



**WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT**  
**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
*Monday, August 12, 2019*  
*Village Hall Training Room*

**Attendees Present**

---

Commissioners/Committee: Chair, Mike Murdock, Cecilia Clarke  
Staff: Emily Guynn

Staff: Director Steve Wilson, Jeff Groves, Carol Heafey, Joey Sanchez, Jason Stanislaw

**Attendees Absent**

---

Todd Shissler Jerry Ulrich

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

---

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

---

- A.** Commissioner Clarke moved and Commissioner Murdock seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting; all voted yes, **the motion carried.**

**III. Communications and Correspondence**

---

Commissioner Murdock acknowledged an email from Anna Connolly who was seeking a season pass option for the beach and pool for a half season. After discussion, the Committee agreed that such an option should not be created due to the request.

**IV. Recognition of Visitors**

---

The Attendance Sheet will become part of the permanent record.

Sophie Candido, 1221 Colgate Street, expressed sentiments previously emailed in regards to permanent washrooms at Thornwood Park. Specifically, she expressed concern of non-park users such as workers, taxi drivers and Uber drivers would increase and be of concern to parents who send their children to the park alone to develop independence skills. She recounted a recent event where she witnessed someone pull up on Kenilworth Avenue, hop out and use the portable restroom, and then get back in his car and leave so she wanted to make sure the District knew that it would not only be park users taking advantage of restrooms in the park. She also stated that parents have expressed concern about letting their children use permanent washrooms as they won't know who is in them at any given time. She also expressed concern about them being left open at night and teenagers hanging out in them. Commissioner Murdock asked staff if the Village has made any determinations about above ground structures and generators, and Director Wilson informed the committee that the Village had not as of yet.

## **V. New Business**

---

### **A. Canal Shores Request for Landscape Improvements**

Director Wilson stated that due to recent actions by the MWRD to hold the Canal Shores board to follow the terms of their lease more closely, that the board of Canal Shores has brought their request for a landscape improvement to the District to seek approval from MWRD per the terms in both the Canal Shores and District leases with the MWRD. In the past, such improvements were not brought to the District, but should have been per the lease terms. Staff indicated they felt the improvements were acceptable and should be approved. The Committee agreed and approved staff seeking the MWRD's approval. The Committee also agreed that staff should facilitate such requests in the future without the Committee's involvement unless the requested improvements are of a significant nature.

### **B. Permanent Bathrooms at Parks**

Superintendent Guynn provided the committee a summary of each park showing their usage throughout the year, the portable washrooms at each park, and even an estimate of resident versus non-resident usage of the parks. Commissioner Murdock asked if the information is available to the public. Staff responded yes. Director Wilson stated that the next step is to speak with our fellow Park Districts and see how people are determining how they put washrooms in parks and will report back when we know more. Commissioner Murdock asked if we will have closure on this topic before we finalize an agreement with the Village regarding storm water. Director Wilson answered we will prior to an intergovernmental agreement being solidified.

## **VI. Managers' Reports**

---

### **Jason Stanislaw (Manager) reported on the following topics:**

- Pirate Tennis Camp concluded with 320 pirates over all sessions, up about 10% from the prior year
- Today is the lottery deadline for all registration
  - Currently at 416 participants, 3 short of last year
- The four original courts and decking around the hut were resurfaced as well as had the screens tightened
  - Will likely do a refresher for the screens around the holidays due to our heavy use
- Paddle will have 21 teams in the men's league, 3 more than last year
- Paddle will have the same number of teams in the women's league as last year

### **Emily Guynn (Superintendent) reported on behalf of Carol Heafey (Manager) on the following topics:**

- After School Recreation if full with 260 at the Community Center and 24 at Centennial leaving no one on the wait list

### **Jeff Groves (Manager) reported on the following topics:**

- Camps ended last Friday
- Specialty Camps began today

- Deep cleaning of early childhood and fitness ongoing during the next weeks
- Gymnastics camps ended and the one day Beat the Heat classes are going the next two weeks

**Sean Flynn (General Manager) reported on the following topics:**

- At the ice rink, the last week of hockey camp is ongoing
- August 17 will be the annual skating exhibition
- The next two weeks, Extension Camp is happening at Centennial
- In the next couple weeks hockey tryouts will take place
- This school year, the downstairs multipurpose room will host an After School Recreation class

**Joey Sanchez (Manager) reported on the following topics:**

- The pool hosted a masters swim meet in July and are looking to do another one next year
- Lessons successfully wrapped up recently and good feedback has been received
- Our team of lifeguards took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the annual lifeguard games
- The end of season schedule begins soon
- We certified 14 new lifeguards to get us through the end of the season

**VII. Unfinished Business**

---

None

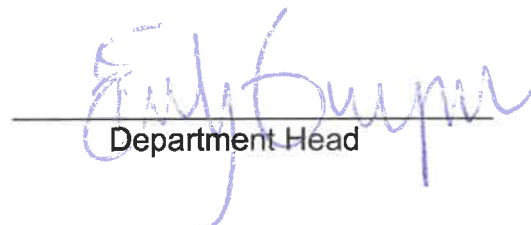
**VIII. Adjournment**

---

There being no further business to conduct, the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Minutes Approved on October 15, 2019

  
Committee Chair

  
Department Head