

**VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS**  
**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

**April 3, 2008**

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. at Village Hall, Lake in the Hills. Those present were Chair Koch, Vice Chair Tredore, Members Don Keacher, Ron Sloan, and Diane Murphy. Also present were Director Wakeman, Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz, Superintendent of Recreation Andrew Gemmell, and Trustee Mulcahy. Absent from the meeting was Member Roberts. Recreation Supervisor Trevor Bosack arrived at 8:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting of March 6, 2008, was made by Member Murphy and seconded by Vice Chair Tredore. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Park Stewardship Update**

Member Sloan stated that while at Sunset Park he witnessed cedar chips being blown in the playground area. He had never seen that done before. He questioned whether we would be putting in a fountain near the Buddy Baseball Field and the Skate Park. He also noticed a lot of water by the tennis courts and over the bike path but didn't know where it was coming from. Superintendent Parchutz stated that the ground in that area is very saturated. Vice Chair Tredore stated that things looked good at the Dog Park. Chair Koch said that the preschool area looked good at the Indian Trail Beach House. Member Keacher noticed a lot of water on the bike path at Ken Carpenter Park.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Adopt-a-Park Document Changes**

Director Wakeman stated that the Adopt-a-Program was started 8 years ago and since that time over a half dozen groups have taken part in the program. To make the program easier it has been changed to a one year commitment during which the individual or group would visit the park at least three times-preferably early spring, middle summer, and late fall. Staff would also add the adoptee's name to the park signage. Director Wakeman requested a motion to approve the changes to the document. Member Sloan made a motion to approve the Adopt-a-Park Program document as presented. Member Keacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

**Memorial Program/Naming of Parks Document Changes**

Director Wakeman stated that the Ad-Hoc Committee combined the Memorial Tree Program and the Naming of the Parks, Building, or Structures Program. She also mentioned that the committee felt that by adding memorial benches and picnic tables, residents would have additional options to choose from. Member Sloan questioned Section III, Request Procedures, if we did want to distinguish that significant contributions were from multiple areas of the community. Director Wakeman and Chair Koch answered yes. Director Wakeman requested a motion to forward the document changes to the Village Board for their approval. Member Sloan made a motion recommending the Village Board approve changes to the Memorial Program. Chair Koch seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

## **May Parks Tour**

Director Wakeman requested that the Board select a date for this year's tour with the emphasis on the bike path system. The Board decided on Sunday, May 18, 2008, at 8:00 a.m.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Director Wakeman presented her monthly report highlighting boat launch fee signage; the Harvest Gate bike path, Bark Park landscape, and a Cultural Arts program. She informed the Board that Member Neilan had resigned and that Jill Cross will join the Board in May. Superintendent Parchutz presented his monthly report highlighting Plote Field light replacement and the Playground Safety Program. Superintendent Gemmell presented his monthly report highlighting the summer brochure, the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Break Camp, and Run thru the Hills.

## **TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT**

Trustee Mulcahy asked the Board how they felt about the Rotary wanting to put in water and electric in the Festival area for the Rib Fest and wondered if the Board would want to be involved in the decision making process for that request?

## **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Koch stated that staff should look in to budgeting for an additional phase at Cheswick Park Place for additional amenities. She stated that when the park goes in she's afraid that it won't look like much since the amenities chosen have no play value. She is concerned that the amenities are not age appropriate. She questioned whether Hitchcock Design dropped the ball on this park. She asked if the residents were shown other equipment options. Member Sloan stated that at the public meeting the residents had various options to choose from and that they had wanted to go with the climbing rock, stepping stones, and hollow log crawl etc. He asked why we asked for the residents' opinion on the amenity choices if we were not going to give it to them. Chair Koch stated that she would like to see swings and moving pieces incorporated into the park.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jill Cross, 5380 Avalon, stated that she had first met Trudy when Avalon Park was going in. She had concerns about the equipment being age appropriate. She said that you cannot please everyone and that the people who are angry now about the park won't be by the time the park goes in and the children are older.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Tredore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary