



MEETING MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Thursday, December 15, 2011

7:30pm

Lorrain H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave, Rm. 2404

Members Present: L. Raffel, B. Logan, A. DiMarco, M. Casady, R. Mayne,
M. Metz

Members Absent: B. Burns, D. Stein, M. Sloane

Staff Present: D. Gaynor, B. Dorneker, P. Belcher

Presiding Member: B. Logan, President

Declaration of Quorum

With a quorum present, Board President B. Logan called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of November 17, 2011

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the November 17 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robert Crown Study -

No update at this time. Proposals are due by February 9, 2012.

Lakefront Master Plan -

No update at this time.

Work Plan Presentation -

M. Casady presented the Board's 2-year work plan at the December 5, 2011 Rules Committee meeting. Next step is to proceed with the work plan and provide a report to the Rules Committee – date to be determined.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff is finishing up the 2012 Summer Camp Guide, which should be ready for distribution in the next three weeks. Camp registration will begin in early February. The roller skating program is still going well. Staff will soon begin offering rentals for roller skating parties. Friends of Evanston Farmers Markets has established a new indoor Farmer & Artisan Food Market, 9am – 1pm on Saturdays from December 3, 2011 through April 28, 2012. This winter staff will install a portable ice rink at Ackerman Park and Baker Park in addition to having the traditional rink in the Dawes Lagoon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sale of Park Land / Open Space –

The L. Raffle presented the proposed ordinance to the Human Services Committee again at their December 5, 2011 meeting requesting that the Committee make a decision or provide direction. The Committee voted against the proposed ordinance and asked if the Board would consider making it a resolution. The Board voted to change the ordinance to a resolution and present it to the Human Services Committee at their February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Event Permit Policy Criteria -

Hold for the January meeting.

Recreation Program Fee Adjustments –

During the 2012 budget process, there was a proposed increase of \$350,000 in recreation program fees however Council voted to lower this amount to \$200,000 and directed the Park and Recreation Board and staff to determine which programs to allocate the fee increases. The Board reviewed and approved staff's recommendation for allocation of fee increases.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 8:40pm. The next scheduled meeting is 7:30pm January 19, 2012 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave.