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VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 28, 2023
Community Center, 43 E. Quincy Street, Riverside, IL 60546
7:00 pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order—The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on August 28, 2023. Called to order 7:00 PM.

II. Roll Call—

Present: Elizabeth Kos
Colleen Incandela
John McGlennon
Sean O'Brien
Jen Dvorak

Absent: None

Also Present: Director Ron Malchiodi, Trustee Mateo, Program Coordinator Megan Siska & guests Dave & Beth Strong (402 Fairbank), Cathy & Mike Maloney (290 Scottswood), Sarah Magner (704 Selborne)

III. Approval of Minutes—July 24, 2023 Minutes: Approved with John McGlennon name change. Motion Colleen Incandela, seconded by Jen Dvorak.

IV. *Presentations and Public Comment*

A. Lacrosse Board: Elizabeth Kos spoke to resident (Cece Mooney) about interest in a lacrosse bounce back board in parks. Double sided, lacrosse facing out of tennis court and hit back on inside, attached to the fence. Boards exist that are made of wood. Thickness scale depending on use (lacrosse vs tennis.) Proposed location at Blythe tennis courts. Near the bike racks away from the playground. The board was interested in more research. Kos proposed to move into new business for the next meeting. McGlennon wanted to confirm there were not special provisions for the turf. Guests Dave & Beth Strong were interested in this as an option. Referenced cost and how it would fit in the budget. Research will be needed. Synthetic material boards exist, as well. Could utilize lacrosse side for both baseball and lacrosse, with two different aim boxes. Consensus to look into this further.

V. *Unfinished and Deferred Business*

A. Disc Golf Update:

McGlennon gave an update on what's been done in the last month. Multiple courses were toured during this time. The committee conducted a walk through and staked out the course. Stakes were removed and had to be replaced. The current version is version 1 of placement of the holes. Malchiodi referenced changes made since last week, all present have latest version of the map with the holes. Flagging taped stakes for tee box (1 ribbon) and baskets (2 ribbons.) The proposed course is 1850 linear feet (other courses are around 2300.) This course is considerably smaller, all holes are par 3, and it's a 9 hole course with 150-250 feet holes. Committee's plan is to go back 3 times, with potential re-staking next week. Malchiodi stated that current map version will be posted on FAQ page for feedback. Kos references Facebook post for sharing information about the map to direct where to give feedback. Dvorak referenced basket coating to mitigate noise. Malchiodi ensured different options will be explored. The post collar creates most noise, and a sleeve can be purchased. O'Brien notes that most holes are throwing away from the street rather than toward.

Dave Strong of 402 Fairbank has done a lot of research on sound reduction. Interested in sleeve for the pole and filling the pole with foam. Coating for chains doesn't seem to protect the noise. Rubberized solution for plier handles and could be utilized, but he is unsure how will it last in the elements. Hasn't found much of an answer to the chain noise. He is concerned about noise and head injuries. He referenced two specific rules he would like in place: no alcoholic beverages and no boom boxes. Kos referenced that no alcohol is allowed in the parks as well as amplified sound. Malchiodi state that these would be included on rules board for course at hole 1 with map and QR code specific to course, on top of signage already in place at the parks.

Cathy & Mike Maloney of 290 Scottswood stated that they are not concerned about the first 6 holes due to their proximity to the ball fields and tennis courts. They are concerned about 7-9 due to their location in the natural area and the scout cabin area. They are interested in this as a multi-phase plan with 6 holes

initially. Course would be contained by “active recreation park land.” They are also concerned about the environmental impact. There was an article referenced with concerns with disc golf and the environment based on time of year that will be passed along to the board electronically.

Kos wants to ensure the public knows to give feedback and when the feedback is needed by in order for the committee to reference it in any upcoming meetings.

