

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, November 15, 2018 6:30pm  
Parks Maintenance Building, 185 Wolf St., Yorkville, IL**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Board President Deborah Horaz. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**Roll Call:**

Dan Lane-yes, Gene Wilberg-yes, Amy Cesich-yes, Sash Dumanovic-yes, Deborah Horaz-yes, Rick DeVries-yes

Absent: Mark Dilday

**Introduction of Guests, City Officials and Staff:**

Parks & Rec Director Tim Evans, Superintendent of Parks Scott Sleezer, Superintendent of Recreation Shay Remus, Alderman Ken Koch

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** July 12, 2018

The minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Wilberg and second by Mr. Dumanovic. Approved on voice vote with new Board member Rick DeVries abstaining.

**Bills Review:**

**Bill List – August, September, October and November 2018**

Mr. Evans said most of the bills were for summer festivals, painting and a new park in Windett Ridge. Other bills resulted from wind damage and accidents involving city vehicles. Discussions were held with the employees involved in the accidents and Ms. Cesich asked that Board members be alerted regarding accidents so they can respond to public inquiries. Mr. Evans said he must follow procedures prior to information release. Parks and Rec pays for repairs and the insurance company then reimburses which is reported as 'revenue'.

**Budget Report – June, July, August and September 2018**

Mr. Evans said that Parks and Rec is budgeted for a deficit this year. He said the city took a loss when several baseball tournaments and Hometown Days were rained out. The

surplus has been higher than the city wishes in the last couple years and the transfer of funds to the Parks is lower if there is a 30% budget surplus. Money is also expected from grants, however, the state is not required to reimburse for a year after projects are complete and Mr. Evans said there could be further delay due to recent state elections. He said he reviews the budget weekly. Land cash will also be slightly lagging while waiting for reimbursements. Ms. Horaz asked about the affect of the uptick and then slowdown of homebuilding and loss of incentives. Mr. Evans replied that each developer has their own agreement with the city. Land cash is received from city fees and varies by development.

**Old Business:**

**Grants Update**

Both grants are completed according to Mr. Evans. They are working with the sports dome regarding a run at the park and Ms. Remus reported they would also like to organize activities and show a movie there. It is expensive to do activities at the dome and the city currently has enough space to accommodate programs using the bank building. They said a gym would be beneficial for after-school activities. There was brief discussion of the possible uses where the former Shak was located.

**New Business:**

**2019 Meeting Schedule**

The Board agreed to meet every other month with special meetings if needed. The first regular meeting will be in January. A motion was made by Ms. Cesich and seconded by Mr. Lane to approve the 2019 schedule as presented.

Roll call vote: Wilberg-yes, Cesich-yes, Dumanovic-yes, Horaz-yes, DeVries-yes, Lane-yes. Carried 6-0.

**Review of the Registration, Refund, Waiver and Scholarship Policies**

Director Evans asked for approval of these policies. Park rental costs were briefly discussed and he will send applicable information to the Board. Ms. Cesich moved to approve the policies as presented and Mr. DeVries seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Cesich-yes, Dumanovic-yes, Horaz-yes, DeVries-yes, Lane-yes, Wilberg-yes. Carried 6-0.

**Grande Reserve Land Cash**

Development has begun again in the Grande Reserve subdivision and Mill Rd. is scheduled to be repaved. Playgrounds and trails are being considered and grants have been secured for the playgrounds and trail already in place. There is \$700,000 to \$900,000 land cash available since the parks projects there are already complete. Mr. Evans said two ideas are being proposed: 1) finish parks and playgrounds in other subdivisions or 2) build a facility in Grande Reserve.

A facility in Grande Reserve was discussed and Mr. Dumanovic noted program space is needed as well as trails. Ms. Remus stated that the class schedule is full and nearly overbooked in the old bank building and there would be no space for those programs if the city decides to convert the Van Emmon facility into a police department. In

conclusion, Mr. Evans said Bart Olson will speak with Grande Reserve representatives about a proposed facility. A motion was then made by Ms. Cesich to possibly pursue a facility in Grande Reserve (option #1 on the proposal) and Mr. Lane seconded.

