VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
June 5, 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 Vice Chair Tredore, Members Don Keacher, Ron Sloan, Jill Cross, Dave Roberts, and Diane Murphy. Also present were Director Wakeman, Superintendent of Recreation Andrew Gemmell, and Recreation Supervisor Trevor Bosack, and Trustee Mulcahy. Absent from the meeting were Chairperson Koch and Superintendent Parchutz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting of May 1, 2008, was made by Member Roberts and seconded by Member Keacher. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0. A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks Tour Meeting of May 18, 2008, was made by Member Roberts and seconded by Member Keacher. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mark Lonigro, 630 Joseph Street, President of the Youth Athletic Association discussed some of the projects the YAA would like to do to improve some of the Village parks. Some of the items discussed were concession stands, dugouts, and scoreboards. The emphasis was adding dugouts to Sunset and Leroy Guy parks. Mark stated that the YAA fundraiser netted the organization $61,000. They have a sponsor for one dugout already. Member Cross asked that if a sponsor pays for the dugout, would they then want to advertise on the dugout. Mark stated that a small placard might be mounted on the structure. The Board questioned whether the work would be contracted or volunteer. Mark stated that it would be contracted. Mark asked the Board for their support in moving forward with this project. Member Roberts made a motion encouraging the Youth Athletic Association to move forward with the dugout and building projects. Member Keacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Stewardship Update

Vice Chair Tredore commented that the berm and trees are in at Cheswick Place Park and everything looks good. Member Cross stated that there is graffiti; the swings are too high, that there is a broken step, and a bush by the bench needs some trimming at Horner Park. Member Roberts stated that Kennedy Triangle looks beautiful and is very fragrant. Member Sloan discussed the beach staff's concerns about the preschool equipment at Indian Trail Beach and asked if this was being taken care of. Director Wakeman advised that it was being handled. Member Keacher stated that Ford School Park looks good and questioned whether the cashier stand at the beach could be repainted. Member Murphy questioned whether the peeling paint issue at the Hain House had been resolved and the placement of the port john. She also noted that some weeding needed to be done, there is graffiti on the porch post, and that there is a black box, possibly containing poison that she was wondering if anyone could get into.

NEW BUSINESS

Bike Path Map Changes

Changes to the bike path map include the removal of the Ryder Park to Barbara Key Park future off-street path as well as the on-street bike path on Plum Street and the off-street path at Bordeaux Drive which was removed and replaced by an on-street bike path that connects to Normandy Lane. The Board discussed connecting to the bike trail and the possibility of a path into the Rothschild property. Director Wakeman stated that she is in contact with MCCD and will look into possible alternatives. Member Roberts made a motion to approve the changes to the bike path as presented by staff. Member Cross seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-1. Member Sloan opposed the changes to the bike path map.

Ford School Park Resident Meeting

Director Wakeman informed the Board that Ford School Park is scheduled for new playground equipment for the 2009 budget. She stated that in order for staff to get an idea of what type of playground the residents want, a public planning meeting needs to scheduled for sometime in July or August. She suggested a few dates and the Board decided on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 6:00p.m.

Athletic Field Fee Schedule

Director Wakeman explained that additional football teams are requesting field use. Currently, our athletic field fees reflect baseball field use only. The larger fields such as soccer and football require extensive maintenance and mowing. Staff researched area athletic field fees in the surrounding communities and school districts to compare fees. Director Wakeman requested a recommendation to the Village Board on the athletic field fee changes. Member Sloan made a recommendation to approve the fee schedule as presented by staff. Member Keacher seconded the recommendation. The recommendation was approved by a vote of 6-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Wakeman presented her monthly report highlighting NISRA's promotional DVD and the DCEO Grant. She then presented the Parks Project Status Report highlighting mosquito abatement and the hiring of seasonal staff. Superintendent Gemmell presented his monthly report highlighting the beach opening, Funtasticamp, and Playschool Academy. Recreation Supervisor, Trevor Bosack presented his monthly report highlighting the Pitch, Hit, & Run event, Senior Spaghetti dinner, the trip to the Shedd Aquarium with the seniors, and the Hershey Track & Field event.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT

None.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Roberts stated his concerns about the water supply out to the skate park. The water has not been on so the kids are climbing the fence to the dog park to get water. He stated that a water supply is needed at the skate park and the football fields. Director Wakeman said that she will talk with the Water Department about the matter. Member Cross mentioned that the floor in the classroom looked really good after being buffed and waxed. Also, she wanted to extend kudos to the Public Works Department on their Open House. Her kids loved the trucks.

Member Sloan met with ALITHSA regarding the Thorguard Lightening Detection System. He stated the association was not aware of how the system worked and that there was no signage to explain the system. Director Wakeman informed the Board that staff is working on signage for the soccer fields. Member Sloan also mentioned the importance of installing repeaters at the beaches.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary