



MEETING MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Thursday, June 30, 2016

7:00pm

Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave

Members Present: D. Stein, B. Logan, J. Brown, D. Barreto

Members Absent: E. DeStefano, H. Garcia, R. Mayne, J. Bryan, D. Campbell

Staff Present: B. Dorneker, L. Hemingway, S. Levine, L. Biggs

Others Present: J. Harper, M. Korr, A. Kabins

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

With no quorum present, J. Brown called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of MAY 19

No quorum - Item held for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. Harper asked the Board to consider approving the creation of outdoor pickle ball courts in Evanston. He said this could be done by lining current tennis courts with pickle ball measurements using the tennis net. James Park courts would be the best location.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE PROJECT UPDATE

The Board received an update on the renovation project. On July 11 staff will recommend City Council approve the preferred plan for the Fountain Square Renovation Project and proceed with the development of contract documents for bidding.

STAFF REPORT / UPDATES

L. Hemingway introduced Karen Hawk who was promoted from the Recreation Manager at the Levy Center to Assistant Director of the department's Community Services Division.

The City will host a public meeting as part of Ald. Braithwaite's 2nd Ward meeting to provide an overview / update of planned improvements at Penny Park. D. Stein suggested that an overview / update also be scheduled at a Park and Recreation Board meeting.

The temporary dog beach has been a great success. So far this beach season we've given away 500 free 10 punch beach passes – up from 300 last year; 854 free season tokens to social agencies to distribute to their clients; and 623 free season tokens to qualifying individuals – more than double from last year.

There was an issue with construction workers parking in the Lighthouse Beach parking lot, taking spaces from beach users. Signs have been installed to deter this from happening - “This parking lot is for beach users only” and “No parking in the lot from 11pm to 8am”. Parking enforcement staff will also be on site.

July is National Park and Recreation Month. The department will celebrate by hosting a variety of free community events throughout the city. These events will showcase various department offerings and give the community the opportunity to participate and join in on the fun of National Park and Recreation Month.

Update on Board and Commission Consolidation

The Board received a copy of Ordinance 80-O-16 Amending Title 7, Chapter 9 of the Evanston City Code, which merges the functions of the Parks and Recreation Board and Citizen's Advisory Committee on Public Place Names into a newly established Parks, Recreation and Community Service Board. This ordinance was introduced at the June 27 council meeting and will be presented for action at the July 25 council meeting. The Board was asked to review and submit any questions or concerns by July 13.

ROBERT CROWN ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

No quorum - Item held for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:20PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on July 21, 2016 at the Noyes Center.