

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 21, 2016
6:00 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 – ABSENT
 - G. Don Paulson, Recreation Board
 - H. Brad Borowy, Council Recreation Committee Chair
 - I. Tom Perk, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - J. Dave Wingenfeld, Council Representative
 - K. Dan Westfall, Councilperson
 - L. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman
 - M. Todd Sciano, Donald G. Bohning and Associates
 - N. Kevin Mays, Resident

- II. Skate Park in Valley View
 - Valley View resident Kevin Mays attended the meeting to ask the Recreation Board to consider building a skate park in Valley View. Mays stated that there are parks in Broadview Heights, North Royalton, and Bay Village, and that it would be nice to have one in Valley View. He said he knows other individuals who would utilize the facility as well. Mays said that bikes, skateboards, and scooters can be used year round at such facilities and that it provides good exercise for all ages and also offers people the opportunity to be cooperative and respectful during participation, all for a relatively inexpensive investment. Mays said the parks he attends are not directly supervised but that behavior is always good, and rules are posted and by the nature of the location of the facilities, that municipal employees of some type tend to be in the general area. Mays said that a skate park can encompass a piece of land approximately the size of a tennis court. The Board is in the process of identifying potential projects at Village parks. Mays can contact the Recreation Department for any future updates.

- III. Village Employee Rate for Summer Camp
 - The discussion for this request will occur at the May meeting since there were not enough Board Members present for a vote.

- IV. Blue Wave Swim Team Funding
 - The discussion for this request of \$30 per resident swimmer will occur at the May meeting since there were not enough Board Members present for a vote.

V. Park Walkthrough/Project List

- The Board is in the process of reviewing its project list in an effort to update and re-prioritize any upcoming improvement or maintenance projects. The Recreation Department needs members to submit their completed rankings as soon as possible.
- The Recreation Board has asked that signs be posted asking people to keep their pets off of the Athletic Fields.
- The repair of the wall adjacent to the gazebo in Valley View Woods is scheduled to occur as soon as possible following the Cuyahoga Heights Prom on May 13. The project is scheduled to take approximately 3 weeks (weather permitting). If the Recreation Board would like to have any additional concrete repair at the gazebo completed during this project, the Engineer's Office needs to be notified so pricing can be obtained.
- The pipe along the outside of the fence at Winik Field will need to be replaced. The Board will add this project to its list.
- The Board would like Council to consider asphalt repairs to the Lombardo Park parking lot, the basketball court at Lombardo Park, and the road adjacent to the soccer field in Valley View Woods. Also, if other areas in Valley View Woods are identified that are in need of asphalt repair, the Board would like Council to consider those areas as well.
- The Board plans to explore options surrounding a permanent restroom facility at the soccer field. The Board would like to identify all possible options, including tying in a potential restroom at the soccer field with other facilities in the park that could share a holding tank.

VI. Information Update

- A summer Soccer Camp will be held in Valley View Woods from June 6-10.

VII. Other Discussion

- Council Recreation Committee Chair Brad Borowy asked if Park Patrol and the Valley View Police could be asked to keep an eye on Tiny Lane to make sure the park is not being used by non-residents. The Recreation Department will ask Park Patrol and the Police for help in that area. Board Member Don Paulson indicated that the same would be helpful in Valley View Woods.
- Paulson also asked if the Community Center Staff could be reminded to trust instincts when faced with questionable situations, and to know that when in doubt, it is acceptable to contact the Valley View Police for assistance. Paulson suggested that the staff be reminded that the Police are more than willing to help when needed, and that the staff should know that it is not a problem for them to contact Police, even if something just doesn't "feel" right.
- Councilperson Dan Westfall asked if individuals could still register for pavilions. The Recreation Department is accepting reservations for open pavilions, and those can be scheduled by completing the application form and making the deposit payment at the front desk of the Community Center.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 P.M. - Village Hall