



Board of Commissioners Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES of the Recreation Committee Meeting of the Northbrook Park District Board of Commissioners held Wednesday, January 18, 2023, in person at Joe Doud Administration Building, 545 Academy Drive, Northbrook, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER— The Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Goodman.

Members Present – Chair Goodman; Member Chambers

Member Present via Conference Call – Member Simon

Ex-Officio Members Present– Commissioners Chalem, Schyman and Ziering

Ex-Officio Member Absent – Commissioner Curin

Staff Present – Executive Director Hamer; Directors Baron, Leiner, Loftus, Scovic and Tokar; Executive Administrative Assistant Peterson; Parks Division Manager Meyer; Specialist Scharp; Facilities & Fleet Manager Truhlar; Superintendent of Athletics & Facilities Shields; Superintendent of Arts & Recreation Sweet; Performing Arts Supervisor Kambach; Sports Center Manager Sanchez; Youth Program Manager Eschker; Theatre Technical Specialist Gyondla; Recreation Intern Bidstrup

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Edward Chao, Northbrook resident

Beverly Kumar, Northbrook resident

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of September 12, 2022. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/VERBAL UPDATES

Director Loftus recognized Superintendent of Arts & Recreation Sweet on her promotion and ten-year anniversary with the District. Performing Arts Supervisor Kambach will also be celebrating ten years with the District later this year.

Performing Arts Presentation by Erin Sweet, Superintendent of Arts & Recreation and Drew Kambach, Performing Arts Supervisor

Director Loftus provided an explanation of the Recreation Division organization chart on the Arts and Recreation side. Superintendent of Arts & Recreation Sweet introduced the Arts and Recreation team. Superintendent Sweet announced the promotion of Recreation Supervisor Eschker to Youth Program Manager. Superintendent Sweet and Supervisor Kambach provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Performing Arts programs, Northbrook Theatre productions and upcoming programs. Program participation, program trends, revenue and expenses were discussed. The dance floor replacement at the Leisure Center was highlighted. Northbrook Theatre includes the Youth Company, Community Theatre and Theatre for Young Audiences (NTYA). NTYA is retuning in 2023 with new staff and new programs. Jonathan Shmidt Chapman has been hired to director the play *Across the Sands: A Passover Play*. Performances will be held in the Little Theatre. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session.

Annual Aquatics Update

Director Loftus recognized Sports Center Manager Sanchez and Superintendent of Athletics & Facilities Shields for their efforts in putting together the presentation. The report recapped data from the 2022 Aquatic season including memberships, visits, program participation, revenue and expenses. A look forward to the 2023 season was also included. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session.

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Adventure Campus Update

Director Loftus, Superintendent Sweet and Manager Eschker provided an update to the current hiring and enrollment numbers in the Adventure Campus program. Revenue, expense and registration plans for the 2023 registration were also noted. Manager Eschker informed the Committee that the Adventure Campus waitlist has been cleared. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session.

Congratulations to the Northbrook Bluehawk Hockey affiliate on winning all of their games this past weekend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEXT MEETING

The next Recreation Committee Meeting will be held in September 2023, at time to be at the Joe Doud Administration Building, 545 Academy Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT

/s/ Molly Hamer
Molly Hamer, Secretary
Board of Commissioners/wp