

VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
January 4, 2007

The Parks & Recreation and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. at Village Hall, Lake in the Hills. Those present were Chairperson Koch, Vice Chair Bob Huckins, Members Tracey Rentschler, Dave Roberts, and Diane Tredore. Also present were Director Wakeman, Superintendent of Recreation Andrew Gemmell, and Trustee Harlfinger. Members Diane Murphy and Cathy Neilan were absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting of December 7, 2006 was made by Member Roberts and seconded by Vice Chair Huckins. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Stewardship Update

Member Roberts suggested to Director Wakeman that some excavation be done at the entryway of the dog park and the possibility of staff adding extra wood chips at the entrance. He also questioned the removal of the portajohn. Member Roberts' additional concerns were the area east of the water fountain holding water and the shed by the garage, he has found that the doors have been left open periodically. Member Rentschler questioned whether the new path at Sunset Park would be re-done. Director Wakeman informed her it would be taken care of in the spring. Vice Chair Huckins inquired about the scheduled maintenance on trash pick up at Leroy Guy Park.

Recreation Master Plan Updates

The Park Board had no comments or additions to the document that Director Wakeman presented at the December meeting. Director Wakeman requested that the Board make a recommendation to present the document to the Village Board. Chair Koch made a recommendation to forward the Recreation Program Master Plan to the Village Board as presented to the Park Board by Director Wakeman at the December Park Board meeting. Member Roberts seconded the recommendation. The recommendation was approved by a vote of 5-0.

NISRA Recommendation

Member Roberts made a recommendation to accept the NISRA information as presented. Member Tredore seconded the recommendation. The recommendation was approved by a vote of 5-0. Director Wakeman stated that a more formal recommendation was required. Chair Koch withdrew the first recommendation and requested a new recommendation. Member Roberts made a motion to recommend that the Village of Lake in the Hills consider becoming a member of the NISRA Organization. Vice Chair Huckins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Wakeman presented her monthly report highlighting the capital projects for the department, the 2007 budget and the completion of the silo project. Director Wakeman reviewed Superintendent Parchutz' report highlighting the completion of the VH lower level painting and chair rail project and the Festival of Trees set up and take down. Superintendent Gemmell presented his monthly report highlighting the Winter-Spring brochure, Festival of Trees, the Food for Cash contest, and new sponsorships.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT

Trustee Harlfinger informed the Board of the Budget Hearing on Tuesday, December 12 and the appointment of Ron Sloan to the Village Board of Trustees filling Trustee Kennedy's vacated seat.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Tredore questioned whether the department would handle the recycling of Christmas trees stating that it is something to think about. Chair Koch inquired as to whether to include the NISRA recommendation on the Village Board meeting agenda for next week without first allowing the Trustees to review and discuss the information packet provided.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Huckins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia Loesch
Recording Secretary