



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 7, 2021
7:00 pm

This meeting will be conducted electronically via Zoom.

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and consistent with the Governor’s most recent emergency declaration, various Executive Orders entered by the Governor, and the recent amendments made to the Open Meetings Act in Public Act 101-640, this meeting will be conducted electronically. Public comments are welcome on any topic when received by email or in writing by the Parks and Recreation Director prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Emailed comments may be sent to Director Ron Malchiodi at rmalchiodi@riverside.il.us. Written comments may be submitted to the attention of the Director at 27 Riverside Road, Riverside, Illinois. Public comments may also be made live during the meeting by persons participating via Zoom.

For those wishing to view the meeting or make public comments via Zoom, a Zoom link will be made available via the Village’s website at <https://www.riverside.il.us/173/Parks-Recreation> no later than 4 p.m. on March 29, 2021.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order - meeting is called to order at 7:03*
- II. Roll Call - Sean O’Brien, Jennifer Dvorak, Elizabeth Kos, Ron Malcohd, Colleen Incandela ; do have a visitor in the meeting, Dale @ 7:17*
- III. Approval of Minutes - Sean O’Brien made motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Jennifer Dvorak*
- IV. Presentations and Public Comment*
 - A. Public Comment – Dog Park - request from new resident on a dog park. Ron gave them the background on the previous dog park discussions. Will go back to the resident to suggest a “grass roots” effort to get more support for residents to seek approval from the Parks & Rec board.

V. Unfinished and Deferred Business

- A. Field Agreement – Little League and Rockets - fully executed agreement between P&R and RLL.
- B. 501c3 Update - memo put together and reviewed by Village Attorney, they want to meet on May 4 with Sean, Elizabeth, Ron, Village President, and Village Attorney. Ron to send out a zoom link.
- C. Board Goals and Objectives - Elizabeth sent out document for the Goals & Objectives, she walked through the prior projects and goals and how each person on the board need to take on different responsibilities. Ron talked with a Mr. Weiss at RB who would be interested in teaching lessons, and possibly the discussion of using the RB courts since they are illuminated. Ron also spoke with Alex Galigos with regards to different kayak/rental vendors. Elizabeth would like to add into it lacrosse skills camp, for both girls and boys for the spring and fall. Maybe add something to the list with pickleball. Ron mentioned he was approached by a resident with adding additional stripping to Indian gardens, and keep at least 2 courts dedicated to tennis. Jennifer would be interested in helping with the pickle ball and golf lessons. Standards for the curriculum and skills, Ron has some initial documents on the programs to at least focus the coaches. Colleen would be willing to help support some of that future development. It could be broken up into a 2 column approach for volunteer and for parents assessment of growth and development of their children. Sean happy to work with the Bill Chill Crew. The challenge with this is that we haven't had a rink in 2 years. Colleen and Jennifer would be willing to help with either the GS/BS or Scout Cabin. ROn suggested to add playgrounds to the list. Will combine the treehouse initiative with the playgrounds. Sean will stick with the 501C3, John might be good with the playground and treehouse. District96, a big part of this is advocating since we don't really have a voice with the PTO/PTA, etc. Might need members of the Board going to D96 Board Meetings. Need to see what other ideas we need/want to put on the list. Basketball Hoops, per Sean due to the Olmsted Society there are issues with green space. There wasn't a lot of enthusiasm based on Olmsted's vision. Still worth it to add it to the list.

VI. New Business

- A. Community Survey - Ron went over the results of the survey, focus on classes being cancelled because of low enrollment. Getting people to register early and before the deadline is hard. Talked about what we could do to allow people to sign up quicker, i.e. on instagram a ship up that directs you to the signup. Ron said there are some challenges with that because of the software use for the programs. Maybe we push out a "signup effort/campaign" to get people to create your family name for the parks and rec website/programs. THe adult programming, it would be nice to try to get some of the prior programming back, i.e. whiskey tasting, sip and paint. A reminder that we are doing programming in a safe way and adhere to the CDC and IDPH guidelines.

The interactive map showing the various offerings and equipment at the playgrounds. This would be something that would be on the parks & rec website. Could we add the history of each park to the page, how/why it was named, etc.

VII. *Program and Facility Updates*

- A. Swan Pond Path Project - the village board meeting was after the meeting on the Swan Pond path/river access update. The Village Board approved to proceed with the project. The projected start of that project is after July 4, 2021 and will go through the fall. It would be nice to be given a bit more time prior to these meetings so then each respective board can give their feedback and then someone could provide feedback to the Village Board and provide recommendations, rather than everyone sitting in attendance and watching the presentation.
- B. Promotion of Upcoming Events and Programs - More activity on facebook/instagram. Whatever they can do to facilitate getting the information out to everyone that "we're back" and still doing events. Will likely keep the events at the waterpower for the time being because of the visibility. Would eventually want to have the food trucks, etc at the Quincy street location.
- C. Independence Day Parade Discussion - Prelim discussions on holding the Independence Day Parade, they would move the events to the 3rd. Suggestions are lengthening the route and hitting more green space so everyone can watch the parade and space out more along the route. Exploring the possibility of doing the 5k run with staggered start times, wearing masks, etc to keep everything/everyone safe. How can we do the things that we did safely. Using chip timing for the 5k, they could stagger without any issues. Could we move the run to a different day, the day before or day after to see if that would work out. There wouldn't be awards, or food shared. Would need to look to see what other runs are going on around those days to make sure we don't overlap with one that will pull from the Riverside 5K. Like the idea of getting more green space in the parade.

VIII. *Director Report* - program highlights. RBTV did a virtual tour of the Quincy Street building. Ron will be at the April 15th Village Board Meeting to discuss the renovations, repayment schedule, and to show the video. Ron's excited to show the virtual tour until we can have a real grand opening. Spring soccer this year, they received more registrations than they ever have. They were able to accommodate more participants than they ever had. Summer camp they already have more children enrolled than they did last year. Ron will be reaching out to D96 to see if they can use the facilities for programming. We need more locations for summer camp. We need a robust summer camp and a typical before and after school program to put us in a better position financially for next year. Full time staff has been filing in, and bringing the programs back to the P&R facilities. Curious to see if school goes back to a "regular" school year if numbers will return to where they once were.

- A. Financial Report
- B. Operational Report
- C. Maintenance Report

- IX. Trustee Liaison Report - trustee is not on the call, no report.*
- X. Chair Report - conflict with the May 24 meeting, would everyone be okay to moving the meeting to one week before our regularly scheduled meeting. Please take a few minutes to look at the updated Goals & Objectives file, keep it in the back of our head of things we want to add into the file. Important to have these things out there as we continue to look for other opportunities. Use it as a living document.*
- XI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm, motion made by Sean and seconded by Jennifer.*