

Village of Glendale Heights
Parks & Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015
Sports Hub

Trustee Pat Maritato called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Joe Chambers (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
Joe Latrofa (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Absent
Jeanette Wilson (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
John Tejada (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Absent
Trustee Pat Maritato (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member - Chairman</i>)	Present
Other Attendance:	
Keith Knautz (Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities)	Present
Tracy Geils (Assistant to the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities)	Present
Bill DePue (Lead Program Supervisor - Parks, Recreation and Facilities)	Present
Chester Pojack (Trustee District 5)	Present

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 8/18/15

Joe Chambers motioned to approve, Jeanette Wilson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Discussion Regarding - Programming Updates

Department Director Keith Knautz reported the following on programs:

PATH Summer Camp - averaged 120 participants per week. Lowest was 108. This is a good strong program with great staff.

Preschool - current enrollment is 109 students down from last year's 132. This program has been struggling for years with decreased participation partly because of the school districts free preschool programs. Running higher class maximums and a slight increase in fees, the program is doing better than it has in the past.

Spartans - this seasons enrollment consisted of 60 cheerleaders and 115 football players. One cheer squad received a bid to state and will be competing in December. Shortly after the season started, the President of Spartans and the Vice President of cheer resigned from their board positions. Thankfully, Joe Chambers stepped up and was of great assistance to this program throughout this season. This year has been a struggle but we see good potential to the future of this program as we had two strong flag football teams this year.

PATH After School Program - currently 147 participants are enrolled. This year's theme is "All Across America". This is a well received program with great staff running it.

Dance - the fall session has 72 participants enrolled which is a good start to the season. Due to popular demand, we are now selling dance apparel.

Fall Outdoor Soccer - season went well with 99 enrollees and 4 select soccer teams. Enrollment was down some in the individual registration but 3 additional select soccer teams compared to last season.

Indoor Soccer Session 1 - individual registration is up by 20 participants while team registration is slightly down with 33 team registrations.

Indoor Soccer Session 2 - starts in January and you can only register teams for this session.

This past September we hired 3 part time Recreation Supervisors. Two of them have been with us for a few years. We welcome Don Cudiamat, Ned Lapo and Cris Navarro. Ned will be working with GHYBS, Don with soccer and Cris with Spartans. They will also be assisting in all areas of general programming. We look forward to working with them.

Each year we always have the challenge of hiring new staff including Seasonal Recreation Attendants, Customer Service Associates and PATH Counselors.

Aquatic Center Update

Pool's closed. There are several areas that need improvement. A pool leak was detected at the end of the season which has been repaired. The mushroom pad flooring needs to be replaced and funds have been added at mid-year review pending Village Board approval. We plan to have the flooring replaced before the start of the new season. Rocco Vino's is not interested in running the concession stand next year as sales have been too low the past 2 years. Director Knautz believes that with proper management and maintaining a simple inventory, in-house operations can be successful. Rocco Vino's is still willing to cater food for the birthday parties. Eliminating the family pool passes ended many problems that staff was faced with. However, the individual pass costs were underestimated. A slight increase is the recommendation for next season.

Ollman Park Update

One of the corners of the new walking path had some drainage issues. Thanks to Public Works re-grading and installing new drainage, these issues have been resolved.

Fieldhouse Update

The fieldhouse renovation is complete except the new netting which is scheduled to be replaced in late December. Thanks again to Public Works in their assistance in detecting drainage issues and leaks. The flooring was removed in September and the Family Health and Safety fair was held in the fieldhouse on the concrete. The following day, renovations started. Thanks to Holly, Administration and the Village Board, we were able to complete this project with a quick

turnaround. Insurance funds were received which helped in the funding of the renovations. We had a first rental the day after completion. Director Knautz then took the committee on a tour of the fieldhouse.

Comments and Questions

Trustee Maritato stated that Keith and staff are doing a great job and hopes they keep up the good work.

The Committee moved and seconded to adjourn, by voice vote motioned carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.