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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 4, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Chairperson Jill Kelly, Jeff Harwood, David Lauffer, and Kasia Lazar. Also, present was Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Mindy Nelson was absent. Trustee Liaison Robin Kelleher attended via conference call.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approve Minutes of October 9, 2023 Meeting

Motion by Chairperson Jill Kelly and seconded by David Lauffer to approve the Minutes of October 9, 2023, Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Chairperson Kelly, Jeff Harwood, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Discussion of Resident Survey

The Commission discussed the format for the Resident Survey and a range of possible questions. It was agreed the survey would be short with multiple choice answers and would contain questions answered by rating the level of importance of issues by residents. A target completion date of January 15, 2024, was agreed upon. The questions would target demographics of the Village residents, level of use of Village parks, anticipated future park usage, event preferences, and comments. A general budget figure would be included on the survey material. The Commission stressed the purpose of the survey is to obtain feedback from the residents.

The Commission discussed work needed on the Leonard Park walking path, a more substantial base for the basketball court at Eton Park, improvements to the baseball and soccer field and whether the property near the Village Hall would be utilized as part of the Parks and Recreation long term plan. The possibility of pickle ball, and a dog park were discussed. A planned burn of the wetlands in Lafferty Park and Eton Park was mentioned.

Several online submissions to the Village Website by resident students were distributed to the Commission. The students were participating in a school project giving their input relating to Village Parks facilities.

A Village Parks Consultant would be engaged in 2024 to assist in the implementation of the Parks and Recreation long-term plan.

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Discussion of Village Owned Properties

Motion by David Lauffer and seconded by Jeff Harwood to table the discussion of Village Owned Properties to the next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. On voice vote, Chairperson Kelly, Jeff Harwood, David Lauffer, and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Discussion of Walking Paths

Motion by David Lauffer and seconded by Jeff Harwood to table the Discussion of Walking Paths to the next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. On voice vote, Chairperson Kelly, Jeff Harwood, David Lauffer, and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Old/New Business


The Commission would like new Fall Festival signs, as well as a banner. More visible locations of the placement of the signs were discussed. It was agreed volunteer T-shirts would be ordered from Think Ink in four different sizes. The idea of engaging a Fire Truck for the festival was well received. The possibility of sending out Fall Festival Save the Date cards was discussed.

Adjournment

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by,


John Lobaito, Village Clerk

