

**Minutes
Park & Recreation Meeting
Village Hall
Community Room
Wednesday, May 7th, 2008**

Call to order; 6:34 P.M. by Greg Hickey

Roll Call; Greg Hickey, Vic Lopez, Mike Walsh, Brian Keith, Don LaPaglia, Terri Cooke, are present. Al Bertucci is absent

Approval of Minutes dated April 2nd, 2008;

Motion by Terri Cooke, Second by Don LaPaglia. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Review of “Open Meetings Act”

Village attorney Ed Graham was present to discuss and review the rules of the “Open Meetings Act” with the committee.

Review of Village Ordinance 908;

Ed Graham went through and discussed Village Ordinance 908 with the committee. This ordinance reconstitutes the park and recreation committee. Committee powers, duties and term limits were explained to the committee.

Budget Review;

Nick Narducci was present to discuss the revised Parks & Recreation budget with the committee. There were several changes made. Most of which were budget cuts that involved eliminating Capital Improvements.

Centerpoint Park;

Village take over as well as the monies needed to complete the park should be changing hands in the next several weeks. Monies received will be used for restroom facilities, concessions, lighting, storage, parking and play ground equipment. The committee would like to make a prioritized list to submit to the Village Board as a recommendation. Parking lot and driveway paving will be happening soon. The committee was also concerned about the overall size of the parking lot. To be adequate enough for two events simultaneously, the lot may need extended to the south to handle more vehicles.

Little Park;

The new gazebo had some recent damage due to vandalism. It will be repaired. The plaque has arrived and a dedication ceremony will take place once the landscaping in the park is complete.

Park Director/Staff;

Nick informed the committee that interviews will take place next week. They will interview the top four candidates.

Recommendation of Chairperson;

Current chairman Greg Hickey has decided to step down as committee chairman. He will however remain on the committee. The committee needed to make a recommendation to Mayor Ruban for a new chairperson. The committee decided that Mike Walsh would be there recommendation to take over as chairperson upon Greg's formal resignation. Motion to approve by Vic Lopez, Second by Don LaPaglia. All in favor. Mike Walsh will be recommended as the new chairperson.

Other Business;

Dennis Attaway Jr.'s Eagle Scout project received approval from Village Administration, with a few changes. Changes include, no recycling containers, garbage cans must match current cans, there must room around benches for mowing equipment.

The committee discussed a possible recycling program at all the village parks. This subject will be further discussed with village administration to find out why there currently is no recycling program and what would be needed to start one.

Motion to Adjourn;

Motion by Don LaPaglia, second by Terri Cooke. All in favor meeting closed at 9:05 P.M.

Next meeting;

Wednesday June 4th, 6:30 P.M. Village Hall