

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 7, 2010

7:00 P.M. Meeting

I. Roll Call

- A. Todd Von Ville, Director of Recreation
- B. Janet Flaherty, Assistant Director of Recreation
- C. Rocco Casadonte, Recreation Board
- D. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board
- E. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board
- F. Don Paulson, Recreation Board – ABSENT
- G. Artie Stollings, Recreation Board
- H. Brad Borowy, Council Recreation Committee Chair
- I. Tom Perk, Council Representative – ABSENT
- J. Dave Wingenfeld, Council Representative
- K. Jerry Piasecki, Councilperson

II. Service Department/Groundskeeper Discussion

- The Pavement Improvement project in Valley View Woods was awarded to Perrin Asphalt Company, Inc. The work is slated to start during the week of October 11 and is likely to be finished prior to Thanksgiving. The park will still be in use during this project with minimal disruption of traffic flow.
- The abandoned gas well in Valley View Woods is on schedule to be capped this month. The work to cap the well and clean up the location could require the electricity to the park being shut off for a period of days, but all efforts would be made to have this occur at a time when the park is not scheduled for use for pavilions, games, etc.

III. Membership Options

- Memberships to the Community Center for the year 2011 will be available as of December 1. Board Member Artie Stollings mentioned the possibility of adding a “VIP” pass that could be approved by the Village Council, but that was not considered to be a viable option based upon previous discussion with Law Director David Lambros. The possibility of opening memberships to employees of businesses in Valley View was brought up and Board Member Debbie Hartman stated that it could be a burden on the facility to add a potentially large group of people to the membership rolls. Board Member Jeff Grabel stated that he believed if membership rights were granted to employees of businesses in Valley View, that there would need to be strict time limitations placed on when those members would be admitted to use the facility. The topic of adult children (i.e. those ages 23+ still living at home) was brought up, as well as the option of permitting members to add one person who is a non-resident to their membership for a fee. Board Member Rocco Casadonte stated that he does not like the idea because non-residents should not be permitted as members, and allowing some non-residents but not others could cause confusion. The Board voted 4-0 to keep the current membership options in place. The Board also asked that the Recreation Department alter its membership form to indicate that

all adult members (i.e. those 23+) may be asked to show identification that proves they reside in Valley View when they check in at the front desk to use the facility. The Board will discuss membership options again next year and the information regarding adult children listed on family memberships may be reviewed.

IV. Village Logo Contest

- Councilperson Jerry Piasecki explained the upcoming Village Logo contest to the Recreation Board. Councilperson Piasecki indicated that entrants would submit artwork and that ideas should be original and would hopefully highlight the spirit and heritage of Valley View. Piasecki also stated that perhaps the future logo could be placed on Village letterhead, vehicles, a flag to be flown outside Village Hall, etc. The Recreation Board will serve as judges for the contest, and the Board was asked to consider rules and procedures for the contest, and to bring all ideas to the November meeting. The contest will likely begin around the end of 2010 or near the beginning of 2011.

V. Village Buses

- The Recreation Department will attempt to obtain approximate trade-in values for the two Village buses in the event that one or both vehicles need to be replaced.

VI. Information Update

- Recreation Fund Available Balance Update (as of October 4, 2010) from Clerk/Treasurer Carol Tomasko: \$324,443.30
- The 2011 After Prom Committee will operate the concession stand during the 2010-11 basketball season.
- Registration for Youth Basketball has begun. Basketball Clinics are set for October 24 and 31. Cuyahoga Heights Basketball Coaches Al Martin and Mike Tartara will instruct the clinics.

VII. Other Discussion

- Councilperson Brad Borowy stated that some residents have approached him about the possibility of “Winter Sports”, such as sledding, being made available in Valley View. The Recreation Department will attempt to find past information regarding the options and costs associated with a sledding hill in Valley View. Board Member Casadonte asked if we would be better off to offer opportunities to ride the Village bus to places that offer sledding, tobogganing, etc. The Recreation Department does offer trips of this kind annually.
- Board Member Casadonte asked if a concession stand and press box will be a possibility at Winik Field. The prioritized list organized by the Recreation Board does include a concession stand/press box as a possible future project. The list will be discussed at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 P.M.

Date: Oct 1, 2010

Update to Village Logo Contest.

All Council, Mayor,

As an update to the attached, please consider the following regarding a Village Logo Contest.

