

**Barrington Hills Park District
Riding Center Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes 09/06/2016**

Advisory committee members present: Gigi Lacovelli, – Committee Chairperson, Lorelei Benkendorf, Tracy Fawkes, Andre van Vuren, Barb McMorris, Juanita Kennedy.

Commissioner present: Fred McMorris

Guests: Steve Allen, Abra Shapiro, Maureen Crump

Meeting called to order at 7:07

Park Board updates – Fred McMorris

Rental requests, RCBH wants to reschedule their rental to August 27th and change it to a partial rental. The AC does not see any conflicts so they feel the new rental date should be approved.

User fee was discussed at the Park Board meeting:

In district and out of district fees

Discussion on BH residents who pay between \$50 and \$80 per year towards the riding center and tennis court maintenance being extremely low.

Maintenance issues on agenda add the following:

Meeting room sinks in West side bathrooms are not working.

Lorelei has drawing and suggestions for Tree Line jump project.

Board would like to have more info on the design, insurance and contractor.

To be discussed further during the next meeting.

Bateman road fence project is still in works with new plan to put fencing before driveway to hunt house.

Park Board had questions on cost and need. Gates only may be seem be perceived as exclusionary.

Commissioner reported on roof repair.

Quotes ranged between \$42,580.00 and \$78,000.00. PB to make a decision.

Outdoor arena footing project is in process.

Commissioner gave updates.

Proposals to repair arena footing with angular type sand – Mike Puffer

Cost of \$2,600.00 per half inch for special type of footing.

Is the issue to add sand or to repair the base? This is still under exploration.

North end of arena will need to be raised 1 to 2 feet and crested in the middle, also an option.

Limiting Trainers suggestions:

1. Limit number of students in lessons and even fewer in indoor than outdoor.

- a. Indoor: 2 max
 - b. Outdoor: 4 max
2. Limit number of lessons given at same time.
 - a. In indoor, one lesson of two or two lessons of one each, year round.
 - b. In outdoor, no more than two lessons with up to two students each, or one lesson with up to four students.
3. Limiting the number of lessons each trainer can give per month. This is to control one trainer from monopolizing facility.
4. Limiting the total number of trainers approved by park board. Is there a limit to the number of trainers? Not at this time as long as they have the 1,000,000 liability insurance.
5. How does park district come to approve these trainers: ie. First come first served? by merit?, by credentials? Not at this time as long as they have the 1,000,000 liability insurance.
6. Trainer fees will be discussed at the next Park Board meeting. Moving towards increasing this fee.
7. Enforcement of rules by in and out of district users and trainers, how will this be done. Park Board is working on developing a procedure. The 1st step in this process is the draft of the User Ordinance for a justifiable basis of enforcement. User Ordinance redline version is now at the lawyers for review.
8. Barb raised concerns with the functionality of the calendar. Only 3 trainers are using the interface. Need User Ordinance for enforcement.
9. Rule breaking by users or trainers, process: Individuals are asked to gather information on the alleged offender and submit to the Park District.

Advisory Board does not feel there is a need at this time to have a schedule for the outdoor area.

Park Board to update new liability agreements and training procedures to use the tractor(s). Andre mentioned to Commissioner that Pony Club was entertaining the thought of buying a zero turn mower for its volunteers. Commissioner thought it would be in order with the Park Board if this were to happen.

Citizens for Conservation have an application in to host a reptiles and amphibians from wildlife discovery class.

Issue is will there be a charge.

Are we being all inclusive – is this group part of the greater good towards the conservation of the area.

Where will the proceeds be going?

General consensus is favorable towards renting the room to this group.

Adjourned at 8:56 pm