

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW**  
**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
6828 Hathaway Road  
Valley View, OH 44125  
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**RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 16, 2015

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. Mike Foote, Recreation Board – ABSENT
  - E. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board – ABSENT
  - F. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board
  - G. Don Paulson, Recreation Board – ABSENT
  - H. Dan Westfall, Council Recreation Committee Chair
  - I. Barb Drockton, Council Representative
  - J. Julie Jakubczak, Council Representative
  - K. Darlene Malicki, Councilperson
  - L. Tom Perk, Councilperson
  
- II. Water Play Area in Valley View
  - Councilperson Tom Perk distributed information regarding the potential costs for a water play area in Valley View. Perk commented that many communities are transitioning from traditional pools to water play areas. Perk said that the information he presented to the Board should answer all of the questions that were submitted. Board member Rocco Casadonte stated that the number of children by age reported to Perk by the school district seemed to indicate that there is a smaller number of young children than the number of “older” children (preteen and teen). Casadonte asked if this might indicate that as the younger age group gets older, the use of a play area would decrease since the older portion of the youth spectrum would probably not utilize the feature. Perk said that the numbers from the school do not include children in the Village who are home-schooled or who attend private schools, so there are likely more children than the numbers from the school district indicate. Councilperson Darlene Malicki stated that perhaps a water area paid for and utilized by the school district communities should be explored. Perk read a prepared statement and asked that a copy be included in the minutes of the meeting.
  
- III. Service Department/Groundskeepers
  - Board member Casadonte asked if the Groundskeepers could be asked to work on some grading and repair on various areas of the walking path in Valley View Woods that need some attention.

IV. Project List

- The dugouts at Winik Field are complete. The dugouts at Woods Field are under construction and are expected to be completed prior to the start of the youth recreational baseball and softball season.
- The wall adjacent to the gazebo in Valley View Woods needs to be addressed. The rough estimates previously obtained from the Engineer ranged from \$17,500 to \$28,000 depending upon the scope of work. Board member Casadonte asked if the Engineer could seek Council approval at their May meeting to complete a project at the gazebo. An attempt will be made to seek approval at May's meeting if possible. The Board will also visit the area at its May meeting for additional discussion.

V. Information Update

- Recreation Fund Available Balance Update (as of April 13, 2015) from Clerk/Treasurer Carol Tomasko: \$301,781.00.
- Youth Baseball and Softball Clinics (April 19) as well as Pitching Clinics (April 26) are scheduled for this spring.
- A summer Soccer Camp will be held in Valley View Woods from June 15-19.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 P.M. – Valley View Woods**



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April 13, 2015

Todd Von Ville, Director of Recreation  
And Members of Recreation Board  
Village of Valley View  
6848 Hathaway Road  
Valley View, Ohio 44125

Re: Spray Ground (Splash Park)  
Valley View Woods  
Valley View, Ohio

Dear Director of Recreation Todd Von Ville and Members of Recreation Board:

At the request of the Village of Valley View our office has reviewed the proposed construction of a spray ground or splash park at the Valley View Woods. The spray ground would consist of a 6" reinforced concrete slab with an optional rubber or polymer safety surface. The spray ground would have several water features such as spray jets, bubblers, tipping buckets, spray arches, sheets of water, umbrellas, and showers. The proposed spray ground would use fresh water supplied by the Cleveland Water Department and discharge the water through a de-chlorinator to the storm sewer system. Enclosed find the perspective view drawing of a typical spray ground and the print of typical aquatic play features.

Note the following estimated costs for the proposed spray ground.

Site Preparation Costs

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Clearing and Grubbing	\$5,000.00
Horseshoe and Bocce Court Removal	\$10,000.00
Topsoil stripped and stockpiled	\$3,000.00
Electrical Conduit and Trench	\$1,600.00
2" Water Service	\$2,000.00
De-chlorinator and vault	\$3,500.00
Storm Lateral Connection	\$5,250.00
Aggregate Base	\$2,600.00
Concrete Walk	\$14,050.00
Fence	\$4,000.00
25' x 18' Pavilion	\$15,000.00
6 Benches	\$2,100.00
Placing Stockpiled Topsoil	\$1,500.00
Restoration, Seeding and Mulching	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
Total	\$72,100.00



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Spray Ground Equipment/Construction

Estimated Cost

Spray ground including excavation, 1,833 square feet concrete pad, pipe and fittings, manifold, controller, valve box enclosures, nine features, material and labor	\$125,000.00
Rubber or Polymer Safety Surface (optional)	\$35,000.00 (optional)
Building Amenities Rework	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Total	\$166,000.00

Based upon the prices received from three contractors the above estimate for the spray ground equipment and installation is a reasonable estimate of these costs.

Annual Operational and Maintenance Costs

Estimated Cost

Maintenance Costs (13 weeks x 3 hours/week)	\$780.00
2 Part Time Aides (13 weeks x 5 days/week x 6 hours/day)	\$7,800.00
Water Supply (Annual)	\$8,500.00
De-chlorinator Costs	\$500.00
Electrical Costs (Annual)	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$17,680.00

Risk of Supervised or Unsupervised Splash Park

Village Solicitor David A. Lambros has written an opinion that municipalities are immune from liability for their repair, operation, and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, and playfields. There are limited exceptions due to negligence or physical defects. Since there are no buildings associated with the splash park, the Village Solicitor does not see liability issues regardless of whether the splash park is supervised or unsupervised.

(See attached email from Village Solicitor David A. Lambros)



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Annual Liability Insurance Premium Increase

Liability Insurance Premium Increase \$0.00  
(See attached email to Clerk-Treasurer Carol Tomasko)

Annual Usage

There are approximately 244 children in Valley View between 1464  
the ages of 4 and 14. Estimate that each child will use the  
spray ground 6 times over the summer. (244 x 6 times)  
(See attached memo from Mr. Bergant to Tom Perk)

Duration of Park Operation

The spray ground will be open from 11:00 a.m. through  
5:00 p.m. (6 hours per day) for five days per week. The spray  
ground will be open for 3 months or 13 weeks.

Recreation Board Additions or Subtractions

Any comments and corrections made by the  
Valley View Recreation Board will be  
incorporated into the estimated of costs  
for the spray ground project.

Please review the above information and forward any comments or questions to our  
office regarding the proposed spray ground in the Village of Valley View.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sciano  
Village Engineer

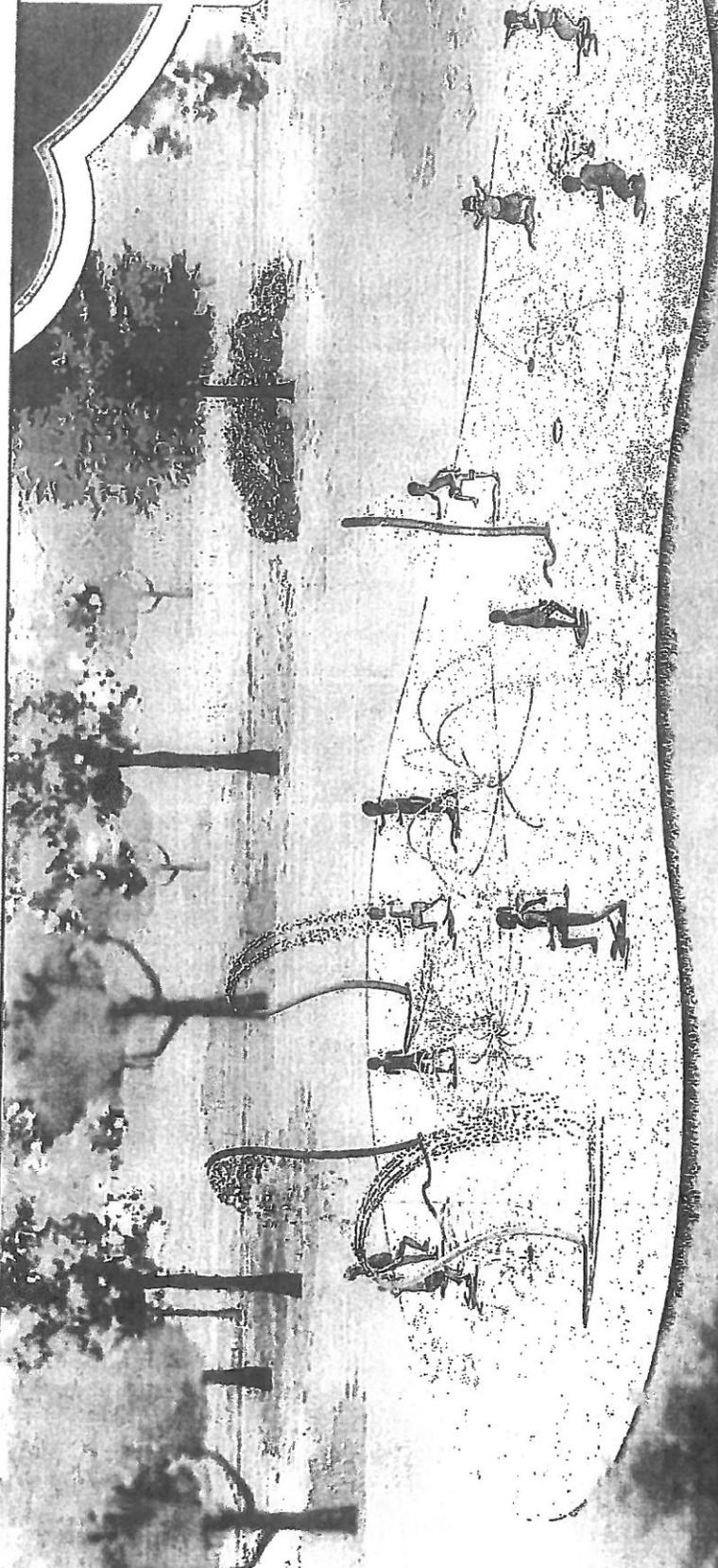
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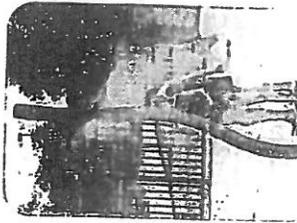
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w/ 5' recommended Oversight Zone

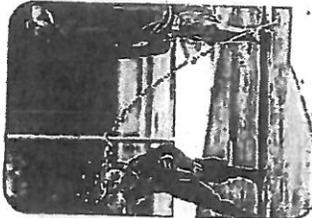
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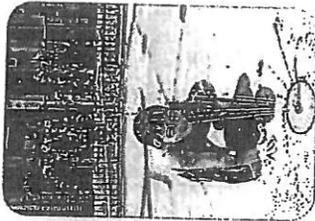
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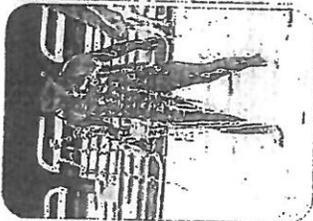
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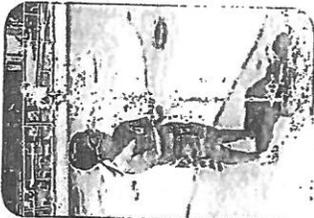
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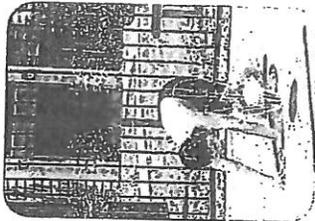
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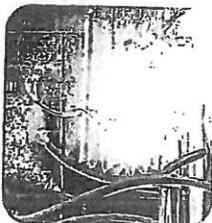
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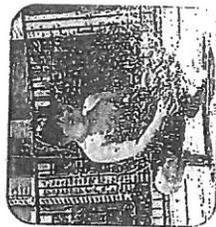
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Mission Hill Shower  
Mission Hill Spill  
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Water Weave™  
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Dandelion Dome™  
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Decorative Drain  
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W14742	1,833 SQ FT Wet Play Area w/ 5' recommended Overspray Zone	80 GPM	Product Photography
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**From:** Tom Perk [thoma49@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2015 9:45 PM  
**Subject:** [Likely SPAM] Fwd: : Splash Park Questions  
**Importance:** Low

