

VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2012

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:31p.m. at Village Hall, Lake in the Hills. Those present were Chair Koch, Vice Chair Tredore, Members Roberts, Fritz, and Ames. Also present were Director Wakeman, Superintendent Parchutz, Superintendent of Recreation Andrew Gemmell, Recreation Supervisor Melendez, and Trustee Huckins. Recreation Supervisor Bosack and Members Murphy and Cross were absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting of December 1, 2011, was made by Member Roberts and seconded by Member Fritz. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

Member Cross arrived at 6:34p.m.

Member Murphy arrived at 6:36p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Stewardship Update

Member Roberts stated that the yard cleanup banner is missing out at the dog park. He also mentioned that the mud at each of the entrances to the park is still an issue.

NEW BUSINESS

CERT Presentation

Sgt. Terri Volmer, along with two CERT volunteers, (Community Emergency Response Team) explained the program to the Board. She informed the Board that the program began in 2005, is funded with grant money, and has had over 140 volunteers graduate from the program. Each volunteer receives twenty hours of training in crisis/disaster preparedness. She stated that CERT boxes have been placed at various parks in the Village containing first aid supplies, tarps, shovels, blankets, rubber gloves, masks, back packs, batteries, flashlights, and more. The Board thanked Sgt. Volmer for her very informative presentation. Chair Koch suggested adding the CERT Program information to the Parks and Recreation brochure with the hope of getting more volunteers enrolled in the program.

Affiliate Group Question/Answer Session – ALITHSA

Chip Parker, Field Director, informed the Board that the organization was established in 1980. The organizations current enrollment is 500-700 participants for the spring season and 600-800 for the fall season. ALITHSA offers soccer to kids 4-18 years of age in 3 categories, Recreational, U8 Academy, and Competitive Youth Travel. They are also working to establish an Adult Soccer division. Some of the organizations concerns are with Sunset Field #2 with the field sloping down towards the wetlands, Sunset Field #3 access after wet weather with water building up between the waling path and the field, turf issues on Sunset fields 4-10, installing a remote system to the lightning detection system in the area to the north and west at Sunset Park. Chip stated that they have a hard time seeing/hearing the system activate. Some other wish list items include electricity at the Sunset storage shed, lights for the north fields, concession/restroom building near the circle driveway area at Sunset, numbered field

markers and an ALITHSA “welcome sign” at Sunset Park. Member Roberts questioned whether the organization was in compliance with the new soccer goal laws. Chip stated that they were.

United Cricket Club

There was not a representative from the organization in attendance at the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Wakeman presented her monthly report highlighting the completion of the vaulted restrooms at Sunset Park and the arrival of the Big Belly trash compactors, the grant application for a bike path from Lakewood and Algonquin Roads down to Albrecht, the disc golf course design, and the facility use report. Superintendent Parchutz presented his monthly report highlighting the department’s decision to do some of the mowing in house this year. He informed the Board that a mower has been purchased and seasonal staff will be hired. Superintendent Gemmell presented his monthly report highlighting the 2012 dog park registrations, the pond hockey tournament, and senior programming. Recreation Supervisor Melendez presented her monthly report highlighting Playschool Academy’s holiday events and Teddy Bear Christmas.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT

Trustee Huckins informed the Board that the 2012 Budget was approved at the December Village Board meeting. Director Wakeman stated that Indian Trail Beach would be getting a new pier.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Roberts presented an overview and history of the Woods Creek Watershed to the Board. Once the watershed is functioning as a healthy system, Woods Creek will benefit greatly as well as the Fox River. Crystal Creek Watershed comes from Crystal Lake and feeds into Goose Lake and Lake Scott. There currently is a committee that oversees that watershed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Fritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56p.m.

Submitted by,

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