

Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
February 22, 2021

**Village of Homer Glen
14240 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491
Village Board Room**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Beth Rodgers.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Present at 6:00 p.m. were Co-Chair Beth Rodgers, Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino, members Dale Janssen, Ed Cryer, Bob Kman, Marty Pavlik, Dan Kenney, Regina Robinson and Russell Knaack.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Communications and Recreation Services Coordinator Amy Blank, Community Events Coordinator Sue Steilen, Facilities Manager John Robinson and Assistant to the Village Manager Matt Walsh.

4. Approval of Minutes.

a) September 21, 2020

Member Kman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Committee meeting; seconded by Member Cryer. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

There were no amendments.

6. Public Comment.

None.

7. Reports from Co-Chairs.

Trustee Rodgers stated she was happy to be back meeting and excited about the event prospects for 2021.

8. Old Business.

a) Consider a Motion to Recommend Approval of the Proposed Special Events and Recreation Programs for 2021.

Co-Chair Pazmino made a motion, seconded by Member Janssen.

Assistant Walsh presented an overview of the proposed calendar and supporting documents. Coordinators Steilen and Blank answered questions from the Committee. There was discussion about marketing the events via a recreation-specific mailer in the spring.

Member Cryer asked for details about the Market in the Glen. Coordinator Steilen explained the variety of offerings that will be present and the schedule. Member Knaack has some suggestions about denying certain vendors and securing the market area. The Committee was in full support of the proposed schedule.

9. New Business.

a) Discussion of Rental Policies and Private Special Events at Village Parks.

Co-Chair Rodgers stated she discussed the topic with other Trustees and there was little support for private events to take place at this time. She added that the past disc golf tournament was an exception because it highlighted the new course and was also open to staff working with local schools on events.

Members Cryer and Kenney agreed that other local governmental bodies using parks for community-centered events would make sense. Member Knaack asked how it works when residents set up at a pavilion and claim the space for the day. There was some discussion about how the first-come, first-serve process works currently. Manager Robinson mentioned the courts have signage that indicates that there is hour limit for use when someone is waiting.

Member Kenney shared concerns he had heard from residents about disc golf players and their behavior. Assistant Walsh and Manager Robinson listed some of the measures taken to address complaints and stated that there have been few concerns since. Co-Chair Rodgers added that cameras are being installed at the park to help police.

Assistant Walsh clarified that the Village events was going to be approved by the Village Board, and this private event discussion would not go before the Board.

10. Reports and Communications from Staff.

a) Facilities Manager Update

Manager Robinson went in to detail about the cameras that were being installed at Heritage Park and explained the challenges of putting cameras in the other neighborhood parks. Robinson also provided an update on the winter checklist regarding equipment to ready the staff for the busy season.

b) Assistant to the Village Manager Update

Assistant Walsh provided a brief update on the park signage and branding project. Co-Chair Rodgers asked about the status of disc golf signage. Member Kman recommended that park signs include a village email address.

11. Committee Member Updates.

Coordinator Blank shared that she and Coordinator Steilen have some ideas about the Active Core sensory garden and they have reached out to master gardeners for help. There was some discussion about a Homer Glen gardener's group. Manager Robinson added that Stonebridge Park plantings could use some assistance as well. Co-Chair Pazmino recommended that the Environment Committee should be involved.

12. Adjournment.

Member Kman made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Member Cryer. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Matt Walsh
Assistant to the Village Manager