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** David Lambros  
**Date:** April 12, 2015 at 8:56:33 PM EDT  
**To:** Tom Perk <thoma49@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: : Splash Park Questions  
**Reply-To:** David Lambros

Dear Tom, Municipalities are immune from liability for their repair, operation and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, and playfields. This protection is set forth in RC 2744.01 (C) and 2744.02(A). A limited exception could exist if a person could show that alleged personal injury or property damage was caused by employee negligence within or on the grounds of , and due to physical defects within or on the grounds of buildings in the park used in connection with a governmental function. I only raise this to identify the exception to the rule, but it does not apply in this instance. Since there are no buildings associated with this splash park, I can see no liability issues regardless of whether the splash park is supervised or unsupervised and it should not be a concern. If you have any further questions, feel free to call me anytime. Dave Lambros

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**From:** Tom Perk <thoma49@aol.com>  
**To:** David Lambros <dave.lambros@cityofvalleyview.com>; Dave Lambros  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2015 11:05 PM  
**Subject:** : Splash Park Questions

I got these questions from Don Paulson on the recreation board regarding his concerns about the proposed splash park. Can you please provide info to me that would answer bullet point #4 regarding liability of a supervised vs. an unsupervised park? Keep in mind that there is no supervision in Valley View woods on the playground or baseball fields. I spoke to Carol to ask about any increased costs in our insurance premiums. I will forward you her reply.

I know that Broadview Hts opened their new splash park last year and it is unsupervised with rules posted on site. You may want to contact their law director. Please email your response no later than Sunday so that I can be ready for the rec board meeting. If you have any questions, please call me.

Tom Perk

Sent from my iPa

4/13/2015

**Carol Tomasko**

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**From:** Maria Norman  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 12:40 PM  
**To:** Carol Tomasko  
**Subject:** RE: Insurance

Carol,

The additional would be under the property if you add any of the equipment, fences, etc. I'm assuming you are talking about the type where there are various water sprayers where kids run through. It would depend on those values for the property premium. There would be no charge under the general liability.

Maria

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Carol Tomasko [mailto:clerk@valleyview.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 12:25 PM  
**To:** Maria Norman  
**Subject:** Insurance

Maria:

One of our councilmen are proposing to add a splash park in Valley View. He asked me to contact you to see how much this would increase our insurance costs.  
Carol

Carol L. Tomasko  
Village of Valley View  
6848 Hathaway Road  
Valley View, OH 44125  
216-524-6511

To: Tom Perk

From: JBergant

Date: April 9, 2015

Re: Valley View Students attending Cuyahoga Heights Schools

Listed on the chart below is the information you requested from my office.

Age	# of Public School Students
4	11
5	16
6	21
7	23
8	22
9	21
10	29
11	30
12	17
13	27
14	27

244

I would like to take this time to thank Mayor Piasecki, Recreation Director Todd Von Ville, Engineer Todd Sciano, Clerk Carol Tomasko, Law Director Dave Lambros and CHS Superintendent Joe Bergant for all the help they gave me in preparing all the information I needed to address the questions and concerns of board member Don Paulson and the recreation board regarding the proposed splash park for our village. The information was provided timely and submitted to members of the recreation board before the scheduled meeting April 16, 2015.

I also took the opportunity to speak to a school board member and to the acting Superintendent of the Cuyahoga Heights Schools who both are of the opinion that the splash park would be an asset to our community and to the school district in attracting young families.

I am disappointed that the majority of the recreation board members are not available for this scheduled meeting. Once again, this issue will be delayed by the recreation board even though I have made every attempt to answer all questions and concerns.

I have provided all costs for construction, maintenance, insurance, employee coverage etc. and I compromised on the location especially since construction in Valley View Woods would be less expensive than construction at the Community Center. I have also taken into account and made it clear that no other programs or services to our residents would be reduced or eliminated due to the splash park. It will be an added asset for the children of our village.

I would greatly appreciate a decision from the recreation board by the next board meeting.  
Councilman Tom Perk