

**Village of South Elgin  
Recreation Board Minutes  
Monday, August 24, 2020**

**1. Call to Order**

**Member Rohr** called the meeting of the Recreation Board to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: **Nancy Christensen, James E. Davis, Jr., Andrew Hauser, Mary Rohr, Mary Rees Freeman, and Bill Sohn.** Members excused: **Nancy Christensen.** Staff Members present: **Director Kim Wascher and Superintendent Ed Bjes.**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**There were no minutes to approve**

**4. Public Comment**

No Public Comment was heard.

**5. Old Business**

**Recreation**

**No Old Business to Report**

**Parks**

**Superintendent Bjes reported:**

- **Hansen Basketball Courts:** The basketball courts repainted and the cracks were evened out and filled. This was in bad shape and we are very happy to have it fixed.
- **Disc Golf:** We officially opened the course right before it was shut down due to the virus. It is open and in use.
- **Dog Park:** The Dog Park was opened before the virus and then closed. It is open again and very popular. We are looking forward to organizing a grand opening if we can do it in a socially distant fashion.
- **Panton Mill Park:** Director Wascher reported that the park is moving along well. We have a completion date of September 28. The shelter, stage, splash pad, comfort station and landscaping all still have work to be completed.
- **Wolf Property:** Director Wascher reported we are waiting for the state to get the signed agreement back to us so we can begin work on the appraisal.

**6. New Business**

**Recreation**

**Director Wascher reported:**

- **Governor Executive Order / DECO:** We continue to run all of our programs and special events per the Governor's orders. Staff will explain how programs have and will continue to be affected by the Executive Orders.

- **Zoom / E Programs:** At the beginning of April the Department secured its own Zoom account. This allowed us to continue preschool programs from April – May. It also allowed us to have some new program options including Music Bingo, Trivia, Mother’s Day Making, martial arts and fitness classes etc. The Zoom account has allowed us to prepare for a move back to phase 3. If this happens, we are able to continue preschool pals and other programs already scheduled.
- **Summer Programs:** Unfortunately, we were unable to get enough participants to run summer care. We were however successful with martial arts, fitness classes and fishing with the fire chief.
- **Special Event Updates:**
- **After Shock / Before Care:** Staff will provide an update at the meeting as to where both of these programs stand for the fall
- **The Hub:** The Hub is an E Learning Day program the Department is running to assist families who are doing E Learning currently just with U46. The program begins on August 24 and will be held at Clinton Elementary School from 7am-3pm. There is a PM Care option from 3-6pm for \$8/day. The program will have assistance from Para pros of U46 to assist with technology issues and assist students. Parks & Recreation will have a certified teacher onsite and another staff member. The program will run Monday-Friday through October 23 except for holidays. We will run on Institute/In-service days. The North Activity Room at the Municipal Annex will be used for this program if D303 goes completely E Learning.
- **Preschool:** Preschool classes will start the week of September 7. We are running three 4-year-old classes and one 3-year-old class. We have purchased all necessary PPE to protect staff and participants. Krista and the staff have worked through their entire curriculum plans to ensure safety. Staff worked with one of seasonal staff to produce videos to send out to the participants about the importance of wearing a mask. Supply drop-off and meet the teacher will take place on August 22.

## **Parks**

### **Superintendent Bjes reported:**

- **Cemetery:** From January 2020 – July 2020 we have sold four graves and had four burials.
- **Personnel Update:** The Village has hired Rene’ Garcia as an M1. Rene’ will be cleaning the Municipal Annex and Public Services on a daily basis. He will be working 2-10pm. We felt these hours worked better for getting these facilities cleaned better.
- **Springs Sports Park:** The village accepted the Springs Sports Park on Gyorr Rd. and Stearns Rd. The space will be used for athletic activities. Staff is working on bringing the turf quality up.
- **Agreement with St. Charles Park District:**
- **Seasonal Staff:** We were able to bring on four seasonal staff in the parks operations this year. This was down from the six we had approved in the budget. We were able to utilize one of the staff on weekends thus extending our service to 7 days throughout the park. It has helped us keep them cleaner and respond to more needs as they have

happened. We will continue this through the fall and hopefully year round.

- **Wetland Maintenance Plan 5 Year Update:** HLR has started work on the updated Wetland Maintenance Plan. The current five-year plan expires the end of 2020.

**FVSRA:** FVSRA is doing many of their programs remotely. They have started to offer fitness classes in some of the group homes within their boundaries. They will be offering more in-person programs beginning in September. The FVSRA staff will be back in their offices beginning September 8.

**7. Other: No Report**

**8. Next Meeting- Monday, September 28, 2020**

**9. Adjournment: Member Freeman** made a motion to adjourn the November 25, 2019 meeting. **Member Davis** seconded the motion. The August 24, 2020 meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Wascher