



WESTERN SPRINGS RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA

Monday, May 2, 2016
Recreation Center, 1500 Walker, 7:00 pm

PRESIDENT

William Rodeghier

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Koch, Chairperson

TRUSTEES

Suzanne Glowiak

James Horvath

Sheila Hansen

Edward Tymick

Alice Gallagher

Berry Allen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ADDITIONS - DELETIONS - CHANGES:

Minutes of the meeting from April 4, 2016 (attached to email packet)

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) FEES – cost of credit card processing (separate email on topic)

CLERK

Jeanine Jasica

REPORTS:

2) RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Current Program Sessions –

B. Summer Programs

C. Lacrosse –

D. Basketball –

E. Seniors Programs –

F. Special Events –

G. Tower Trot – May 28, need volunteer for update websites and constant contact

H. Statistics Report 2015

I. Capital Projects Update –

J. Complaints/Comments – Open Gym Fee for high school students. Suggests membership fees. See separate memo

MANAGER

Patrick Higgins

3) BUDGET

DIRECTORS

Tracy Alden

Grace Turi

Pat Schramm

Ingrid Velkme

Martin Scott

Pamela Church

Matthew Supert

Patrick Kenny

4) PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

- Park Board Packet in Correspondence File (April 12)

- Next meeting: May 10, 7:00 pm, Village Hall

5) S.E.A.S.P.A.R.

- Board Packet in Correspondence File (April 19)

- Next Meeting, May 17, 3:30 pm, Downers Grove

6) GRAND AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER & WSCCA

- Status of WSCCA – Down Sizing Agreement (attached to email packet)

- Board Packet in Correspondence File (March 10)

- Next Meeting: May 12, 2:30 pm Grand Ave Center

7) CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

8) TRUSTEE AND BOARD REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE FILE:

- Village Board Agendas – April 25
- Park Board Packet from – April 12
- SEASPAR Board Packet from – April 19
- Senior Club mailing – April/May events
- IPRA Magazines

COMMENTS:

- Next Meeting: Mon, June 6, 2016

ADJOURNMENT:

This Day In History: May 2

1939, New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig benches himself for poor play and ends his streak of consecutive games played at 2,130. “The Iron Horse” was suffering at the time from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), now known as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease.”

Henry Louis Gehrig was born June 19, 1903, in New York, New York. He attended Columbia University on a football scholarship and studied engineering. Gehrig played for New York Giants summer and was then signed by a Yankee scout while playing first base at Columbia. Gehrig joined the Yankees in 1923, but he didn’t see any action until 1925, when he backed up star first baseman Wally Pipp. According to legend, Gehrig stepped in at first base when Pipp benched himself with a headache, and Pipp never made it back on to the field. Gehrig didn’t miss a game for the next 13 years. To this day, to be “Wally Pipped” is to be replaced for good.

Gehrig’s offensive output was as extraordinary as his consecutive games streak. The left-handed slugger led the American League in RBIs five times, driving in at least 100 runs 13 years in a row. He led the AL in home runs three times, led in runs four times and led the league in hitting once. In the Yankees first golden era, Gehrig batted cleanup, right after Babe Ruth, the bigger star of the two. It was Gehrig, however, who was named American League MVP in 1927, on a Yankee team considered the greatest team in history; he won the award again in 1936, another championship year for the Yankees. In all, Gehrig won six World Series titles with the Yankees.

Gehrig began to experience symptoms of ALS during the 1938 season, but doctors initially struggled to diagnose him. He played the first eight games of 1939, removing himself mid-game after being congratulated for a routine play at first base. He sat the next day, ending his streak at 2,130 games played. He never played again.

On July 4, 1939, the Yankees held Lou Gehrig Day at Yankee Stadium. With over 60,000 fans in the stands and his former teammates there to honor him, Gehrig was overcome by emotion, and his legs shook from his developing paralysis. Gehrig stared hard at the ground, unable to speak, until his longtime manager Joe McCarthy and teammate Babe Ruth encouraged him. Then, in gratitude for his great career, and knowing he was dying from an unknown disease, he said: “Today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth.”

Lou Gehrig died on June 2, 1941, with his wife Eleanor by his side.

Benefits of Parks & Recreation

“The idea is to die young, as late as possible.”

--Ashley Montagu

“It is most certain that ‘tis easier to preserve Health than to recover it, and to prevent Diseases than to cure them.”

--Dr. George Cheyne, 1725