B. RFP for Department Survey/Assessment/Master Plan:

Malchiodi stated it has been posted as of August 23, 2023. It has been posted in paper and emailed to firms. September 6 letter of intent is due back, and October 4 full proposals are due back. If there are not viable options, may have to go out again. Parties do not have to bid for all 3 phases. This was sent to rep that was met with years ago as well as two other firms that were recommended or worked with in the past. All firms with letters of intent will get list of questions with answers. Kos referenced email from Trustee Marsh-Ozga, and her suggestions were added. Specific vision and direction. Malchiodi states that by the next meeting letters of intent should be received.

C. 501c3 Update: None. Kos referenced another interested group to get it started. Malchiodi referenced scholarship for 2022-23 school year of \$12,000 for funding source.

D. Riverside Junior Woman’s Charity Philanthropy Project:

Sarah Magner of (704 Selborne) is here on behalf of Junior Woman’s. They are interested in designation to bike repair station. \$1500 designated. The maintenance for this project is low, \$30-\$40 annually, to replace parts and are created to be in the elements. There is a similar station used in Brookfield and no issues have been reported. There is roughly a 6 week time frame to get it installed and functioning. Surveyed 4 areas by Water Tower and North or South of tracks. Reference photos provided by Malchiodi. Malchiodi spoke with Village staff on locations, and 2 were decided upon; next to the Water Tower in existing concrete or S of the tracks next to the bike racks. The department would cover install costs. McGlennon confirmed no power required and that visibility from the street is good. Kos discussing visibility and pros and cons to both. More visible may be more used, but also stands out more. Brookfield’s location is next to existing bike racks. Incandela in favor of next to bike racks and near existing bike service location. Malchiodi will present South of tracks location at Village Board meeting. Motion O’Brien. McGlennon Second. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. *New Business*

A. Sand Volleyball Court:

Kos interested in sand volleyball based on feedback from the community throughout the disc golf conversation. No additional research has been done to this point i.e. location, cost, maintenance, management. Incandela wants to ensure all ideas are in line with department vision based on master plan. This could be included in RFP and data pulled by master plan firm. Malchiodi will reach out to North Riverside and La

Grange in the mean time to get some additional information. Kos concerned with waiting on master plan to move forward. Malchiodi expects timeline survey and analysis by end of next year. O'Brien interested in other ways to get the interest in this gauged beyond master plan. Kos referenced past boards issues with basketball courts. The board discussed options for basketball at RPC to rectify lack of basketball court availability in town. The board is working through an existing idea spreadsheet and determining what in the spreadsheet is actionable now. They are interested in a small community survey that references the ideas on the spreadsheet. McGlennon wants to add Lacrosse Board to this spreadsheet.

VII. *Program and Facility Updates*

A. Fall Programming Highlights:

Malchiodi says the brochure will be out early September. A popular class currently is adult water color, and the department will be adding oil painting. The department is currently offering lacrosse practices and games. Lacrosse is able to take place due to the 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade Fall Soccer leagues being canceled for low enrollment. Malchiodi referenced North Riverside co-op for 2023 Fall Soccer due to low enrollment numbers in North Riverside. North Riverside had to cancel their soccer program, and we were able to accommodate their residents within our program. Imagination station program will be starting back up this fall for indoor drop in play time. New exercise classes in the early morning. Pickle ball is in the works.

B. New Windows and Awning at Quincy Community Center:

Malchiodi says the blinds for the new windows will be here next week and signage for building is in with the Village signage approval. Malchiodi says that the lack of blinds hasn't been an issue to this point, but the option is still important.

VIII. *Director Report*

- A. Financial Report
- B. Operational Report
- C. Maintenance Report

IX. *Trustee Report*

Trustee Mateo referenced the budgeting currently taking place at the Village Board level.

X. *Chair Report*

Dark Sky Community. Thank you to McGlennon for the disc golf work. Next board meeting Tuesday, September 26.

XI. *Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned 8:30 PM. Motion O'Brien, seconded Incandela.