

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING – TUESDAY, October 14, 2014

In attendance: Eric Orlen, Anne Hewgley, Janis Clements, Pattye Ward, Jennifer Paul, Gail Oberta, Angie Thielemans (Guest), Robert Smith (Guest)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Eric Orlen, Acting Chair.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Jennifer reported that there is a discrepancy in the year-end totals between the Commission records and the Village of the Hills report. She indicated that the Village reports a surplus of \$2,710 remaining, and the Commission report indicates a surplus of \$6,562. She noted that the difference may be in the accounting systems used as well as possibly a difference in allocating expenditures between the Commission and the Village. She is currently working with the Village staff to resolve the discrepancy with resolution expected by the next meeting. She also indicated that there were no unusual expenditures during the month.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the treasurer's report pending resolution of the accounting issues.

Old Business:

Resurfacing the playing courts: Deferred until the next meeting when Steve will be present.

Use of park facilities: Robert Smith reported that the Village attorney has recommended putting language into place which will formalize the existing rules into an ordinance. He presented the Commission with a draft which the Board of Aldermen has asked the Commission to review and comment on before it is acted on by the Board. Anne volunteered to scan the document and get copies to Commission members, while Janis will complete a legal review of the document. It was noted that since the last meeting groups appear to be observing the existing rules when scheduling and using the facilities.

Anne discussed the damage which has and may occur in the future to the fields and parking shoulders. She asked if it was possible to retain fees/deposits which have been paid to cover maintenance of these areas. Robert suggested that the contract could have a provision to address rules non-compliance, perhaps differentiating between various facilities used (ie, pavilion or playing fields, parking areas, etc.) and the possible retention of deposits based on non-compliance. Janis will consider this in her review of the contract.

Hillsfest: Angie and Pattye reported on the status of all the preparation activities. Angie indicated that the banners went up this morning, and a newsletter will go out next week with the Hillsfest announcement. The Commission members reviewed the plans for the dog activities, since these are new this year. Eric developed a flyer for the Dog Parade and Costume Contest. Angie will add information about leash requirements and have additional flyers available for members to distribute as well as including a separate flyer attachment with the newsletter. Pattye and Angie reviewed the status of supplies and work schedule for set-up. Pattye requested that all Commission members solicit neighbors to volunteer to assist for various activities.

New Business:

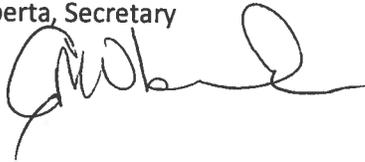
Robert reminded the group that as the new year approaches, Commission members should review terms of office and give consideration to replacing members whose terms will have expired and do not wish to consider serving. Gail indicated that her term is concluded and she will not be returning. Eric encouraged all members to assist in identifying neighbors who may be interested in joining the Commission.

Adjournment:

Having no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Oberta, Secretary




VICE CHAIR