

SATURDAY RULES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST, 350 VICTORY DRIVE, PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS
COOK AND WILL COUNTIES ILLINOIS
May 7, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt; Trustee Tiffani Graham, Joseph Woods, Maya Hardy, Theresa Settles, Erin Slone

ABSENT: Trustee Candyce Herron

STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Tom Mick, Director of Recreation, Parks & Community Health Rob Gunther, Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks & Community Health Kevin Adams

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Dora Grant

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Mayor Vanderbilt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Village Manager Mick updated the Board events happening in Park Forest. The budget review will continue Monday and Tuesday night. Next Wednesday is the Park Forest business breakfast at Dining on the Green. Next Saturday is the ribbon cutting at Auto-Lab Express at 1 pm. Park Forest will have five (5) new police officers sworn in on May 16th. Faith United Protestant Church is being sold downtown to a new church. Sales price was \$900,000. There will be an orientation at Freedom Hall next Thursday for the Fire Fighter recruitment process. Provided details on the IDNR order for fish stocking at Somonauk Nature Adventure Park. New stop signs are in along Blackhawk at Miami and Suwanee. Looking at a potential workshop to continue the discussion on the property tax issue on May 23rd at 6:00 pm.

The floor turned over to Director of Recreation, Parks & Community Health Gunther. Gunther went over what is going on with the operations and revenue of the parks located in Park Forest.

Sloan ask what the total acers of Parks in the Village. Gunther stated that it's around 400. Over 2000 acers if open land, the Aqua Center, nature center and Thorn Creek Woods is included.

Wood ask about the completion date of Somonauk Nature Adventure Park. Gunther stated that they have until the end of June to complete it.

Vanderbilt asked about the Rec Center and the cost to renovate it. Gunther stated that they have \$250,000 budgeted for the renovations.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Settles. Seconded by Graham. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Dixon