Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs meeting of May 18, 2016. Meeting was opened at K.E. Ocker at 7:35 at the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane.

1. Call to Order:

Attendance: K.E. Ocker, M. Ryder, P. Manley, T. Stapleford, K. Russo, J. Courtney

Absent: K. Moody
Trustee Liaison: Richard Silver – Present

Others Present: Jimmy Connolly, John Delany, Andy Kraus, Scott Paskewitz, George Liberopoulos, Joe Gambino, Leo Stimmler, Al Vanasco, Ricci Massand, Jim Valenti, Joe Scattareggia, L. Kampe, S. Young, S. Espey, Ralph Suozzi

2. Disposition of Minutes of April 20, 2016, Motion was made by J. Courtney to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by M. Ryder and unanimously approved.
3. Deferred Matters: a. Shared Use of Facilities: S. Young passed out a handout of shared use of recreational facilities between the village and school district, showing what fields and facilities the school district uses and what the recreation department uses of the district. Staff will develop a specific request for school fields.
4. Announcements/Correspondence – none
5. New Business: - none
6. Other Business: a. Community Park Fields Renovation Status – The new turf baseball fields in field will be completed by the end of June. An installation of an underground drain system is completed in fields 3 and 4. b. Pool Bathhouse Renovation Status: Partitions in the bathroom and fixtures are very nearly finished, all tile work is completed, and there is a much better use of space. There will be advertising on the web site and local news for the 2 open house dates and preview day. The first adult and family party will be June 16. There have been 795 families who have joined the pool so far. c. Indoor Turf Facility – P Manley reported Garden City is trying to establish a newly created state of the art indoor sports facility. Some charge at least $45. An hour for a batting cage among other programs. The committee is still in the fact finding stage. The facility must be self-supporting and run as a business to be successful.
7. Reports: a. Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs – K.E. Ocker reported that the recreation strategic plans will allow for new irrigation in all the neighborhood parks. A liquid fertilizer has been put down in all athletic fields in the Village, with quick results in turf management. There will be new LED lights in the tennis center and BIDS will be following for Cluett Hall and Field House for improved lighting. Painting, resurfacing, window replacement, restroom rehabilitation, and

replacement back boards are all included in the improvements at Cluett Hall and Field House. Recommendations for rental fees for the senior center building will be on our website with rental opportunities.

b. Assistant Superintendent – E. Fronckwicz – absent

c. Any Commission member wishing to report:

1. M. Ryder commented on a need for tree pruning at Edgemere Park.

2. P. Manley – Mr. Manley made a report about the indoor turf subcommittee and the potential revenue. Mr. Manley asked that CP field #1 needed water as the infield is too dusty.

3. T. Stapleford- had questions about school district and village allocation of fields for shared use.

4. K. Moody – absent

5. K. Russo- no report

6. J. Courtney – asked about rental fees at the senior center. Mr. Ocker said fees and rooms available will be posted on the website.

Trustee Richard Silver - in reference to parking at St. Paul's Complex on a tournament weekend, Trustee Silver asked that diagrams be provided with parking spot issues near Ellis Hall be provided at the next meeting. Mr. Ocker said during normal activity parking at St. Paul's is not a problem. Trustee Silver congratulated the Recreation Commission on working on the strategic plan, planning together consulting and staying on budget. He congratulated the progress on the fields and bathrooms and renovations at the pool and Community Park. Mr. Ocker thanked the Board of Trustees for their affirmative votes.

8. Residents comment time – any comments can be made relating to agenda items.

Trustee Delaney asked if the new turf field will be large enough to be used for a few different sports. Mr. Ocker replied that no final decision has been made and yes it can be done, it is scheduled in the strategic plan for 2017-18 year.

Leo Stimmler had commented that staff parking at the pool should be parking away from the entrance to leave spaces for residents who need better access to the door. Also commented that the playground area should be better supervised at the pool.

Jim Valenti wanted to clear up any misunderstanding about the basketball comments he made about not using the hockey rinks to shoot baskets during the pool season.

George Liberopoulos commented that Garden City sports teams would like to be included in the process of enhancing the outdoor sports facilities and the planning of the turf fields, including lights, lines in different colors.

Jimmy Connolly spoke about issues with the size of new fields in reference to water and sewer problems under the surface.

Trustee Silver commented that these are all issues still being discussed, with restraints to time, money and staging.

Joe Gambino would like to see the guidelines published for allocating the fields in Garden City for sports teams.

Scott Paskewitz commented that he is in favor of a turf sports field that can be used for all sports.

Joe Scattareggia commented on the fee increase for rental of the field house for the Garden City Spirit Program. Mr. Ocker said that due to the strategic plan all rental fees have gone up, and there is a participation fee for all programs. Mr. Ocker made a suggestion to recommend forming a committee to meet at the end of August to include professional services to suggest and guide the committee in reference to the final design of the Community Park multi use synthetic turf field.

9. Adjournment motion by P. Manley, 2nd by J. Courtney, unanimously approved.