



## CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS

### Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes May 14, 2019



#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Key called the regular meeting of the Recreation Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Palos Heights City Hall, 7607 W. College Drive. In attendance were Chairman Key, Alderman Bylut, Alderman Clifford, Alderman McGovern, Recreation Director Matt Fairbanks, Terry Horvath – Chairman of the Lake Katherine Board, and Recording Secretary Margaret Carey. Also in attendance was Jim Saracini from the Palos Baseball Organization.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Key moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Alderman Bylut. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.

#### **LAKE KATHERINE REPORT**

Chairman Horvath provided the Lake Katherine update:

- Ms. Horvath acknowledged all of the volunteers and expressed her appreciation for them.
- Staff and volunteer groups have been working on landscape projects and tree planting.
- Participated in “Nature by the Book” book discussion with the book “Lab Girl” by Hope Jahren.
- The Nature & Arts Festival was held on April 27. Over 200 people attended.

#### **PARKS & RECREATION REPORT**

Recreation Director, Matt Fairbanks, provided the Parks & Recreation update:

- Pool deck concrete project – completion has been delayed by a couple weeks to address the drainage issue, but the pool is still on schedule to open June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Update on new property – attended a meeting to discuss possible uses for the barn. Another proposal is due this week. A variety of suggestions have been submitted. Fairbanks indicated he supported the idea of using the barn as a warming house.
- Palmer Park/Community Park tennis and pickle ball courts – asked Teska for a punch list. Courts both opened this past weekend. The pickle ball courts are very busy.
- OSLAD Grant/Palmer Park – On April 24 we received notice that the State Award has been accepted. We are waiting for the official grant agreement. Upland Design will start working on the plan in December.
- CAPRA accreditation – had a meeting on May 8. Discussed the new timeline.

- Meyers Park already had a dedication, but the sign is now ready. The Committee discussed placement of the sign and gave staff direction. Director Fairbanks will confirm a date for a small dedication event. Possible dates are June 21 & 28.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request to approve a change order from Country Landscape & Supply for pool deck drainage in the amount of \$15,703.50. This includes 11 additional drains, labor and supplies. This will bring the pool up to State code. The City is still under the original amount budgeted for the pool project.

Chairman Key motioned to the change order as described, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor. Motion carried. **AGENDA**

2. Request to approve Engineer’s Payment Estimate from Country Landscape & Supply for the Pool Deck Concrete Replacement project in the amount of \$40,703.50.

Chairman Key motioned to approve the payment estimate in the amount of \$40,703.50, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor. Motion carried. **AGENDA**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

3. Request from Palos Baseball Organization for extended use of lighting on Pony Field and North Field on June 8 and 21, 2019 until 11:59 p.m. and for possible rain dates of June 26-28, 2019 until 11:00p.m.

Mr. Saracini was present to explain his request. June 8<sup>th</sup> is their “Diamond Days” event, with activities for the kids and a homerun derby in the evening. June 21<sup>st</sup> is “All Star Night” with awards, a coach’s game and homerun derby. Both events run until approximately 10:30pm and then clean up begins.

After a discussion, the Committee agreed to allow PBO to extend the lighting until 11:00pm on both nights – and also on the rain dates if needed. The Committee also suggested that PBO requests should be submitted at one time. Last year we received various separate requests.

Chairman Key motioned to approve extending the lighting on June 8 and 21 (rain dates June 26-28) only until 11:00pm, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **AGENDA**

4. Request to approve replacement of tennis court lighting at Community Park by MarchOne Electrical Design in the amount of \$11,528.00. An additional quote was received from Ambient Electric Company in the amount of \$12,462.00.

Chairman Key motioned to approve the replacement of tennis court lighting by MarchOne Electrical in the amount of \$11,528.00, seconded by Alderman Bylut. All in favor. Motion carried. **AGENDA**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Key moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Carey  
Recording Secretary