



**Wilmette Park District
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 4, 2022
5:30 p.m. – Mallinckrodt “Big Room”

Attendees Present

Commissioners/Committee: Chair Patrick Duffy and Commissioner Kara Kosloskus

Staff: Executive Director Steve Wilson, Superintendent of Recreation Emily Guynn and Superintendent of Parks and Planning Kristi Solberg

Visitors: Walter Keats, Laurie Leibowitz and Thomas Scanlan

Absent

Commissioner Allison Frazier

I. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. March 7, 2022

Commissioner Kosloskus moved and Commissioner Duffy seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2022 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

By a unanimous voice vote, **motion carried.**

III. Communications and Correspondence

None.

IV. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors

Commissioner Duffy facilitated public comment. The Attendance Sheet will become part of the permanent record.

No one from the public chose to comment.

V. Managers' Reports

Manager Johnson Reported:

- The Center Fitness Club launched their Hustle 20 Program on February 1st. The goal is for patrons to reach 20 visits for the month. 32 CFC members checked in at least 20 times in March as compared to 30 in February.
- Staff at the CFC is collaborating with the New Trier Swim Team during their off-season by running dryland sessions for them offered Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

- In conjunction with the New Trier dryland partnership, staff has begun to offer a New Trier student and family membership at a discounted rate. So far, staff has sold 8 memberships.
- With respect to the satisfaction survey efforts, staff has added increased yoga and Pilates classes. The Pilates classes averaged 6 participants in March.
- Per Committee feedback, class announcements and marketing efforts will mention that this class was added as a result of feedback from our patron satisfaction survey.
- There is cross promotion currently between Centennial and the Center Fitness Club in which two Mobility Workshops were held for tennis athletes. The total attendance was 16 with very positive feedback. Staff hopes to run this weekly at Centennial.
- In February, there were a total of 825 memberships which increased to 935 in March. Overall, monthly visits are also up.
- At gymnastics, registration for the spring session has begun and is already 92% full. The Wilmette Gymnastics Team has had success so far at State meets, with a State All-Around Champion and three individual event champions so far. Summer camp registration is at 79% capacity and summer class registration will begin in May.
- There are 80 residents in the Mallinckrodt and of those 80 residents, 48 are members of Mallinckrodt. Overall, there are 268 memberships up from 251 in March.
- There are 88 participants registered for April classes at Mallinckrodt as compared to 93 in March.
- March program highlights at Mallinckrodt included:
 - Plants and Their Importance Discussion held on March 7th
 - St Paddy's Craft Hour held on March 9th
- Upcoming events at Mallinckrodt in March include:
 - April Reset Series – Weekly speakers scheduled to present on Healthy Eating, Mental Health, Meditation, and Back Health
 - Humanities Group scheduled to meet weekly on Wednesdays
- Spring/Fall:
 - Private Yoga Parties
 - Mallinckrodt Fall Fest

Commissioner Duffy asked if there is an age limit for the upcoming events at Mallinckrodt. Manager Johnson advised that the yoga parties and fall fest are open to all ages.

Manager Jayne Reported:

- Summer camp registration for residents opened on the 15th with over 4,700 registrations in the first day;
- Basketball concluded in the middle of March;
- Spring soccer will be starting this Saturday with about 1,100 participants;
- There were over 1,300 tickets sold for the Legally Blonde theater production;
- Spring break camps were held last week – There was one camp in Early Childhood for 2-5 year olds and a camp for Kindergartners through 8th grade;

- Special events include an egg hunt for kids and an egg hunt for dogs at Gillson Park taking place this Saturday.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Keay Nature Center – Verbal Update

Superintendent Solberg reported that staff held the first onsite meeting with GHA. There are some drainage issues at Keay Nature Center that staff hopes will be addressed through the path renovation. Staff expects the scope of the work from GHA by the end of this week to move forward. With respect to the nature play space, Superintendent Solberg reported that she has connected with a company by the name of Bienenstock. Bienenstock can help guide the Park District through the planning and implementation of a nature-based play space as well as source the products. They prefer to call these nature play spaces ecological restoration areas and use items on site, which would be ideal at Keay if any trees were removed because they would then be repurposed. Superintendent Solberg agreed with Commissioner Kosloskus in that the nature-based play spaces be incorporated along the pathway at Keay Nature Center similar to a fitness path bump out. There was a brief discussion as to what exactly would be included in the nature-based play spaces and how community outreach should be conducted. It was agreed that this topic be revisited next month once Superintendent Solberg has had the opportunity to meet with Bienenstock.

VII. New Business

A. Consideration of Indoor Cycling Bikes Bid

Superintendent Guynn directed the Committee to a memorandum included in the packet that detailed the bids received for the replacement of spin bikes at the Center Fitness Club. These spin bikes were budgeted for in the Capital Improvements Plan and include the replacement of twenty (20) Schwinn AC Power Indoor Cycling Bikes. The price shown includes the trade-in-value for the existing bikes, freight, delivery and installation. It is also within the original \$35,000 that was originally budgeted. As such, staff is recommending the approval of the bid from Heartline Fitness for \$34,732.59.

Commissioner Kosloskus asked if the package included instructor training. Manager Johnson confirmed training is included. It was further agreed these bikes would not be taken outdoors.

There was Committee consensus this bid be recommended to the full Board.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is May 2, 2022.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Kosloskus moved and Commissioner Duffy seconded a motion to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 7:02 p.m.

By a unanimous voice vote, **motion carried.**

Minutes Approved on May 2, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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