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WESTERN SPRINGS RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA

Monday, October 3, 2016
Recreation Center, 1500 Walker, 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Koch, Chairperson

PRESIDENT

William Rodeghier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ADDITIONS - DELETIONS - CHANGES:

Minutes of the meeting from August 1, 2016 (attached to email packet)

TRUSTEES

Suzanne Glowiak

James Horvath

Sheila Hansen

Edward Tymick

Alice Gallagher

Berry Allen

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

1) RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Personnel Changes – Judy retiring Oct 13, hiring new front desk person; Claudia Becker retired/E.C. Instructor; LAX Coordinator position

B. Current Program Sessions –

C. Tennis –

D. Lacrosse – Survey results

E. Basketball – Travel Tryouts Aug 22-26

F. Seniors Programs –

G. Summer Program Evaluations – link sent out July 21-22

H. Summer Events Report (attached to email packet)

I. Special Events –

J. Tower Trot – 40th in 2017, logo contest (coordinator?), CARA evaluations (email 6-22-16); 2016 Financial Report & BN donations (attached to email packet)

K. Capital Projects Update – Rec Center: Parking lot recoating Aug 15-19, Room 21 Floor, paint window/door frames, HVAC Study & KSWS bowed walls. Grand Ave: Sculpture pedestal & foyer floor. Both buildings will be tested for radon as part of a 3-year cycle of testing.

L. Complaints/Comments –

CLERK

Jeanine Jasica

MANAGER

Patrick Higgins

DIRECTORS

Tracy Alden

Grace Turi

Pat Schramm

Ingrid Velkme

Martin Scott

Pamela Church

Matthew Supert

Patrick Kenny

2) BUDGET

- Begin working on 2017

3) PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

- Park Board Packet in Correspondence File

- Next meeting: Tues, Oct 11, 7:00 pm, Village Hall

4) S.E.A.S.P.A.R.

- Board Packet in Correspondence File

- Budget/Tax Levy 2017/2018

- Next Meeting: Tues, Oct 18, 3:30 pm, Downers Grove

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- 5) GRAND AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER & WSCCA
 - WSCCA – Wind Down/closing as an organization.
 - Sculpture project – unveiling event Sun, Nov 6, 2:00 pm
 - Next Meeting: Thurs, Oct 13, 2:30 pm
- 6) CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS
 - Term expires Dec 2016 for Jim Koch
- 7) TRUSTEE AND BOARD REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE FILE:

- Village Board Agendas –
- Park Board Packet from –
- SEASPAR Board Packet from –
- IPRA Magazines
- Village Downtown Revitalization Refinement Project

COMMENTS:

- Next Meeting: Mon, November 7

ADJOURNMENT:

This Day In History: October 3

1863 - expressing gratitude for a pivotal Union Army victory at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln announces that the nation will celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on November 26, 1863. The fourth Thursday of every November thereafter would be considered an official U.S. holiday of Thanksgiving. This announcement harkened back to when George Washington was in his first term as the first president in 1789 and the young American nation had only a few years earlier emerged from the American Revolution. At that time, George Washington called for an official celebratory “day of public thanksgiving and prayer.” While Congress overwhelmingly agreed to Washington’s suggestion, the holiday did not yet become an annual event. Thomas Jefferson, the third president, felt that public demonstrations of piety to a higher power, like that celebrated at Thanksgiving, were inappropriate in a nation based in part on the separation of church and state. Subsequent presidents agreed with him. In fact, no official Thanksgiving proclamation was issued by any president between 1815 and the day Lincoln took the opportunity to thank the Union Army and God for a shift in the country’s fortunes on this day in 1863.

The fourth Thursday of November remained the annual day of Thanksgiving from 1863 until 1939. Then, at the tail-end of the Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, hoping to boost the economy by providing shoppers and merchants a few extra days to conduct business between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, moved Thanksgiving to November’s third Thursday. In 1941, however, Roosevelt bowed to Congress’ insistence that the fourth Thursday of November be re-set permanently, without alteration, as the official Thanksgiving holiday.

Benefits of Parks & Recreation

Art is not what you see but what you must make others see.

--Edgar Degas

There is as much dignity in plowing a field as in writing a poem.

--Booker T. Washington