

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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**RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 13, 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 – ABSENT
  - J. Julie Jakubczak, Council Representative – ABSENT
  
- II. Service Department/Groundskeepers
  - Board member Rocco Casadonte suggested that the groundskeepers inspect the roof at the Lombardo Park pavilion, as it appears as though there is some water that is leaking through.
  - Casadonte stated that the walking path looks great thanks to the efforts of the groundskeepers.
  
- III. Project List
  - The repair of the gazebo wall in Valley View Woods is expected to be on the agenda at the September Council meeting, according to Todd Sciano of Donald G. Bohning and Associates.
  - Based on previous Board discussions, Sciano also plans to seek approval for plans and specifications for two separate projects. One is re-grading and drainage at Miller Park (aka Tiny Lane). The other project would be replacement of holding tanks at the restrooms at Pavilions A and C. As indicated in the June Recreation Board Minutes, Clerk/Treasurer Carol Tomasko indicated that future replacement of the holding tanks could be paid for using Sewer and Water funds.
  - The installation of ceiling fans at Pavilions A and B is scheduled to begin later in August.
  
- IV. Basketball Courts at Miller Park and Valley View Woods
  - There have been some concerns expressed by residents regarding apparent non-resident use of basketball courts at Valley View Woods and Miller Park. There have also been issues with the lack of a restroom and some inappropriate behavior in general at Miller Park. The groundskeepers have arranged for a portable toilet to be placed at Miller Park. A suggestion raised regarding the basketball court at Miller Park was to fence in the court (the current fencing is only three-sided) and put a

locked gate on the court similar to Valley View Woods, which would require potential users to contact the Community Center or Park Patrol to gain access to the court after proving residency. An addition like this could potentially be completed as part of any re-grading and drainage project that would take place at Miller Park. Casadonte asked if the residents in the neighborhood of Miller Park should be surveyed to determine if the basketball court gets enough use to keep, or if it should be removed and/or replaced with something else. The Board indicated that the use of the court in Valley View Woods did not seem to be a problem since Park Patrol opens the court to residents, and, with the assistance of Valley View Police, asks non-residents to leave if they do gain access to the court. The Board indicated if a resident chooses to bring friends to the park to play basketball, or tennis, or any other activity, that it is the right of the resident to do so, provided all other rules are followed and that the facility itself and other users are being treated respectfully. Council Recreation Committee Chair asked if the Village should look into issuing cards to residents that could be shown to Park Patrol or Police to show proof of residency. The Board indicated that other forms of identification like driver's licenses, etc. can already be used for this purpose.

V. Pets on Athletic Fields

- There are individuals who like to walk their pets in Valley View parks, and may do so in the outfields of baseball fields or on the soccer field. Pets are permitted in Valley View parks if they are on a leash (the only exception is pets are not permitted on the tennis and basketball courts due to the non-porous surfacing). The question was raised as to whether or not pets, even if leashed, should be prohibited from walking on the playing fields in order to avoid pet waste on the fields. Casadonte stated that this issue should probably be discussed at the Council level since it would require an ordinance, which would also require the Police Department to enforce. The Board asked the Recreation Department to speak to Police Chief Matt March to see if a first step could be to ask the officers on patrol to keep an eye out for unleashed pets in the park, and/or to issue citations if a pet owner would not pick up his or her pet's waste in the park. The enforcement in the park would simply be an extension of what is already expected in neighborhoods.

VI. Information Update

- Registration has taken place for Cheerleading, Flag Football, Adult Softball, and Fall Soccer.
- Registration and planning will soon be underway for basketball.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 P.M. – Village Hall**