

Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs meeting of January 20, 2016. Meeting was opened by K. Ocker at 7:30, at that time Irene Woo was introduced as the new Village Treasurer and welcomed.

Preliminary: Residents comment time – any comments can be made relating to agenda items. Joe Licari from the WPOA spoke about the idea of adding more water related activities for children and teenagers at the pool for example a water related camp, water games, special movie nights. Cathy Wood from the EPOA made some suggestions about adding events at the pool for example a volleyball court with games and leagues, basketball courts for older tweens to play. Small tables should be around the pool and hooks added for towels and bags. She suggested a one week pass for residents to use the pool for free to see if they would like to join for the season.

1. Call to Order:

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

Trustee Liaison: Richard Silver

Absent: P. Manley

Others Present: Cathy Wood, Joe Licari, Rikki Massand, Ralph Suozzi, John DeLany, Ed Fronckwicz, Sandy Young, Tom McGerty, Lori Kampe

2. Disposition of Minutes of December 10, 2015, motion was made by J. Courtney to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by K. Russo, and unanimously approved.

3. Deferred Matters - none

4. Announcements/Correspondence – none

5. New Business – Senior Center Operations Plan

The new senior center will be open Monday through Friday 9 am to 4:30 pm. It will reopen in the evening if something is planned. Sunday will be closed. A full time employee will be in attendance or a part time receptionist. The senior advisory committee is working on volunteer receptionists as needed. Instructors will be hired for programs. There will be a sign in procedure, with a possible “sign in software” with email possibilities, details at next meeting. Anyone who has been banned from another village facility may not attend. Age requirement is for seniors 60 years old and older. After June 1, 2016, a fee will be applied for some programming. There will be a monthly schedule of groups, new groups will be evaluated and resident groups will be a priority. Senior passes might be issued for members or perhaps a card that can be scanned like a pool card is now. After discussion 60 years old will be the age requirement for the senior center activities. Fees for room rental will be discussed at the next meeting. New furniture is to be delivered on February 1, and construction completion date remains February 11. The opening day celebration will be an open house and tentatively set for February 28, 2016. New signage will be Village of Garden City, Senior Center, A Community Resource.

- Pool Preliminary Budget 2016/17 and Pool Revenue Projections

Commissioners discussed ways to make the preliminary deficit of \$115,000 based on no fee increases and reduced expenses. Considerable discussion took place about incentives and fee increases and the need to increase pool members. After discussion and questions, J. Courtney made a motion to raise fees by 5% if residents join by April 1, 2016 and 10% if residents join after that date. Individual category will remain the same as would senior individual and non-resident caregiver will be priced at \$300. Mini-golf season fee will remain the same; motion was 2nd by T. Stapleford and passed with one vote opposed. Strategic Plan Presentations to POA's, Commissioners are encouraged to discuss the strategic plan with their POA's and bring any questions back to the Commission.

6. Other Business – none

7. Reports:

a) Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs –K.E. Ocker reported the new senior center is moving along to be completed on time. In reference to the field rehabilitation, Cameron Engineering has updated completed plans and specifications and materials being used and plans are being presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 4. Mr. Ocker invited Commissioners to attend. The field rehabilitation will begin in March, finish in June and will be ready to be used by Labor Day. Commissioners looked over the projected budget for 2016//17. There has not been an increase in the Recreation Budget 7140, the Parks Budget has a slight increase because of contractual pruning of trees and the Tennis Enterprise has moved in a positive direction. Mr. Ocker reported that part of the strategic plan is additional revenues derived from fee increases for field rentals and programs, as well as a new intramural participant fee, all of which support capital investment such as the rehabilitation of the community park fields. The BCCRA previously voted to create the new fee based on \$20/participant.

b) Assistant Superintendent – E. Fronckwicz, no report

c) Any Commission member wishing to report:

M. Ryder – Mr. Ryder had asked if the school district is going to allow any recreation programs to be held on their fields. Mr. Ocker answered that the Village is waiting for a reply.

P. Manley – absent

T. Stapleford – no report

K. Moody- asked if the department has contacted Adelphi University for field usage. Mr. Ocker replied that no as of yet.

K. Russo- asked if it was possible to put a roof over the soccer field. Mr. Ocker replied that the field could only be used for practices, not a full sized soccer field.

J. Courtney – no report

Trustee Liaison – Richard Silver – no report

Adjournment: 10:30 pm