

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 15, 2011
7:00 P.M. Meeting

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Todd Von Ville, Director of Recreation
 - B. Janet Flaherty, Assistant Director of Recreation – ABSENT
 - C. Rocco Casadonte, Recreation Board – ABSENT
 - D. Jeff Gabel, 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 – ABSENT
 - I. Tom Perk, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - J. Jerry Piasecki, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - K. Dave Wingenfeld, Council Representative – ABSENT

- II. Service Department/Groundskeeper Discussion
 - Board Member Artie Stollings asked if the Groundskeepers will be able to remove a downed tree that is in the culvert at Valley View Woods. On September 16, Jeff Gabor of the Service Department indicated that the Groundskeepers know that the tree is there, but they have not been able to get machinery to the location due to the wet conditions. The Groundskeepers will keep an eye on the situation.

- III. Village Buses
 - Information regarding options for the Village buses is still being gathered.

- IV. Solar Panels
 - The panels have been completed. There is some concern about the planned planting of Arborvitaes trees along the back of the Community Center. The trees cannot be planted too close to the panels because that will create shade on the panels. They cannot be planted too close to the Community Center without completely obstructing the view from the fitness room to some degree. The area where they could be planted creates a maintenance issue – including the possible location of sprinkler lines directly beneath the trees – as well as possible aesthetic concerns. The Board voted 3-0 to recommend no trees or vegetation be planted for now and the Board would re-visit options in the future if needed.

- At the August meeting, Board member Don Paulson asked what happens to the Village if the company that owns the solar installation goes bankrupt before the system is turned over to the Village? The Recreation Department contacted Law Director David Lambros in search of the answer and his answer via e-mail is as follows:

Basically there are two types of bankruptcy that would apply in this hypothetical, Chapter 11 and Chapter 7. Chapter 11 is a re-organization and the Company would most likely ask the Court to turn the asset directly over to the Village, or attempt to modify the provisions of the contract with the Village so the Company can remain viable. Chapter 7 is a liquidation of assets wherein a trustee is appointed by the court and the company would cease to exist. Typically, the Trustee attempts to find a buyer of the asset or proceeds to auction the asset off. Most likely the only party that would be interested would be the village. That being said, Bankruptcy Law is an expertise and I am no expert in it. Either way I do not see it as an impediment to the Village.

V. Walking Program

- A Brooklyn Heights resident asked the Board to consider a walking program for residents of the Cuyahoga Heights School District. The Board voted 3-0 to reject the request. The Board believes that the current guest policy is sufficient for those who wish to utilize the Community Center with a member.

VI. Cuyahoga Heights School Enrollees Fees

- A parent of a child who lives outside of the Cuyahoga Heights School District but whose child attends Cuyahoga Heights Schools has asked the Board to consider offering a discounted rate for such children to participate in Youth Sports. The current fee is \$50 per child for all non-residents, regardless of where the child attends school. The Board voted 3-0 to keep the fee structure as is.

VII. Adult Softball

- A Valley View resident has asked the Board to consider an adult coed softball program. An item will be placed in an upcoming Village Newsletter asking for people to contact the Recreation Department if they have interest in participating in a coed league so potential interest can be gauged.

VIII. Pavilion A Playground

- At the August meeting, the Board inquired about the possibility of changing one of the slides on the Pavilion A playground. Paul Burke of Anderson Recreational Design was contacted regarding options. Burke indicated that a new apparatus can be purchased and installed, with an estimated cost of \$4,000-12,000 depending upon the apparatus. Or, the slide in question can be unbolted, flipped, and put back in place because there is a ground-to-deck climber on the underside. In Burke's opinion, this option is something that could be handled by Village employees provided the staffing is available. The Recreation Department will approach the Service Department to see if they are available to complete the flipping of the apparatus if that is the route the Board will pursue.

IX. Information Update

- A bid to resurface the Village's basketball and tennis courts was approved at the September 6, 2011 Council Meeting. The project was awarded to Perrin Asphalt Company, which is the same company that performed the most recent work on the roads and parking lots in Valley View Woods. The amount of the project is \$112,217.50. The current plan calls for the paving to occur this fall and the sealing and striping to occur in the spring.
- Youth Soccer teams have started their seasons. Valley View is playing in the Suburban Recreational Soccer League with five girls teams (U8, U10 – two teams, U12, and U14) and five boys teams (U7, U8, U10, U12, and U14). We also have a Smurf Program (ages 4-6).
- Registration for Youth Basketball has begun. Basketball Clinics are set for October 16 and 30. Cuyahoga Heights Basketball Coaches Al Martin and Mike Tartara will instruct the clinics.

X. Other Discussion

- Board member Stollings asked if there were any plans to pave and stripe the Community Center parking lot. The following is text from an e-mail from Village Engineer Paul Dey that was included in the May 2011 Recreation Board minutes:

The parking lot was paved in 1997, has multiple cracks, and the pavement area in front of the gazebo is in need of full depth repair. The pavement area in front of the gazebo should be removed and replaced with full depth asphalt and an asphalt surface course should be placed over the existing parking. The parking lot should be paved within the next two years.

Additionally, Stollings asked if the parking area adjacent to Pavilion A in Valley View Woods would be striped soon. On September 19, the Recreation Department contacted Don Harter of the Service Department to ask if any striping is planned for 2011. Harter indicated that no striping was planned for now but that he would look into potential contacts in case estimates are sought at a later date.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 P.M.