Todd VonVille would be the organizer of the contest along with the Rec Board. Todd & the Board could establish the rules however, we are not after any legal or detailed rules. Todd & I talked a bit and agree that the premise would be that graphic artwork be submitted on a letter size sheet of white paper, in pencil or pen, black & white. The artwork need not be perfect since the general presentation of the logo will be judged upon originality as it **reflects the heritage, spirit, assets and culture of our Village as a people and place.** The judges (Rec Board) would establish the winner. I would think that any Village resident could enter. Only one winner. The logo would be adopted by Council and used in the many places we now use "stock" logos. I got this idea originally while noticing the graphics included on the 75th Anniversary mugs, a nice gesture of the men's club to celebrate our Anniversary in 1994. With our 100th approaching we can boast an appropriate logo. Todd agrees that this would be a good after-the-holidays project, allowing time to organize and promote. Thanks to Todd for volunteering to lead this important project.

Thanks for Your Support.
Jerry Piasecki

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Piasecki". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Village of Valley View Logo

To: Mayor, Council, Clerk, Law Director, Dept Heads
From: Jerry Piasecki
Re: Village Logo
Date: Sept 7, 2010

Greetings,

About seven years ago, I submitted a memo (see below) regarding establishing a Village logo. Since 2003, our structure has changed a bit and if Council agrees, I would now suggest that Todd be asked to handle the administrative portion of organizing a contest. The recent website revision activity including the use of a "logo" is a reminder that this idea may have some value at this time. If Council would consider this subject, we could move forward with a simple motion at our next meeting in October. This could be a great community pride project, if everyone is behind it. I'll contact you later or let me know your thoughts.

Regards, Jerry Piasecki

To: All Council, Mayor, Carol, Dave, Recreation Board, Department Heads
From: Jerry Piasecki
Re: Village Seal, Logo
Date: 5-29-03

Hi Everyone,

Most surrounding communities as well as other governmental entities have adopted a "seal" or "logo" that reflects the history and "flavor" of their community or governmental agency. The seal of the State of Ohio proudly displays images of Ohio's past that were key to the development of our State. Our Village could also adopt a "seal" that reflects the flavor of Valley View and proudly display that seal only on selected, predetermined uses. Our rich heritage and proud past deserves to be part of that which we have become today. The canal days & farmlands of the past along with the fields, streams and diversity of the present offer many possibilities in the creation of a "seal" or "logo" for all of us to enjoy using and be proud of.

A special council committee could set some basic regulations to follow in order to set up a procedure in the development of a graphic choice. The residents could submit ideas to the committee which could be incorporated into a design. Since the Recreation Department is always close to the community and has an excellent communications base, I suggest the solicitation of ideas be organized thru the Recreation Department. If the Recreation Board agrees and Council recognizes value in this idea, a motion at the July meeting would be in order to create a special, temporary committee to set up some parameters for the design stage. I will submit this proposal to the Recreation Board at the next Rec meeting for comments/ ideas.

Please take some time to think about this idea and if you have any comments or suggestions, we can discuss before the July council meeting.

Respectfully,
Jerry Piasecki

To: Recreation Board, Council Rec Committee, Ladd Soldat, Mayor, Council, Clerk, Janet, Todd
From: Jerry Piasecki
Re: Village Buses
Date: Oct 5, 2010

As you know, the Village owns 2 buses, a "large" and a "small". With the aging and occasional repairs of both vehicles, we will eventually be faced with replacing them, just as we do other Village Vehicles. I understand that in the buses have been purchased from the Capital Projects VI fund because they do not appear on any departmental budget. Both vehicles are 2000 models. Council will eventually be faced with a decision to replace or repair. We all know that repair costs are high. Now would be a good time to address the situation. I asked Janet Flaherty to assess the general use of the buses. She graciously sent me the following which provides a good basis. When we address this issue, Todd will certainly be able to add comments.

Regards,
Jerry Piasecki

From Janet Flaherty:

There are plenty of times when we utilize both buses at the same time...here is an example... Summer camp, we register as many campers as we can fit in the big bus along with counselors, (47seats max) the bus leaves camp 4 times a week, summer school has it on the 5th day, add in any trips with the seniors and you have both buses going, we also schedule safety town for the pre-school children, Monday thru Friday for two weeks in June with the small bus as well...so you can see having two buses has its advantages.

The small bus is used more often because of its size and ability to scoot in and out of places, and if a trip is scheduled for the big bus but doesn't fill we trade down to the smaller. We take a lot of trips that could run anywhere from 1 ½ to 3hrs in one way travel time, doing that on the small would be difficult due to the fact that it doesn't ride as smooth. I can see a medium size bus, maybe a 32- 40 passenger something like that could have its benefits'. Cutting out one of our buses though will eventually cause a dilemma, but like everything else we do the best with what we have. One request I have would be to also purchase a full size passenger van (not bus) 12 passengers, if you choose to cut to one bus...adding this vehicle would ease the lose of our small bus.

Thanks to Janet !!!