VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 6, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Chairperson Jill Kelly, Dwight Bennett, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar. Also present was Trustee Liaison Robin Kelleher, Administrator John Lobaito, and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Mindy Nelson was absent.

Jeff Harwood entered the meeting at 6:09 pm.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approve Minutes of April 1, 2024 Special Meeting

Motion by Chairperson Jill Kelly and seconded by David Lauffer to approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2024, Parks & Recreation Commission Special meeting. Chairperson Jill Kelly, Dwight Bennett, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Leonard Park Walking Path

The Commission discussed the installation of a gravel path. Jeff Harwood will plan a pathway walk with Village Administrator John Lobaito for May 17, 2024, to evaluate the specs to be sent to perspective contractors to bid out the project. The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to vote on the bids at the June 3, 2024, Meeting, and forward the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for the June 19, 2024 Board Meeting.

Five Year Master Plan Discussion

A. Consultants

Dwight Bennett reported he had spoken to the original three consultants. The goal of hiring a consultant is to determine the best use of Eton Park based on what the community of North Barrington would like. He would like to engage a consultant to give the Commission a timeline of implementing the 5-year master plan for Eton Park. Dwight will update the Commission at the June 3, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. The Commission would like the Board of Trustees to approve the contract with the consultant at the July or August Board Meeting.

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Resident Survey Recap

The Commission was pleased with the community engagement from the resident survey. They felt they received a good response. It was noted that a total of 400 Village residents live in the Wynstone Community. The data showed a large interest from the community in the walking paths, pickleball courts, dog park and playground facilities. The Commission discussed sending out a postcard to residents announcing the four Summer Concerts as well as the Fall Festival. The events will also be posted on the Village Website, Village E-blasts, and the quarterly newsletter. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will order postcards to be printed and mailed to the residents.

Discussion of GAGA Court/Bike Racks

The Commission discussed the GAGA Court. The consensus was that the item was pricey for the budget. Chairperson Kelly would still like to include the GAGA Court in the plan. The Commission reviewed the packet information about the bike racks. They would like to install a bike rack and a new bench at Eton Park as soon as possible. Incremental improvements will show residents positive action by the Village. Sue Murdy will get the prices for purchase and shipping of a (8) slot bike rack and Jeff Harwood will get prices for a new bench.

Summer Concert Signage Review

New yard signs for the Summer Concert Series will be ordered by Sue Murdy. The Summer Concert banner will be hung on the backstop at Eton Park.

Old/New Business

The Commission stated they would like two additional small tents for Fall Festival. Village Administrator Lobaito will examine the tents currently stored in the Village garage.

Adjournment

Motion by Chairperson Jill Kelly and seconded by David Lauffer to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson Kelly, Dwight Bennett, Jeff Harwood, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaito, Village Clerk