

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

**August 7, 2008**

The Parks & 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 Tredore, Members Ron Sloan, Jill Cross, Don Keacher, Dave Roberts, and Diane Murphy. Also present were Director Wakeman, Superintendent Parchutz, Superintendent of Recreation Andrew Gemmell, Recreation Supervisors Casie Peltz and Trevor Bosack, and Trustee Harlfinger.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting of July 1, 2008, was made by Member Roberts and seconded by Member Cross. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Liz Wakeman, 6 Featherstone Ct, stated that Cheswick Place Park does not meet the needs of the children in the neighborhood and would like to see the addition of more equipment.

Mike Thorsen, 4 Featherstone Ct, stated that there isn't much to do at the park. He wants to see swings, slides, and monkey bars. Mike thinks that the park looks decorative rather than a play area. Joe Gadomski, 11 Featherstone Ct, thinks that the park is not interesting. He thinks that adding swings and slides would help him to meet new friends in the neighborhood and boost his social life.

Tom Gadomski, 11 Featherstone Ct, stated that he is grateful that the park is being built, however, there is not enough to do. His home backs up to the park and he would like to see more swings, slides, and monkey bars. Member Cross asked the residents of Cheswick Place what transpired at the public meeting. One of the residents stated that there was a group of residents that wanted a more natural looking park.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Park Stewardship Update**

Vice Chair Tredore commented that Nature's View Park is a beautiful park. Member Cross noticed a goal post missing, benches tipped over, a seat missing from the picnic table under the shelter by the skate park, brown patches in the grass, and no recycling bins in the park except by the baseball and soccer fields at Sunset Park. Superintendent Parchutz advised Member Cross that the picnic table under the shelter is handicap accessible. Member Cross also commented that she would like to see more benches around the playground area and staff taking a look at the squeaky swings. Member Roberts stated that the entryway to the Bark Park is still very muddy and suggested ways to correct the problem. He also discussed the possibility of a storage area for the bowls and water bottles. Director Wakeman felt that the bowls and bottles didn't look good. She prefers that park members do not leave the bowls and bottles at the park. Member Roberts also stated that there is extreme wear and tear to the area by the three trees since it is the only shade at the park. He suggested adding a border around the area filled with granite mulch. Member Sloan said that Barbara Key Park is beautiful. Member Keacher stated that Jaycee Park looked good. Member Murphy picked up garbage and noticed dead grass between the pavers in the gazebo at Lynn Dillow Park. Chair Koch commented that the roof looks good on the shelter at Larsen Park.

## **5 Year Capital Priority List**

Director Wakeman requested that the Board prioritize the list. Members noticed that the gazebo and the ½ basketball court that were discussed at last month's meeting were not on the list. Member Sloan wanted Cheswick Park added to the list for additional equipment. Chair Koch stated that Cheswick Park should come before landscaping at Leroy Guy Park.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Director Wakeman presented her monthly report highlighting the DCEO Grant received for the 24'x 36' shelter at Sunset Park, the MCCD Master Plan for the LITH Fen, the Ford School Park public meeting, and the Triathlon. Director Wakeman informed the Board that the Falcon Football Organization purchased a scoreboard and sign for the fields at Sunset Park. The organization was advised to add the Village logo to the scoreboard and staff did not agree to the current sign language. Superintendent Parchutz presented his monthly report highlighting the department's Playground Safety Audits. Superintendent Gemmell presented his monthly report highlighting the beaches special events, the Fall brochure, and the Sunset 5K Race. Recreation Supervisor, Casie Peltz presented her monthly report highlighting Funtasticamp, July's Park Party with the Pink Panthers Double Dutch Team, and the Summer Concert Series. Recreation Supervisor, Trevor Bosack presented his monthly report highlighting the Adult Fall leagues, the senior trip to Harrah's Casino, and the swim race rain date.

## **TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT**

Trustee Harlfinger had nothing to report.

## **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Murphy complimented staff on the Fall brochure and questioned whether we could put together a co-rec flag football league. Member Cross switched Village Board meeting dates with Member Sloan. Member Sloan will cover September 11 and Member Cross will cover the 23 and 25. Member Sloan questioned whether the Thorguard signs were up.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Tredore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Cross seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary