal noted that there could be possible interest from outside golf management businesses to run the golf course but it would be the Village paying for the management and operation of the golf course. Mayor Wepler asked what it would cost to fix the former golf course to playable condition and noted that the past Village maintenance Village costs was approximately \$80,000 annually. Trustee Garrity asked staff research the cost associated with making the golf course playable. Staff will try to contact Mr. Jacobson who was the designer/architect for the Sports Complex Driving Range to get his feedback.

D) Libertyville Recreation and Sport Complex Event Schedule

Director Kowal summarized the upcoming schedule of events for the Recreation and Sports Complex Department. Director Kowal explained that the IFN (Islamic Foundation North) prayer service will be held beginning of July.

E) Recreation & Sports Complex Marketing & Publicity

Director Kowal highlighted the various marketing and publicity efforts for the department.

A motion to adjourn by Chairman Todd Gaines and seconded by Trustee Pete Garrity.
Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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