

VILLAGE *of* WESTERN SPRINGS



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WESTERN SPRINGS RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA

Monday, March 7, 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 February 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. Program Sessions –
- B. Lacrosse –
- C. Basketball – C. Spartz/Spring Season
- D. Seniors Programs –
- E. Special Events – Sweet Heart Dance,
- F. Tower Trot – May 28
- G. Summer Brochure -
- H. Evaluations – on line, “review”
- I. Capital Projects Update –
- J. 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

3) PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

- Park Board Packet in Correspondence File (Feb 9)
- Next meeting: March 8, 7:00 pm, Village Hall

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

- Board Packet in Correspondence File (Feb 16)
- Next Meeting, March 15, 3:30 pm, Downers Grove

5) GRAND AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER & WSCCA

- Status of WSCCA
- Next Meeting: March 10, 2:30 pm Grand Ave Center

6) CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

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7) TRUSTEE AND BOARD REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE FILE:

- Village Board Agendas – Feb 8 & 22
- Park Board Packet from – Feb 9
- SEASPAR Board Packet from – Feb 16
- WSCCA Board Packet from –
- IPRA Magazines

COMMENTS:

- Next Meeting: Mon, April 4, 2016

ADJOURNMENT:

This Day In History: March 7

1876, 29-year-old Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention—the telephone. The Scottish-born Bell worked in London with his father, Melville Bell, who developed Visible Speech, a written system used to teach speaking to the deaf. In the 1870s, the Bells moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where the younger Bell found work as a teacher at the Pemberton Avenue School for the Deaf. He later married one of his students, Mabel Hubbard. While in Boston, Bell became very interested in the possibility of transmitting speech over wires. Samuel F.B. Morse’s invention of the telegraph in 1843 had made nearly instantaneous communication possible between two distant points. The drawback of the telegraph, however, was that it still required hand-delivery of messages between telegraph stations and recipients, and only one message could be transmitted at a time. Bell wanted to improve on this by creating a “harmonic telegraph,” a device that combined aspects of the telegraph and record player to allow individuals to speak to each other from a distance. With the help of Thomas A. Watson, a Boston machine shop employee, Bell developed a prototype. In this first telephone, sound waves caused an electric current to vary in intensity and frequency, causing a thin, soft iron plate—called the diaphragm—to vibrate. These vibrations were transferred magnetically to another wire connected to a diaphragm in another, distant instrument. When that diaphragm vibrated, the original sound would be replicated in the ear of the receiving instrument. Three days after filing the patent, the telephone carried its first intelligible message—the famous “Mr. Watson, come here, I need you”—from Bell to his assistant. Bell’s patent filing beat a similar claim by Elisha Gray by only two hours. Not wanting to be shut out of the communications market, Western Union Telegraph Company employed Gray and fellow inventor Thomas A. Edison to develop their own telephone technology. Bell sued, and the case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which upheld Bell’s patent rights. In the years to come, the Bell Company withstood repeated legal challenges to emerge as the massive American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) and form the foundation of the modern telecommunications industry.

Benefits of Parks & Recreation

“Seven days without parks and recreation makes one weak.”

--Jodi Rudick

“I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out until sundown, for going out , I found, was really going in.”

--John Muir, American naturalist