



## MEETING MINUTES

### **PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Thursday, June 15, 2017

7:00pm

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.

Members Present: J. Bryan, H. Garcia, E. DeStefano, D. Campbell  
R. Mayne, J. Brown, D. Barreto

Members Absent: D. Stein

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, B. Dorneker

Others Present:

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#### DECLARATION OF QUORUM

With a quorum present, E. DeStefano called the meeting to order.

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### HARLEY CLARK PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

On June 26, 2017, Alderman Revelle will recommend, on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board and the Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee, that City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate a long-term lease agreement with Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens to operate an environmental education center and meeting/event space at the Harley Clarke property. The recommendation will include continuing to reserve the \$250,000 from the CIP budget allocated by the Council in September 2016 for improvements to the property

#### STAFF UPDATES

The Fog House improvement project is complete. The Penny Park rededication ceremony was very well attended. A Wibit (playground on water) was recently installed in Whiting, Indiana for approximately \$300,000. Staff will visit the site to get more information to determine if this is something we'd want to have in Evanston.

The City completed testing for lead at 59 park drinking fountains in the city. Eleven fountains tested above the EPA's action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) and have been shut off:

Brummel-Richmond Park, Brummel St. and Richmond Ave.  
Butler Park, Foster St. and Hartrey Ave.  
Clark Square, Kedzie St. and Sheridan Rd.  
Garden Park, lakefront north of Sheridan Square  
Larimer Park, Crain St. and Oak Ave.  
Leider Park (Ridgeville Park District), South Blvd. and Asbury Ave.  
McCulloch Park, Jenks St. near Eastwood Ave.  
Merrick Rose Garden, Lake St. and Oak Ave.  
Snyder Park, Kedzie St. and Judson Ave.  
Robert Crown Park (two fountains), Main St. and Dodge Ave. south baseball field and Lee St. and Dodge Ave. tennis courts

Fourteen Evanston social service agencies participated in the 2017 Beach Access/Free beach token program. Approximately, 600 tokens were given to the agencies for distribution to their clients. The department also provided 912 free beach tokens to qualified residents. Clark Street Beach is free for Evanston residents on Mondays from July 3 through August 28, 2017. The Mayor's Summer Recreation Program includes free beach admission for Evanston teens through a 10-punch pass. Over 250 punch passes have been given to teens. As of today we've sold 19,369 general beach season tokens and 492 dog beach passes.

At last month's meeting the Board requested information regarding money spent on Gibbs Morrison Cultural Center. Costs for general repairs so far have run between \$84 and \$110 thousand. The next improvement project (\$400,000) will go out to bid in July and will include addressing the storm water issues / flooding in the building and improving the site for programming functions.

Jalisco en Evanston is Thursday, August 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Evanston Township High School.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 7:50PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on July 20, 2017 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center.