



CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes April 9, 2019



CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Key called the regular meeting of the Recreation Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Palos Heights Administration Center, 7607 W. College Drive. In attendance were Chairman Key, Alderman Bylut, Alderman McGovern, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, Recreation Director Matt Fairbanks, Lake Katherine Director Gareth Blakesley, and Recording Secretary Margaret Carey. Absent was Alderman Clifford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Key moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Alderman Bylut. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

LAKE KATHERINE REPORT

Lake Katherine Director Blakesley provided the Lake Katherine update:

- Staff have been working on the controlled burns.
- The dyeing of the waterfall event was a success. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Trinity students have been working around Lake Katherine.
- We are starting to promote the Nature & Arts Festival that will be held on Saturday, April 27.
- The Lake Katherine Annual Report will be published in the Regional on April 25th. Copies will also be available at Lake Katherine and at City Hall.
- Our volunteers are back; planting season has started.
- Staff have been working on the landscape around the kiosk sign. This was funded by a NICOR grant.
- We have been gathering quotes for a website redesign for Lake Katherine.

Alderman McGovern inquired about an anticipated completion date for the extension to the parking lot. Director Blakesley responded that completion is likely to occur in 2021. The engineer is currently working on the project.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT

The Committee welcomed Matt Fairbanks, the new Recreation Director. Matt introduced himself and provided a background on his education and experience.

Director Fairbanks provided the Parks & Recreation update:

- Palmer Park tennis courts will be painted when temperatures consistently reach at least 50 degrees. A “no pets” sign was posted on the gate to the courts.
- The OSLAD grant administrator emailed the acceptance document for signature.

- 2 slides were removed from Palmer Park because they were cracked. They will not be replaced due to the upcoming renovation.
- The pool deck project is coming along. Demolition of the concrete will be complete by end of the week. The project is on schedule to be completed by the end of May – before pool season begins.
- The summer brochure went out April 2nd. The Rec Center has been taking lots of calls for program registrations.
- The final draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is complete. It will be reviewed at the steering committee meeting on April 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve Palos Baseball Organization request for extended use of lighting on Pony Field and North Field on June 8 and 21, 2019 until 11:59 p.m. and for possible rain dates of June 26-28, 2019 until 11:00p.m.

Committee members discussed the request. We receive these requests every year and the requests are staggered. It would be better if we received all requests at once. Also, the time request is later than previous years. 11:59 p.m. is very late.

Director Fairbanks was directed to contact representatives of Palos Baseball to clarify the time request and explain any extenuating circumstances. Also, the Committee requested that a representative be present at the next meeting to answer questions.

The motion has been TABLED until the May meeting.

2. Community Park tennis court lighting. Director Fairbanks explained that the tennis court lights are not operational. He has begun gathering quotes for their repair. One quote was received from MarchOne for \$11,528.00

Chairman Key motioned to approve completion of the lighting project at a cost not to exceed \$11,600.00, seconded by Alderman McGovern. All in favor. Motion carried. **AGENDA**

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Bylut discussed the bike path stats. Cal-Sag bike path usage has dropped in 2018 as compared to 2017. This means that with the new parking lot, there will be plenty of parking for both Lake Katherine and the bike path. There will be less congestion and more room for buses.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Key moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Bylut. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED: 5-14-19

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Carey
Recording Secretary