

Village of Glendale Heights
Parks & Recreation Committee
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Sports Hub

Trustee Pat Maritato called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Jeanette Wilson (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
Aaron Murauskas (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Absent
Pat Maritato (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member - Chairman</i>)	Present
Enrique Arroyo (<i>Parks and Recreation Committee Member</i>)	Present
Other In Attendance:	
Keith Knautz, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities	
Tracy Claudio, Assistant to the Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities	
Chodri Ma Khokhar, Village President	
Chester Pojack, Trustee District 5	

Approval of Minutes from the 1/18/22 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Jeannette Wilson, second motion by Enrique Arroyo, all approved.

Approval of Minutes from the 3/15/22 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Jeannette Wilson, second motion by Enrique Arroyo, all approved.

Approval of Minutes from the 5/17/22 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Jeannette Wilson, second motion by Enrique Arroyo, all approved.

Discussion Regarding – Leisure Services

Director Knautz, stated that in June, the Village made changes to the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department. The department is now Leisure Services. Facilities is now under Administration and the Senior Center is now under the Leisure Services Department. Golf and Parks are now one division and Jen Ferrell is in charge. Jen Alagna runs the Senior Center and Tracy Claudio is in charge of the Recreation Division. Additionally, all special events are now under Recreation and our new Recreation Supervisor, Jessica Maricich is in charge of the events.

Discussion Regarding – Summer Programming

Director Knautz stated that 60 children played in our Summer Basketball program and 116 participated in the Spring Soccer League. Even with the lack of lifeguards, overall, the aquatic center ran smoothly. Memberships were down with a total of 439 but we had 8,200 paid visits. We had to close 1 day during Labor Day weekend due to a call-off of a lifeguard bringing our staff below minimum standards. Carol Stream did not open that weekend because of the lack of available guards. Once College kids go back to school, it becomes a challenge to fully staff the pool. We have 47 kids enrolled in preschool and 108 kids in the PATH Before and After School Program. Due to District 16 bussing issues, there are kids on a wait list to join. Currently 123 kids participating in Fall Soccer and 33 for Fall Baseball.

Discussion Regarding – Upcoming Events/Projects

Director Knautz stated that the slope of path at Millennium Park is not ADA compliant nor is the playground equipment ADA accessible. We will be working to update this park and make it ADA accessible. Willie the Whale will be replaced before the start of next summer. Director Knautz also stated that we will be putting out an RFP for the 2023 cricket season. Director Knautz announced that Oktoberfest started September 15th and runs through the 25th. The Car Show and Community Garage sale will be held on September 18th. The Fishing Derby and Harvest Fest will be held at Heritage Park on October 1st. The Health and Safety Fair will take place at the Sports Hub on October 5th.

Discussion Regarding – Other

Director Knautz stated that there is a leak in the Camera Park bathrooms and one of the toilets has been busted and a panel of the playground equipment has been damaged. Middle school kids have been an issue at Camera Park and we are working on resolving this by setting up temporary cameras at the park.

Jeannette asked for an update on the Community Garden and Director Knautz stated this project is currently on hold. District 16 went out to bid on the project and the bids came in four times higher than what we have budgeted. This project will go out to bid in October with other projects the school is bidding-out. Adding the Community Garden to their other projects may decrease the cost. Director Knautz will be looking into a 30-year lease agreement for the lease of the land for the Community Garden.

Adjournment

The Committee moved to adjourn, by voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.