

Recreation Museum Committee Meeting Minutes
Conference Room, 1215 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL
Monday, December 12, 2011 - 8:30 AM

1. Roll Call

Chair Bob Patton called the meeting to order at 8:32 am and the roll was called.

Commissioners/Official Staff and Guests Present: Commissioners: Bob Patton, Charlie Kuhn, Angie Katsamakakis, Bill Casey, Dan Peterson; Chuck Balling, Executive Director; Robert Quill, Superintendent of Leisure Services; Todd Price, Director of Wagner Farm; Jason Hickman, Director of Recreation Services; Amy Watson, Manager, Aquatic Services; Denise Blinick, Manager of Rentals & Customer Service; Kathleen McInnis, Manager of Health & Fitness; Cheryl Noll, Recording Secretary.

2. Wagner Farm

A. Farmers Market Report

Staff provided a brief report on the 2011 Farmer's Market. This was the 5th year and attendance was up by 44% since 2006, but down 200 from last year due to weather. This is the first year the Farmer's Market had to be closed to due to high winds and heavy rain. The Link Card was implemented with a matching funds program made available by private donations only, no State money was used. Staff is looking for more donors for next year. A Power Point presentation and graphs will be available at the December 22 board meeting.

Bill Casey arrived at 8:35 am

B. Community Garden Program Proposal

In response to interest from the residence to the board in the fall, the community garden at Wagner Farm was discussed. It has 20 plots now with 5 on a waiting list. Staff has done the research of other communities and went over the proposal to use one acre of land divided into almost 100 plots for the community usage. There is such a competition for water, to elevate that problem, staff would irrigate the plots and went over the diagram of the watering. Each week staff would guarantee a 1.5 inch of rain. No hoses would be allowed, buckets only. Program would be different that what is currently offered, not an air loom program and no seeds would be provided. An integrated pest management policy will be in effect. Cost is yet to be determined; Staff would expand the educational programs with it. It would be begin with a two year trail program to determine cost and expectations. Although programming is done in this area now, staff feels it is a good trade off. The plots will be fenced to keep the public out, perhaps usage of a swipe card to enter. Commissioner Casey would prefer the site be in Gallery Park. Staff will send a note to the interested residents to inform them of the board's decision to move forward with this programming.

Angie Katsamakakis arrived at 8:39 am

3. Outdoor Pools - Interim Financial Report

Staff reviewed the outdoor pool financials. The 2011 outdoor pools season was very warm again this year and was a benefit to the financial performance. Unfortunately, there were two significant storms which account for large expenses above and beyond what would be considered normal. Once these insurance claims are settled, the final net position of the pools will be determined. The Park District is investigating purchasing natural gas generators for the entire district.

4. Annual Recommendations

A. Outdoor Pools

Very few changes are being proposed. There are minimal price increases recommended for the early bird pass sales program. Staff is trying to keep the prices down to reflect the economy and balance with the future pricing. Staff is looking into offering a get it pass discount when a membership is purchased. A get it card amount is for the household.

Items needing attention:

- **Swim lap information is included in Splash Landing Annual Recommendations and should be added to outdoor pools to set a standard**
- **Look into ways to expand the diving program**
- **Rules #2 and #4 state: cancel due to weather, change to add safety concerns and mechanical issues**

Dan Peterson left at 9:23 am

B. Recreation - Park Center

Staff discussed the minor changes to the Park Center operations annual recommendations. Most of the changes were in language clarifications. The only substantive fee increases are being proposed for the "Platinum" Fitness membership package and our personal training packages. There are over 4,000 member at Fitness with 752 being Platinum members, 22%.

Items needing attention:

- Page 4, Item D, Number 5 - remember
- Page 8, Item V, Letter G - change to read NorthShore Health System at Park Center

C. Park Facility Operations

After committee discussions last month, staff revised the annual recommendations to reflect the intent for rentals within Gallery Park. Staff is recommending that no more than 8 large events be allowed in the park each year. This limit is designed to ensure that the park also remains available to the community and casual user.

5. Park Center Parking Grid

Staff reviewed a "draft" parking matrix and key that will be refined prior to distribution to facility users. Staff will work with marketing to produce a nice document as part of a public relations campaign. Commission Kuhn suggested we color code the parking stripes to indicate where the park district patrons can park. It was suggested that lettering the isles and putting flags on the poles would serve the purpose.

6. Construction Update

Due to time constraints this topic was not discussed.

7. Other Business

Annual Donations, Grants, Sponsorship and Advertisement Report were reviewed. The numbers have almost doubled from last year. Several grants are shown and caused the increase. In this economy the district is continuing to do an exemplarity job looking for other revenues.

Items needing attention:

- Check on Ace and Dominick's Cards donations for Senior Center.

Commissioner Casey moved that all items be approved an placed on the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuhn.

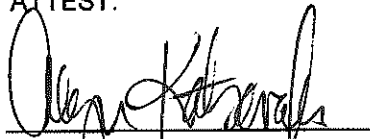
11. Executive session (if necessary, possible topics)

- A. Land acquisition/lease or sale
- B. Personnel (to be determined)
- C. Litigation


12. Adjourn

Commissioner Patton moved seconded by Commissioner Kuhn to adjourn at 10:00 am. On Voice Vote: All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Angie Katsamakos
Board President



Charles T. Balling
Board Secretary

Approved this 22nd day of December, 2011