Roll call vote: Dumanovic-yes, Horaz-yes, DeVries-yes, Lane-yes, Wilberg-yes, Cesich-yes. Carried 6-0.

### **Youth Baseball League Proposal**

Mr. Evans said the YYBSA proposed that the Parks & Rec take over the baseball league in-house operations and registration (excluding travel team). He said the volunteers are overwhelmed. Parks staff has worked on a budget for hiring a full-time employee, job description and other details. One of the Executive Board members would be hired to help the transition. There are 800-1,000 kids involved in this program.

The Parks staff believes this is a great opportunity even though it may not be a big money generator and Mr. Sleezer added that most towns run these programs. Alderman Koch said it would be smart to start in January (or March?) when teams are chosen. If the agreement does not work out, YYBSA would have the right of first refusal. There will also be a 5-member advisory board.

Mr. Dumanovic asked if liability etc., is being assumed with the agreement. There are no liabilities, however, YYBSA is turning their equipment over to Parks & Rec. Volunteers will help run the program.

Ms. Cesich moved and Mr. DeVries seconded the motion to approve the Parks & Rec in-house youth baseball and softball agreement.

Roll call: Dumanovic-yes, Horaz-yes, DeVries-yes, Lane-yes, Wilberg-yes, Cesich-yes  
Carried 6-0.

### **Sponsorship Policy**

Sponsorships for catalogs and other items were discussed and Mr. Evans said political sponsorships have historically not been allowed. Staff has analyzed having religious sponsors regarding the upcoming baseball agreement. He said most towns don't allow religious names on shirts. It was determined that religious organizations could sponsor an event such as Hometown Days and their name will be allowed on Chili Chase shirts. The Board decided to revise the policy, website and other documents to reflect the change to not allow religious group names on shirts, etc.

Ms. Cesich made a motion to add the following language to the Advertisement Terms and Policies: to avoid potential personal conflict, sponsorship opportunities will not be provided to religious organizations for specific sports teams or leagues where participants do not have control of the team they are assigned; however, religious organizations will

be given the opportunity to sponsor special events as they are open events allowing freedom of choice to participate. Mr. Dumanovic seconded this motion.  
Roll call: Horaz-yes, DeVries-yes, Lane-yes, Wilberg-yes, Cesich-yes, Dumanovic-yes.  
Carried 6-0.

**Parks and Recreation Monthly Report:**

Many events are scheduled for this coming weekend including a parade and other holiday festivities. The Chili Chase will be held on Sunday and Parks and Rec is working with the Kiwanis to distribute toys. The catalog is also being finalized.

Hometown Days was reviewed and staff said it was rained out on Saturday. Parks and Rec receives a percentage of profits from the carnival which was \$15,000. Ms. Remus said the department is always evaluating events and she said the Paw Patrol event was very successful. There is a big event each month now and Mr. Wilberg said the chip trail would be a great venue. Ms. Cesich said a singing/karaoke event has been suggested by the public.

Ms. Remus said basketball will start soon. It is at maximum capacity and next year the sessions will be split. Staff will begin working with the school district. She said kids from 2 years old to high school are being served. Planning for 2019 is being done now.

Mr. Sleezer said building improvements have been made including grass and concrete. He encouraged all to drive through Riverfront Park and Bristol Bay Park. He stated the Parks Department installed a sidewalk in Greenbriar near the Heritage Woods senior living facility so that seniors don't have to walk in the street.

It was noted by Ms. Remus that the Van Emmon facility has now been in use for 1 year and \$31,000 in rent has been collected in that time.

A suggestion was made by Board member Dan Lane to construct an outdoor ice rink in the future. Mr. Sleezer said a rink is being planned near the skate park in Bristol Bay, however, there is no water access at this time. Staff said it takes 5 days of below 20 degree weather to freeze the ice. A budget request for an ice rink has been made.

**Executive Session:** none

**Additional Business:**

New member Rick DeVries was welcomed to the Board. He served as President of the Board of Education in Carol Stream for 8 years and also worked alongside the Park District there. He currently works in Finance.

**Adjournment:**

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm on a motion and second by Ms. Cesich and Mr. DeVries, respectively. Unanimous voice vote.

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