

VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
May 3, 2007

The Parks & Recreation and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, Lake in the Hills. Those present were Chairperson Koch, Vice Chair Bob Huckins, Members Dave Roberts, Diane Murphy, Cathy Neilan, and Diane Tredore and Tracey Rentschler. Also present were Director Wakeman, Superintendent of Recreation Andrew Gemmell, Recreation Supervisor Casie Peltz, Recreation Supervisor Trevor Bosack, Trustee Harlfinger, and Recording Secretary Patricia Loesch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting of April 5, 2007 was made by Member Rentschler and seconded by Vice Chair Huckins. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Stewardship Update

Member Tredore stated that the grass looked good at Avalon Park. Member Roberts informed the Board that the cement work at the entryway of the Bark Park is underway, that flags have been placed along Haligus Road where rodents have dug underneath the fencing making it easy for smaller dogs to get out of the park. He also invited the Board and their pets to the Pet Blessing on Saturday at 11am. Member Neilan stated that Barbara Key Park looks beautiful but that there is some tree branch cleanup needed. She also inquired about the boundaries of the park with relationship to The Oaks Condominiums.

Sunset Park Grant Project Update

Director Wakeman distributed the Facility Needs Worksheet to the Board which was furnished by the Hitchcock Design Group. The document provides information on the total number of facilities needed to meet the Illinois Average based on population. The Board discussed the need for additional shelters, bike path/multi-use trails, softball fields, practice field space, and finishing the football complex and/or soccer complex. The Board recommended that Director Wakeman determine from the Hitchcock Design Group, which options would gain a higher ranking; by adding additional bike path trails and a shelter or adding a football field. Based on that information, Director Wakeman would proceed with the grant process.

NEW BUSINESS

Sunset Park Master Plan Revisions

In order to apply for the OSLAD Grant in July, the Sunset Park Master Plan needs to be updated to include the addition of a multi-field complex for Field No. 8 as discussed at last months meeting. Director Wakeman requested a recommendation from the Board. Chair Koch made a recommendation to amend the Master Plan to reflect the following: Convert one football field to a multi-use practice field, the addition of a shelter for the baseball complex, convert Field No. 8 to 3 ball fields and the expansion of the dog park. Vice Chair Huckins seconded the recommendation. The recommendation was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Bike Path Revisions

Director Wakeman updated the Board on the suggested revisions to the bike path map.

- Completion of the Larsen Park path
- Reconfiguration of Pyott Road and bike path
- Completion of the path on Frank and Algonquin Rd. by the Lakes of Boulder Ridge
- Completion of the Cheswick Place area off Lakewood Road
- Haligus Road by Greenshire subdivision
- Haligus Road completion by the Reed Road campus
- Reed Road completion
- Final phase of the bike path grant at Haligus and Sunset Park
- Fox Ridge Farms extension
- Bark Park addition

Vice Chair Huckins made a recommendation to approve the revisions to the bike path map per the drawing. Member Tredore seconded the recommendation. The recommendation was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Parks Tour Agenda

The annual Parks Tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th. The tour will visit various recreation agencies with splash pads. The Roselle Park District, Hoffman Estates, and Elk Grove will be included in the tour.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Wakeman presented her monthly report highlighting the replacement of the Stoneybrook Park playground equipment, the Bike Path Grant, the Village Hall Open Space project, the Illinois Wine Festival and inclusion in the NISRA Organization. Director Wakeman updated the Board on the hiring of part-time summer staff for the Parks Division, the repair to the Larsen Park gazebo roof, and the dog park expansion project. Superintendent Gemmell presented his monthly report highlighting the summer brochure, Run thru the Hills, and the seasonal staff hiring. Recreation Supervisor Casie Peltz presented her monthly report highlighting the advertising of preschool staff and the Senior Spaghetti Dinner. Recreation Supervisor Trevor Bosack presented his monthly report highlighting the Adult Softball League and the Pitch, Hit, & Run event on April 28th.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT

Trustee Harlfinger informed the Board of the recent election results and welcomed Paul Mulcahy as the new Village Trustee.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Huckins questioned the mailing to the Bell Chase residents regarding the vandalism at Leroy Guy Park. Director Wakeman explained that the Police Department has suggested trimming trees and adding lighting to get a better view of the park.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Huckins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia Loesch
Recording Secretary