

## RECREATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00 PM

Prairie Room

### Minutes

#### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Evan Vogt

#### **Roll Call**

A. Present: Evan Vogt, Donny Pisano, Charles Wells, Mary Peterson, Loretta Gaidas

B. Absent: Jean Marques, Nicole Milovich-Walters

#### **Approval of April 9, 2019 Minutes**

Charles Wells moved, seconded by Mary Peterson to approve the minutes of the Rescheduled Recreational Advisory Commission Meeting held on April 9, 2019. Charles Wells noted an Executive Meeting was held February 18, 2020. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **Program Updates**

A. Evan Vogt Suggested that we keep program updated to the most recent programs.

B. Donny noted new programs, including a STEM Lego contractor Snapology, bring back Ice skating, in talks with new sports contractor with meeting coming up, Palos Recreation is in search of a new dance instructor, Jean Marques might be able to help as well as Loretta Gaidas might know someone qualified. Evan noted a new fitness instructor, open pickle ball, classic movie month in February evenings. Rentals are doing well this month. Hiring for new camp councilors for the summer season.

#### **Parks Update**

A. Centennial Park

Pollinator Grant – 2019 the village received a grant from Comed Openlands and a Pollinator Garden was built, the location of the Garden was discussed, as well as benches and kiosks.

B. Village Green

The Grass this summer needed extra care last summer. The tennis court is noted to be an area on concern, Donny Pisano noted the court is not feasible to run programs on. Charles Wells asked if it was in our budget realm to rebuild. Evan Vogt will add it to the Capital Project budget. Evan Vogt noted that we got rid of the old, wooden picnic tables, and the new lilac bed.

#### **Recreation Center**

A. Community Room- Evan Vogt noted the floor was professionally clean by the Grout Doctor.

B. Rental Fee increase -noted that most over communities change more than the Recreation Department. Evan Vogt noted the increase in minimum wage increase. Mary Peterson Suggested bringing the price to in line with lowest price surrounding communities. Evan Vogt noted to use the Gym Space for Banquets. Mary Peterson asked would the kitchen be available, Evan noted we had a test rental where that was done, and we could include the kitchen in a banquet rental. Mary Peterson asked about the Metra Station and how often it is used. Evan Vogt noted the Metra Station has not been rented since 2019, partially due to

how we have been keeping the department going during the time. Loretta Gaidas noted the departure of the last Director and then general discussion on the subject. Evan Vogt noted the title changes.

**Meeting Adjournment** – There being no further business, Loretta Gaidas moved, seconded by Mary Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.



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Stephen DeFalco, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks