



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
500 N. Dunton Ave. Arlington Heights, IL 60004
December 20, 2018
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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Item: Minutes from 10/15/18

Department: HHS

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

October YC minutes

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Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Minutes from October 15, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spicer called the regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Youth Commission to order at 6:17pm at the Arlington Heights Senior Center.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Tom Spicer
Officer Pete Hamrick
Matt Healy
Kim Dyer
Amalia Sordo-Palacios
Brandon Lawrence
Charlie Goldberg
Kendall Fahnoe
Jonathan Kho

Absent:

Chyrel Moore
Ryan Crain
John Robinson

Also Present:

James McCalister, Director of Health & Human Services

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Officer Hamrick to approve the September 20, 2018 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

Park District – Commissioner Healy said the Park District revamped their teen event, but it is geared more to 5th-6th graders. There were 75-80 at the first event, which was held at Olympic with two more events scheduled over the next few months. They did meet last Friday at Nicol Knoll and showed a movie at the Golf Course. He talked to the employee in charge of the movie in the park and she wanted to know if the Youth Commission would want to tie into it in any way. They are looking to have older teens and these are usually scheduled on Friday nights in September. With the teen events the Park District is running, he is not sure if high school teens would attend, but they are looking for new things to offer.

School District – No Report

Arlington Heights Memorial Library - No Report

Police Department – No Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Gun Violence Awareness Project

Chair Spicer printed off 3D Printing policies from different libraries. He asked if they would read since Commissioner Kho said a friend of his had a service project to bring awareness regarding gun violence to our community and the Commission wanted to support that initiative. One way they might do that is helping create or making a recommendation to the Library about their 3D Printing Policy to make sure it is reasonable and gun sensible. He said they could discuss at the next meeting.

B. 2019 Teen Job Fair

The 2019 Teen Job Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Library.

C. Teen Star Gazing

Chair Spicer explained the Teen Star Gazing Event for teens to the new Commissioners. Commissioner Goldberg explained the Lunar Eclipse on Sunday, January 20th and there is no school on Monday because of MLK. He said they plan to set-up some telescopes, and have hot chocolate in the nearby facility. Commissioner Dyer said that some school activities go beyond curfew and thinks that teens can drive home even beyond curfew if it is a reasonable time after the event. Officer Hamrick shared the curfew requirements. Commissioner Dyer said the partial Lunar Eclipse begins on 1/20/19 at 10:30pm and maximum viewing is at 11:02pm and ends at 11:23pm.

Commissioner Healy said that he shared the Youth Commission star gazing evening with the Frontier Park Supervisor. He said they just ran into the 11:00pm closing of the Parks. If they went beyond that time, the Park Board would have to approve. If we still want to look at a place, we can, they just have to do a write up on what it will be with details and why we would want that exception to go past the 11:00pm close. As mentioned, there are curfew issues for those under 18. Chair Spicer asked how big of a hurdle is it to go before the Park Board to get the extension for one night. Commissioner Healy did not think it would be huge, but he did not know.

Officer Hamrick asked about hosting this at Village Hall on the 3rd floor of the parking garage. He said that at Hersey they were trying to set-up an Astronomy Club and you are not allowed to have events start after 8:00pm or something close to that time. When they asked permission the school said no and they went to the superintendent who also said no. Kim asked if he knew about Northwest Solar System Star Gazing Club – he said Northwest Suburban Astronomers and he said that was one of the groups he was going to ask to borrow telescopes. She said she asked if Science Olympiad could meet with that group and they were thrilled. Chair Spicer said that if this happens, there would be a few experts just talking about what is up there. They were going to move their monthly meetings to the Arlington Heights Memorial Library and they did not for some reason.

Chair Spicer said that Library staff has been approved to help out, even if this goes until 11:30pm. He asked what time this should be started and ended. Commissioner Goldberg

said there is a partial eclipse and he knows people do not want to be out forever so if they figure out the maximum time because the eclipse will stay eclipsed for an hour and most will not want to look at the moon for an hour. He thought 15-30 minutes would be enough.

Chair Spicer said the partial eclipse starts at 9:33pm in Chicago. The full eclipse starts at 10:41pm. Officer Hamrick said the Police Department could not change the curfew time, as it is a State law. He said it needs to be stated somewhere that “anyone under 17 years old needs to be accompanied by an adult or guardian.” Chair Spicer said maybe they could host this event on a Friday or Saturday before the Sunday just as general moon and star gazing, not necessarily eclipse gazing, but building up to the fact that on Sunday there will be full eclipse. They would not have to worry about curfew as it is midnight on Friday and Saturday. He asked that for comments. Commissioner said that was interesting and this will be big news in January. He agreed that if we did it on the weekend, we would have more time and people would be able to see other stuff than just the moon. He said those things could be shown the night of the Lunar Eclipse, but not everyone would be interested. If this does not work out, they talked about the contingency. Chair Spicer said one thing about that is if people sign up for this, they will not remember in the summer that they signed up for it. One suggestion would be to have it a week later – not based on the eclipse just more on a clear skies, which would help as you might still get the crowd that signed up. Commissioner Goldberg said if they planned to have this in the summer, one week after school ended, it could be advertised in the schools to hopefully get a decent crowd. Then they would be able to host on a Saturday or Sunday.

Chair Spicer asked if there was a facility at Nicol Knoll where people could warm up and have hot chocolate. Commissioner Healy responded yes and said if they were looking for a place in the middle of town that was dark, would probably be Frontier Park as it is 27 acres with very few lights except the walking path, which could be shut off. It has a covered area in the park by the picnic area and a building that could be used. He felt this would be more centrally located. For anyone under 17 at Frontier Park, you could leave 10 minutes before 11:00pm and be home before curfew. Commissioner Healy said if it is held at a Park District location, it can be included in the brochure. Chair Spicer said the library could advertise also. Commissioner Goldberg said they could start the event a little earlier than the eclipse so they can look at other things in the sky. As the eclipse starts happening, we can change our focus to the eclipse and when it ends at 11:00pm, teens will get their 20 minutes of viewing the eclipse. Commissioner Dyer asked if you can see this without a telescope and Commissioner Goldberg responded yes. Chair Spicer said if they want to have high school teens with their friends, they have to be careful because of curfew. Officer Hamrick said that 17 year olds who may be driving - their curfew is an hour earlier Sunday-Thursday curfew is 10:00pm. Friday and Saturday is 11:00pm if you are driving. Parents would need to pick-up their teens, which would be OK.

Chair Spicer asked if they could continue this discussion via email and make this event a Library/Park District. He mentioned the deadline for the Library newsletter and he was concerned about promoting this. Chair Spicer said he was leaning towards hosting a viewing on a Friday or Saturday. Commissioner Goldberg said there would be less teens without an eclipse, but he did not know how many. He preferred to do this on the night of the eclipse. Chair Spicer suggested ending at 9:45pm so curfew is not an issue and

asked if they would still be able to see the eclipse. Commissioner Goldberg said they would still see a partial eclipse. Commissioner Sordo-Palacios asked if it would be okay for those that choose to stay if their parents picked them up. Officer Hamrick said it would be OK if parents would be there to pick them up. He said to advertise with the reminder of the curfew requirement. The Commissioners agreed to add some type of disclaimer.

Chair Spicer said he is interested in any ideas for like passive things to happen... like a hot chocolate station, snowman-building contest if it snows, etc.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The Youth Commission met with the Senior Citizens Commission and had a tour of the Senior Center. They discussed the Teen Snow Shoveling Program.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Officer Hamrick and seconded by Commissioner Healy. Motion passed by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.