

These minutes were corrected by the Park Board at its Meeting on September 19, 2011, as follows: Page 2, Item 5.1, Paragraph 5, Line 2 should read: "Mr. Campbell stated that **in years past, Spring Lake Sports League** would employ high school kids to be referees and umpires."; and, Page 3, Item 5.1, Paragraph 5, Last sentence should read: "Mr. Campbell stated that it is worth while for the younger referees to work the games so that they can learn **how to handle parents and coaches.**"

APPROVED September 19, 2011

MINUTES REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING August 15, 2011

Present: Ken Borgerding, Chairman – arrived 7:32 PM
Lee Campbell
Dan Hartman
Ron Previn
Brian Thornburg, Alternate
Karen Feldman, Trustee Liaison
Jennifer Hughes, Director of Public Works

Absent: Jamie Godshalk
Ted Heiser
Ken VanOverberghe
Troy Taylor, Facilities Supervisor

Location: Village Hall, One Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chairman Borgerding, Director Hughes called for a motion to appoint a Chair Pro-tem. Mr. Previn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thornburg, to appoint Mr. Campbell as Chair Pro-tem. The roll call vote was as follows: AYES: Messieurs: Campbell, Hartman, Previn, and Thornburg. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Chairman Bogerding, Messieurs Godshalk, Heiser and VanOverberghe. ABSTAIN: None. The Chair Pro-tem declared the motion carried.

Chair Pro-tem Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Director Hughes called roll and determined a quorum was present. Chairman Borgerding

arrived at 7:32 PM and took control of the meeting.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 A motion was made by Mr. Previn, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2011 Park Board Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

4.0 RESIDENT COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

4.1 None.

5.0 RECREATION

5.1 Continuing Consideration and Discussion of the Annual Review of the Lincolnshire Sports Association Field Usage Fees (Village of Lincolnshire)

Director Hughes introduced the matter by stating that Staff had conducted surveys of the Northwest Municipal Conference, American Public Works Association, and the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association. The purpose of the survey was to determine what municipalities charge athletic groups for the use of parks over a season. She stated that the survey showed that most fields are maintained by park districts or schools. These districts support the maintenance of the fields by taxes.

She stated that Lake Forest has a similar fee structure and rate as Lincolnshire. Based upon the results of the survey, Staff calculated what LSA would be charged at surrounding communities. The Park Board reviewed these calculations.

Director Hughes stated that the fees generated by field use permits do not cover the operating and maintenance cost of the park. She stated that the fees generate enough revenue to cover the commodity expenses, but not equipment, labor or debt service costs. The Village pays for these costs primarily out of General Fund revenues. This situation is similar to the revenue from the beach tags not covering the cost to operate Spring Lake Beach.

Mr. Campbell stated that LSA would employ high school kids to be referees and umpires. He said that the scheduling was done in house and was a lot of work. He inquired as to how many games are played in which LSA utilizes patched umpires and referees as opposed to alumni umpires and referees. Director Hughes

stated that LSA President Dave Keevins was notified of this meeting but was not in attendance. She stated that she was not sure of the split in umpire assignments. She stated that LSA had told her that the reason more patched umpires are being used is related to the management of games and fans. They believe that the older umpires bring a better presence. Mr. Previn stated that he believed the patched umpires were not necessary for all events. He stated that the younger referees can control the players and coaches, but that the parents have become more of a problem for these referees. Mr. Campbell stated that it is worthwhile for the younger referees to work the games so that they can learn.

Mr. Previn suggested that LSA contact Mount Prospect. He stated that he believes the rules there to be that parents cannot speak to umpires during games or they will be asked to leave.

Chairman Borgerding stated that he is hesitant to increase the fee but he doesn't believe that decreasing the fee is warranted. He stated that LSA is making a choice to hire the more expensive referees.

Trustee Feldman stated that the number of participants in LSA has been dwindling for five years. Although she believes that a \$10 reduction in fees might be too great, she thinks that a \$5 reduction might be appropriate. She stated that LSA is an all-volunteer organization and that it is hard to keep quality players. The kids are going to Deerfield even though she estimated that it costs \$30-\$50 more to play there.

Mr. Previn stated that he is favor of keeping the fee at the current level since the fields are expensive. He believes that a reduction of \$5-\$10 per participant will not have an impact.

Director Hughes suggested that one way to reduce costs would be to develop a reduced rate for programs such as one-week summer camps. Since the camps are only held for one week, the cost could be reduced from the \$35 per participant paid for seasonal use of the park. Mr. Campbell stated that because the weekly camps cause wear and tear on the fields, he was not inclined to create such a fee category.

The following motion was made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Previn:

MOTION: The Park Board recommends approval to the Village Board to maintain the per participant fee charged to the Lincolnshire Sports Association for soccer and baseball at \$35, as presented in Staff's memoranda dated July 14, 2011, and August 8, 2011.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYES: Chairman Bogerding, Messieurs: Campbell, Hartman, Previn, and Thornburg. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Messieurs Godshalk, Heiser and VanOvergerghe. ABSTAIN: None. Chair Bogerding declared the motion carried.

6.0 PARKS

None.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Update on the Lincolnshire Sports Association's Scoreboards at North Park (Village of Lincolnshire)

Director Hughes stated that the Mayor and Board of Trustees considered the Park Board's recommendation at their August 8, 2011 meeting. They will allow the scoreboard to remain through the remainder of the fall season. However, the sign must be secured to a backstop or put on ground-mounted posts to ensure the stability of the structure. The sign, or any additional signs, cannot be put up in the spring until they review it again.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Director Hughes stated that she will not be at the September 19, 2011 Park Board meeting as she will be attending the American Public Works Association conference.

8.2 Mr. Previn requested that Park Board members be assigned to inspect parks. Park Board members should send in a request for which park to which they wish to be assigned to Director Hughes prior to the next meeting.

8.3 Trustee Feldman asked about tennis lessons being conducted at Balzer Park. Director Hughes stated that this matter had been referred to the Police

Department. She will provide a status update for the next meeting.

9.0 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Previn, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was accepted by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Borgerding declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.
