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Regular Committee/Board Meeting of the

Board of Commissioners

CHICAGO RIDGE PARK DISTRICT

April 14, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

President Pratl called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm.

ROLL CALL

The following commissioners were present: Commissioners, Crout, Lind, Conrad, Pratl.

Also present was Director King.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC/STAFF WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There was no one to address the Board.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair Report

Commissioner Crout reported that she and Director King met and interviewed staff that was interested in the Ball Fore supervisor position. They will put them on and see how things work out in the next few weeks. She also commented that although she was not present at the Easter Egg Hunt, she heard many good comments regarding the event and complimented the staff on a job well done. President Pratl also gave his compliments to the staff.

Director's Report

Commissioner Crout asked Director King if he had any information regarding his negotiations with Oak Lawn's Centennial Pool. He responded that although he is talking with them it looks like 10-12pm is the best they can do at the moment. Commissioner Crout commented that she has also talked with them to express her dissatisfaction with the hours offered.

Director King said that if Centennial Pool does not work out, Day Camp will utilize the Lily Pad more.

Director King reported that the kites have been ordered for the Kite Fly event that is scheduled for May 8.

He reported that baseball opening is the 24th of April. The Ring of Honor wrestling event is also scheduled for that day. Tony Tots is winding up their year and planning for their year-end events.

Day Camp coordinators have been working on the summer program.

They have sent out letters to former staff and should know by next week how many will be returning this year.

The Board was given the revenue report for Ball Fore. Director King informed the Board that their advertising for Ball Fore is now on the Toyota Park billboard which is visible from I294 and I55.

In regard to the Salute to Ridge Kids event, Director King opened discussion regarding the proposed fee for non residents. After some discussion, The Board agreed to keep this event free for the Chicago Ridge residents but charge the non residents an admission fee of \$10.

This would be evidenced by different colored wrist bands which would then give them access to all the attractions.

Proof of residency or park ID would be required.

Notice of this change will be given to the residents through flyers, cable and possibly the summer brochure.

Commissioner Crout asked about the success of the on-line registration process. Director King said it was going well and people are utilizing it.

The Board was given some activity pages to be posted on the Chicago Ridge web site Go Green Kids Page for their review. Director King commented that Tillie Grimberg has been working on these and complimented her on doing a good job reporting to the Board that there have been over 1,000 hits on them.

Commissioner Conrad

also expressed his compliments on her work in this area.

Director King commented that they will need to add information on proper swim attire in the next brochure for the Lily Pad. The Board discussed the rental of the Lily Pad. After review of the permit requests that have come in it has become apparent that rentals of this facility would not be feasible and therefore the Board agreed that rentals would not be offered.

There will be notice of this in the summer brochure.

Other permit requests were given to the Board for their review. Commissioner Conrad addressed the Board regarding possibly sponsoring an outing for the deaf group his daughter is affiliated with. He requested that the Park District be responsible for providing the inflatables, tents and super cookers at Freedom Park.

The group would bring their own food. It is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 from 9:30am to 1:30pm and there would be approximately 300 deaf children with 125 chaperones.

He commented that these children would be coming from all over the state through the Southwest Cooperative organization.

Commissioner Crout asked if the Southwest Coop could provide the district with a certificate of insurance naming the Park District as additional insured.

Commissioner Conrad said he would ask them.

Commissioner Pratl expressed concern about liability and suggested conferring with Attorney Stillman.

Director King commented that by having a signed

permit request, we are covered as far as liability but that it wouldn't hurt to check into a certificate of insurance from the Southwest Coop.

Additional port-o-johns will need to be ordered for that day.

Upon affirmation of liability coverage, the Board agreed to sponsor the event.

Director King said he would contact Attorney Stillman to see what is needed in the way of liability paperwork and/or formal approval.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Report

Commissioner Conrad reported that the staff is working on the cutting and keeping up with the fields. They will begin putting in the score card stands at Ball Fore this week. Sportsfields, Inc. was out and rolled the fields at Menard.

Everything is ready for the season.

Commissioner Conrad commented that they will need to hire a couple of workers for the summer.

Commissioner Conrad also reported that the new picnic tables have been ordered and they should start arriving in a week or two.

As was expected, two new roof top HVAC units were replaced at Freedom. The maintenance staff will be putting in digital thermostats for these units for better efficiency and to reduce energy costs.

Cost

for these would be around \$200.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Report

Commissioner Lind had nothing to report. President Pratl commented that they will wait until a future meeting to determine the amount they will be donating to the Chicago Ridge Police Department.

Director King informed the Board to expect a tentative budget for the next meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chair Report

Commissioner Lind reported that there was a conflict with the Pitch Hit and Run event and Richard's baseball games, but it has been worked out.

Director King reminded the Board to mail in their Statement of Economic Interest by May 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need to enter into Executive Session.

ADJOURN

President Pratl called for a motion to adjourn at 9:08pm. Motion was made by Commissioner Crout and seconded by Commissioner Conrad.

All in favor, aye.

Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rob Lind

Rob Lind, Secretary

Chicago Ridge Park District

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Approved by the Board of Commissioners on this 12th day of □ May, 2010.

April 14, 2010

Thursday, 13 May 2010 10:19

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Secretary

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