

**Regular Board Meeting of the  
Board of Commissioners  
CHICAGO RIDGE PARK DISTRICT  
March 13, 2024  
7:00pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pratl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Commissioners were present: Pratl, Crout, Conrad, Albon, Meyer  
Also present: Recreation Supervisor Grabowski, Maintenance Supervisor Paul Ruppert.  
Director King was absent with notice.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC/STAFF WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Kevin Robinson, local resident, approached the board regarding resuming open gym at Frontier. The board discussed resuming the program and announced to the resident that the program will resume Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Local resident was appreciative and thanked the board.

**FINANCE**

No report.

**REPORTS**

**President**

President Pratl discussed the Village workshop regarding Ridge Fest.

**Attorney**

Attorney Stillman was not at the meeting. No report was given.

**Director**

President Pratl discussed his report. Tower Park is 6 weeks ahead of schedule. There will be new fencing in places and retrofitted fencing in other parts.

SSVL begins on March 19 for 5 weeks of rentals on Tuesdays.

Two different painters have been contacted regarding new murals in the park district.

Submissions of work will follow.

Issue with the library event using Freedom Lot was discussed. Signs are being made to enforce a no parking rule. Updates will follow.

**COMMITTEES**

**Maintenance**

All parks and facilities are up to date on weekly maintenance. New bleachers arrived and were assembled.

**Recreation**

Programming has increased for the last two programs. Most if not all participants are now coming from Chicago Ridge. Pickleball numbers are increasing and new events are created to attempt to bring in more players. Will be getting quotes on a new recumbent bike for the fitness center to replace the broken one. Yoga and Zumba classes have begun with the new instructors.

**Special Projects**

Nothing new here. Bob mentioned maybe adding pickleball courts to Tower next year. Jamie asked that current pickleball players be asked for pros and cons of outdoor facilities they have visited for input in a possible future outdoor area.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing new.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to approve the Chicago Ridge Lions Club Raffle at the Slice of Summer on 7/13/24 was made by Commissioner Meyer, seconded by Commissioner Albon.

Roll Call

Ayes: Commissioners Pratl, Crout, Conrad, Albon, Meyer

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Nothing to report.

**OPEN SESSION**

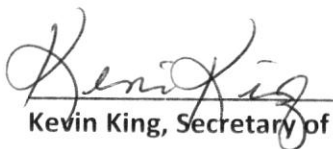
Nothing to report.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40pm. Motion was made by Commissioner Albon and seconded by Commissioner Crout.

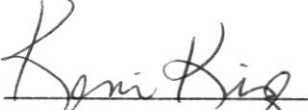
All in favor, everyone responded aye. Motion carried.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Kevin King, Secretary of Chicago Ridge Park District**

Approved by the Board of Commissioners on this 8 day of May, 2024

  
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