

Approved
**VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH
PARK AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by Chair Koch.

2. Roll Call: Present - Chairperson Kevin Koch, Board Members Allen Borg, Jeff Carey, and Greg Weider.

Staff present - Recreation Manager Bonnie Caputo, Recreation Supervisor. Trustee Marc Spacone, liaison to the Park Advisory Board, was also present.

3. Public Comments - None

4. New Business:

A. A Long Swim Special Event Request & Presentation

Manager Bonnie Caputo presented the memo regarding A Long Swim to run their event at Paulus Park on Sunday, June 5th for potentially 75-100 swimmers benefitting ALS awareness and research at Northwestern University in Chicago (one of the best research centers in the world). Manager Caputo did note that this would require possible collaboration between the Fire Department, Police Department and Park & Recreation Department (aquatics).

Douglas McConnell, founder of the 501c3 organization, A Long Swim (borrows its acronym from ALS), presented the potential event to run on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at Paulus Park Beach/Lake Zurich from 7am to 10am. Douglas gave the PAB a brief background on his involvement with ALS fundraising (over \$230,000 raised) and open water experience. He explained that he is local residing in Barrington and does train in Lake Zurich. Doug also has had experiences with Lake Zurich events as he did volunteer as a kayaker for the 2015 LZ Tri. Doug explained that he would like to run an event in Lake Zurich due to the beautiful venue and the demand of swim events for triathletes in the area (very few competitive open water swims in the area). The event is surrounded around providing three different distances that connect with triathletes: 1,500 meters (Olympic triathlon), 1.2 miles (half Ironman triathlon), and 2.4 miles (full Ironman triathlon). This event would be the first in a series of summer swims offered by A Long Swim (Crystal Lake, 3 Oaks, June 26th and Winnetka, August 7th). There would be a \$50 registration fee for the event along with fundraising incentives (under consideration at the moment i.e. waive of the registration fee, wet suit, transition bag, etc.). Doug informed the group that he is working closely with the LZ Tri leadership, Mark Borst, to discuss best practices and potential cross marketing. Doug did also tell the group that the plan is to use the Village of Lake Zurich resources such as lifeguards, Fire Department boat and divers and Police Department boat. He is aware and willing to reimburse the Village for these services. Doug reviewed the course for the swim with the PAB stating the course would be compact making it easier to guard and keep other boat traffic away. There would be 2 kayaks per

length of the course with lifeguards and radio communication on each boat (total of 10 kayaks). Motor boats with large buoys would be at each corner of the course (smaller intermediate buoys would identify the course in between the 4 corners).

A question and answer period followed. Greg Weider showed appreciation for the event. He inquired to when the 501c3 was established as well as to the financial goals of the event. Doug stated that A Long Swim received the 501c3 status at the end of 2015 and their goal for the Lake Zurich event was 75 swimmers to potentially net \$10,000 which would be considered success. Doug also said that the 501c3 was created while he was fundraising for the Les Turner Foundation and he decided he wanted money to be more targeted towards collaborative research. Greg Weider asked if this is the first year for the series swim and Doug stated this is the first year as they have conducted open water swims in Lake Michigan which can be found to be quite intimidating. They were looking for venues where the water temperature is more predictable with calmer water. Allen Borg questioned Doug as to the age groups allowed to participate in this event. Doug stated that it is open for high school age and older, a broad age group. Kevin Koch asked as to how long it would take a swimmer to complete the longest distance. Doug approximated under 2 hours. Doug also confirmed for the group that the Lake Zurich Property Owners Association approved the event and that he would furnish a certificate of insurance naming the Village of Lake Zurich as additionally insured for the event.

MOTION made by Allen Borg, seconded by Jeff Carey, to recommend approval of the special event request submitted by A Long Swim for their event to run in 2016. Upon roll call vote, Kevin Koch, Allen Borg, Jeff Carey, and Greg Weider voted Aye. None were opposed. MOTION CARRIED

5. Adjournment

MOTION made by Greg Weidner, seconded by Allen Borg, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by: *Bonnie Caputo, Recreation Manager*

Approved by:

Kevin Koch, Chairman