

**SCHILLER PARK RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 14, 2020**

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Inendino

ROLL CALL

Fanselow, Inendino, Pretzie and Russ are present.

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Inendino moved 2nd Fanselow to accept the minutes as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

*At 6:28 p.m. Board Member Rocco Pretzie left the meeting due to a Recreation Department youth baseball game

FINANCE

Fanselow moved 2nd Russ to accept January 2020-2 bills for payment as presented
Russ moved 2nd Fanselow to accept February 2020 bills for payment as presented
Russ moved 2nd Fanselow to accept February 2020-2 bills for payment as presented
Fanselow moved 2nd Russ to accept March 2020 bills for payment as presented
Russ moved 2nd Fanselow to accept March 2020-2 bills for payment as presented
Fanselow moved 2nd Russ to accept April 2020 bills for payment as presented
Russ moved 2nd Fanselow to accept April 2020-2 bills for payment as presented
Fanselow moved 2nd Russ to accept May 2020 bills for payment as presented
Russ moved 2nd Fanselow to accept May 2020-2 bills for payment as presented
Fanselow moved 2nd Russ to accept June 2020 bills for payment as presented
Russ moved 2nd Fanselow to accept June 2020-2 bills for payment as presented
Russ moved 2nd Fanselow to accept July 2020 bills for payment as presented

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bealer discussed the Clock Tower Park Expansion with the Board. He stated the new play equipment is being installed, parking lot, rain and pollinator gardens, landscaping and various park amenities are all close to completion. Project is progressing well and close to being complete. Mr. Bealer mentioned there are six flag poles at Clock Tower Park and they are available for sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500.00/each for purchase and installation.

Director Bealer spoke with the Board regarding the Dooley Park project. The Board reviewed two color schemes for playground equipment and agreed on moving forward with one selection. He informed the Board on July 8 there was a public bid opening for the Dooley Park project renovation with four contractors bidding on the renovation project. Director Bealer stated the low bid was within the estimates for this project and during the July 16 meeting, the Village Board will vote on approving the bid and awarding the contract. He reminded the Board that the Village received a check for \$267,000 from the Illinois Tollway Authority to cover costs of the Dooley Park renovation project due to the park being used as a staging area for the Illinois tollway work. Mr. Bealer stated the renovation completion date is October 31.

Mr. Bealer spoke to the Board about the removal of the old play equipment at Dooley Park and explained we are using an organization called "Kids around the World" and this organization will come to Dooley Park to remove the equipment for free, haul it away, then reinstall it in a poverty-stricken community. The Board Members liked that concept.

Director Bealer spoke to the Board regarding the FYI budget and current capital items. He stated due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Recreation Center closed on March 16 with our revenue dropping severely, all programs ended abruptly and furloughed all part-time employees. He stated last year at this time we had 7 full-time and 130 part-time seasonal employees. Currently the Recreation Department is working with 7 full-time employees along with 3 part-time employees. He informed the Board that he mentioned to the Village he would eliminate his budget items this year to cut costs.

Director Bealer spoke to the Board about the recent announcement made by School District 81 Superintendent Kimberly Boryszewski regarding what the 2020-2021 school year will resemble this year. The schools will be on an "A" & "B" schedule with kids going two days a week and 3 days of remote learning. The "A" schedule children will be attending on Monday & Tuesday, all children off Wednesday for cleaning and disinfecting, then "B" schedule children attending Thursday & Friday. Superintendent Boryszewski also announced the Kids Klub program will not be offered at the schools. After the announcement from Superintendent Boryszewski regarding our after school Kids Klub program not being able to use the school district facilities, Mr. Bealer had a conference call with Superintendent Boryszewski and Village Manager Dave Strahl discussing other possible options for an alternative program to include child care and E-learning assistance. Director Bealer and Recreation Supervisor Bernie Panzica met with the library Director, Tina Setzer regarding the possibility of using the library as an off-site facility to host an alternative after school program.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Bealer spoke to the Board regarding the youth baseball programs. Rocco Pretzie who manages the league reached out to parents and had enough interest to begin a mid-summer league. The parents signed waivers consenting to all new COVID-19 guidelines and baseball rules. Due to unknown times and the program having the financial support by the recommendation of Director Bealer and Rocco Pretzie the Board agreed not to charge a fee for this session. Recreation Supervisor Bernie Panzica spoke to the Board about offering an alternative program to include child care and E-learning assistance.

Director Bealer mentioned several Village events that have been cancelled due to the pandemic. He spoke to the Board in regards to the possibility of offering a "Drive in Concert" at the Metra Station on Friday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. and is also in the process of coordinating a "Drive-in" movie with an inflatable screen at the Metra station this summer. He mentioned the Library staff is thinking about planning a reading night for families and some other events like "Family Painting in the Park". The Recreation Department is currently working on six walking mile trails for the residents to enjoy around town and discussing summer in the park outdoor family classes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Bealer instructed Office Manager Renee Kornau and Recreation Supervisor Bernie Panzica speak to the Board regarding their operation reports. Park Superintendent Dave Lemar was not in attendance at the meeting and Director Bealer spoke to the Board on his behalf regarding his park report. Most of Director Bealer's report was discussed under "Old Business" and "New Business" however the only topic that was not discussed from his report was the announcement that the Recreation Center opened to the public on Monday, July 13 with modified guidelines.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Fanselow moved 2nd Russ to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON 

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