MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
JANUARY 30, 2018

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, January 30, 2018; a meeting of the Parks Committee was held this date at 6:06 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road, Chairperson McMahon presiding.

Call to Order. The following members were present: Chairperson Bob McMahon and Members Jim Anhalt, Mark Eisenberg, Jeff Letzter, Pat Mazzanti, Lloyd Simonson, and Randy Vinyard – 7. Also present for the Village were Matt Wit tum, Public Works Supervisor; Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk; Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk; Judy Olson, Village Treasurer; Jason Hintz, Police Sergeant; and Tom Sanders, Chief of Police/Executive Assistant.

New Business. Discuss Alternative Fee Schedules for Athletic Field Rentals & the Athletic Field & Facility Rental Agreement. Chairperson McMahon said he felt the village should follow the lead of other communities for athletic field rentals and charge RBBA per team per season instead of per player. If the village charged $100 per team, the amount collected would be close to the amount collected last year from them. This would simplify record keeping and rosters would not have to be submitted. Games and practices will now be scheduled through the village to allow the rental of fields to other organizations. To keep the fields in good shape all season, the village will drag the fields using a new piece of maintenance equipment once a week, at the same time they would be mowing. This would take about 1 ½ hours per field each week. Concern was raised with the additional work and costs being taken on by the village. The committee was in agreement that increasing the fee to $125 per team would help cover these costs. Fees for field rentals to outside teams would be per game or practice.

Member Vinyard, who is also President of RBBA, was concerned with the scheduling of fields as they have to work with outside leagues and black-out dates at other community fields which is difficult and takes more time. He wanted first right to schedule Spring Grove fields but their schedules are not set until April 1. The committee decided two leagues who have already expressed an interest, the Northern Illinois Men’s League and the local Colt/Legion/20+ team, can schedule field times before RBBA as their field requests don’t interfere with RBBAs schedule, and these dates will be blacked out. All other requests made before April 1 must come before the Village Board or Parks Committee.

After some discussion, the Committee settled on a fee for outside leagues or teams of $60 a game for a three-hour block and $30 a practice for a two-hour block.

Public Comment. None.

Other Business. Member Vinyard asked if a fee has been set for outside tournaments. He runs a non-profit tournament in his son’s memory and said they couldn’t afford $60 a game. The
committee felt a fee schedule for non-profit and for-profit tournaments should be discussed at the next Parks meeting or Board meeting.

Member Simonson said he is going to the McHenry County Conservation Congress meeting in February and is seeking input from the Committee on any issues they would like addressed or ideas on ways the Conservation District can increase usage of conservation land by the public and young people in particular.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Vinyard moved, seconded by Member Mazzanti to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk