

RECREATION/MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Administrative Offices
1930 Prairie Street
Glenview, IL 60025
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2012 @ 9 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Chairman Kuhn called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and the roll was called.

Commissioners/Official Staff present: Commissioners Katsamakos and Kuhn; Chuck Balling, Executive Director; Robert Quill, Superintendent of Leisure Services; Jason Hickman, Director of Recreation; Todd Price, Director of Wagner Farm; Steve Swanson, Director of The Grove; Lorin Ottlinger, Assistant Director of The Grove; Amy Watson, Manager of Aquatic Services; Cheryl Noll, Recording Secretary

Commissioners/Official Staff absent: None

2. Agenda Topics

A. The Grove

i) Villa Redeemer Land Purchase:

Steve confirmed the closing was complete on the land parcel and reviewed the development schedule distributed in the meeting.

ii) Grant Reimbursements Status:

Bills have been submitted but the State billing is delayed for a month because they don't have their account numbers yet. A district wide spreadsheet has been developed for any future grant process. Chuck Balling indicated a ceremony with the Department of Natural Resources has been tentatively scheduled for the Grove Fest on October 7. Confirmation of the date will take place after the district receives the reimbursement.

iii) Milwaukee Avenue Left Turn Lane:

This project has been approved and scheduled to start this week, staging has not begun yet. An email will go out when it starts. The project should only take a couple of weeks to complete.

iv) Tree Removal Progress:

By the end of this week, 214 dead trees will have been removed from the site. Staff is working with Clean Cut Tree Service who was awarded a unit cost bid at the July meeting. Most of the wood is being cut into firewood as staff uses about 20 cords a year.

v) Staff Report:

Lorin went over the school visitation document passed out in the meeting. During two weeks in March, the schools are not allowed to take field trips due to ISAT testing. This resulted in lower school visits. Staff will be offering a home school program for those two weeks.

vi) Other:

4111 Kennicott has applied for a permit to put a septic in front of the lot. Staff feels it is inappropriate and has sent a letter to the environmental committee to protect the integrity of

The Grove. Staff met with the VOG at the site and they were surprised at the poor conditions of the work site. Staff will attend the ERC hearing and keep the Board updated on any decisions made or recommended.

Staff is going to the State Fair to display snakes and accept an award on behalf of the Park District this week.

The Grove now has a History and Science Club to do research. They found recently that after the Lincoln Douglas debate, the next person to take the stage was Dr. Kennicott.

Lorin and Steve left at 9:28 am

B. Recreation and Pools

i) Camp and Pool Statistical Reports

Jason Hickman went over the reports distributed prior to meeting. Staff will do an analysis on these numbers in September. Amy Watson went over the pool documentation distributed in the packet showing season passes down by 111 compared to 2011.

ii) Park Center Project Updates

- Splash Landings is in the 2nd week of shut down for deep cleaning.
- Monday marks the beginning of the interior redesign of the Fitness Center and locker rooms. All flooring will be replaced, the space will be repainted and the equipment will be rearranged to allow for more efficient use and a dedicated stretching area.
- Lakeview Room will receive a top to bottom redesign including, new ceiling tiles, carpet, chair rail, bar top, window dressing and stage curtains. The sound system has already been replaced.

C. Wagner Farm

i) 4-H Program Update:

Todd reviewed recent activities of the 4H Club. At the Lake County Fair they took 32 live stock and over 90 general projects. A rebuilt tractor took the Fair's top prize and they won grand champion lamb and top dairy prize.

ii) Silo Project:

This project was started in February. Several complicating factors involving the stairs have caused a delay. Workers are hanging the exhibit panels now and we are almost ready to open the exhibit.

iii) Grant Reimbursement Status:

\$138,000 was awarded to the farm for five capital projects last year. These projects are now nearly complete and billing to the State will take place in the next quarter.

iv) Farmer's Market:

This past Saturday 2,014 people attend – 11,282 have attended year to date with those numbers being conservative. Opening day was third highest of all time.

v) Garden Plots:

Staff is very pleased with the program as are the gardeners. Gardeners and FM vendors donate surplus to the Northfield Pantry. Staff will make the media aware of the donations. Staff will consider reconfiguration of the plots to fit more people in the future. Next year we will have to raise the price to cover costs.

Chuck noted the team effort to get the project started and the huge success, being the first with an irrigation system in this area. The team effort that took place and the lot of work that went into it is very much appreciated. The Northfield Township Food Pantry is very pleased with the produce donated from the garden plots and the vendors. The link program is also a huge success.

vi) Building Improvements:

All farm buildings are all being painted this fall.

vii) Staff Report:

Todd has been accepted into an invitation-only certificate program at the leadership school at U of I. It is a two year course and covers many different aspects of agriculture.

D. Other Business

At the Air Station Prairie, there is a long rectangular piece of land that the developer to the west has rights to. With no plan for development, it is being transferred back to the VOG who is proposing that it be added to the current ASP site. Staff will bring more detail and a recommendation to the committee as soon as the Village has completed the necessary work. . The cardinal triangle is being considered for transfer to the park district as well.

3. Matters from the Public

None

4. Committee Recommendation(s)

None

5. @ Adjourn to Executive Session—Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 et seq. possible topics on Minutes (sub-section c21), Litigation (c11), Land Acquisition/Lease (c5 & c6)

None

6. Action on items that were discussed in Executive Session, if any

None

7. Adjourn

Commissioner Kuhn moved seconded by Commissioner Katsamakakis to adjourn the Open Session at 10:15 am. On Voice Vote: All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

Robert J. Patton
Board President

Charles T. Balling
Board Secretary

Approved this 23rd day of August, 2012