



MINUTES

YOUTH COMMISSION

**CITY HALL SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
505 BUTLER PLACE
PARK RIDGE, IL 60068**

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

Members Present: Commissioners: Claire Griebler, Joan Mattingly, Alderman John Moran, Bobby Pierobon, Eileen Sergo, Jared Skiba and Leslie Wolf. Student Commissioners Kamila Kazimierczuk, Ewelina Laczak, Grace Murphy.

Members Absent: Student Commissioners: Amelia Beck, Anna Kons, James Shaughnessy, Patrick Shaughnessy.

Also Present: Officer Ben Peterson - Park Ridge Police Department and Brigid Madden

I. Non-Member Alderman Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None.

II. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None.

III. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes from the February 11, 2016 Meeting

Minutes Approved.

IV. Discussion Items

Alderman Moran asked for a recap from the Dodgeball Tournament and thanked the Commissioners that attended the event. Commissioner Wolf explained that the Park District sign at Cumberland Ave and Devon Ave only indicated that the tournament was for middle school students, which could have contributed to the lower turn-out from high school students. Commissioner Pierobon stated that Skokie hosts a weekly dodgeball tournament that many Park Ridge high school students participate in. Alderman Moran suggested that the dodgeball event be added to the Youth Commission agenda in August or September to plan for the upcoming year and determine interest from the Commission members.

A. Park District Concert

Commissioner Pierobon explained that the concert will likely take place during the Taste of Park Ridge at Hodges Park, instead of the carnival at Hinkley Park.

Commissioner Skiba explained the security concerns that prompted relocating the event from the carnival. Commissioners Pierobon and Skiba have been meeting with Mary Bart from the Park District to begin planning this event, named "Live & Loud." The preliminary plans include a teen stage on Saturday, July 16th with a budget of \$3,000 to pay for the sound equipment, police, a banner and giveaways. Commissioner Pierobon explained that the Park District suggested a Youth Commission sponsored Star Wars day at the carnival, "Dinner with Darth." Although the event might be for a younger audience, it will be an opportunity to increase awareness of the Youth Commission. Alderman Moran stated that the carnival might not be the best venue for Student Commissioner recruitment.

Commissioner Skiba addressed the concert. The Youth Commission would sponsor the stage and activities planned throughout the park. Commissioner Pierobon explained that Ms. Bart has been in contact with MCYAF. As in past years, MCYAF will like provide an inflatable and bag sets. Alderman Moran would like for their efforts to be coordinated with the Youth Commission and the events in Hodges Park. As Commissioner Skiba explained, the event will be high school focused: high school bands for high school kids. Alderman Moran asked if there was a consensus from the Commissioners to move forward, which there was. Allocating \$3,000 for the event will be added as an action item at the April meeting.

B. Review Calendar of Events

Alderman Moran reviewed the upcoming events. The Color Run at Maine South is Saturday, April 16th. He suggested that a new banner be printed for the event. Commissioner Pierobon stated that a "throw away" banner would cost around \$75. Flyers will be prepared. Alderman Moran will send an email to collect ideas for giveaways, totaling between \$300 and \$400. He requested that an email be sent to secure volunteers.

C. Logo Contest

Brigid Madden reviewed the feedback from the Commissioners regarding the contest entry form. The Commission decided that only digital designs will be accepted. Full color and two-color designs will be requested. Designs will be judged at the next meeting. Commissioner Laczak will distribute the entry form at Maine South. Alderman Moran asked that Student Commissioner J. and P. Shaughnessy be contacted to include Notre Dame in the contest.

V. Administration Report

A. Updated Budget Report

The current account balance is \$9,248.27.

B. Receipts

Alderman Moran submitted receipts for pizza and Chamber of Commerce gift certificates from the Dodgeball event.

VI. New Business

Alderman Moran suggested creating an Ad Hoc Committee to work on the speaker series at the library, ensuring that Open Meeting Act requirements were met. Commissioner Griebler will coordinate with the students to schedule a meeting.

Student Commissioner Murphy discussed the voter registration event, which should be planned for the fall, prior to the general election. Commissioner Mattingly suggested creating a map with the City wards and information on local/state representatives.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.