

**VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
PARKS TOUR
MAY 18, 2008**

A Special Meeting of the Lake in the Hills Parks & Recreation Board for their annual Parks Tour at the Village of Lake in the Hills Village Hall.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Vice Chair Diane Tredore, Dave Roberts, Don Keacher, Jill Cross, Trustee Yensen, Director Trudy Wakeman, and Guest Michael Bissett.

Discussion:

Director Wakeman distributed an agenda along with the Harvest Gate proposed bike path area diagram, Sunset Park Master Plan, and the bike path map. With regards to the Harvest Gate proposal, after the Army Corps of Engineers, IDNR, and other organizations reviewed the area, the path location would be determined based on the soils and wetland. The first stop on the tour was at Algonquin/Lakewood Roads where the developer has extended the Sumner Glen path through the open space to a safe crossing at Algonquin Road. Wakeman also indicated that the path at Reed Road dead ends at Lakewood and discussed with MCCD some options for a safe crossing into the Exner Marsh. Wakeman toured the new bike path that was built in conjunction with the Huntley Park District. Our next stop was the discussion of the Sunset Park Phase IV OSLAD grant and what each component would entail. Football field, bike path, interpretive sign and the Splash Pad location were viewed and discussed. The next stop was to view the Cheswick Park location and see what the progress was to date. Wakeman explained that the developer has prepared the park for the contractor with additional site grading. Orleans will remove dirt from the pile up through September when they would then hydro seed the open space area.

The next portion of our tour was driving the proposed Ryder Park to Barbara Key Park bike path. The first section of the path was slated to go between field #3 and the homes. The space is very limited and would interfere with the games on the field. Additionally, a portion of this area is a bog which would be very wet and add to the challenge of the path. A question arose about using a floating path vs. an asphalt path in this area. However, would create a walking path vs. a bike path and would not be the designation we are looking for. Farther east, the area would be in the fen and would require some clearing of tall grasses, trees, and brush. This portion of the bike path map will be brought up at the next meeting for further discussion.

Our next location was Ford School Park where we discussed the process that will be taken to replace this park for next year's budget. In this area of the Village, members wanted to view Echo Hill Park. Member Roberts was able to give some history about the dam and the activities that were in the area in the 50's. Our last tour area was the Harvest Gate Path and the location of the path within the area of the homes. By getting Board members out to the locations, every one got a better idea of the projects ahead.

Adjourn at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Director of Parks & Recreation