

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**
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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 19, 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
 - E. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board
 - F. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board
 - G. Don Paulson, Recreation Board
 - H. Dan Westfall, Council Recreation Committee Chair
 - I. Barb Drockton, Council Representative
 - J. Julie Jakubczak, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - K. Cindy Termini, Recreation Leader

- II. Random Selection of Pavilion Lottery Positions
 - Positions were randomly chosen for each resident who entered the lottery (1-222). Letters will be sent to notify each lottery participant that Pavilion Assignment Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 21.

- III. Gym Usage
 - The Board does not plan to change the policy of permitting the Cuyahoga Heights School teams to use the Village’s recreational facilities for practices when it is reasonable to do so. The Board reinforced that the school teams and the Community Center staff should be aware of the policy that the team will be granted use of one side of the gym, and the scheduled team will need to permit “drop in” use on the unscheduled side of the gym if members arrive to use the facility during their scheduled time.

- IV. Project List – Winik Field Dugouts
 - The construction of the dugouts is scheduled to begin in early March. If the dugouts are completed prior to the March Recreation Board meeting, the Board members will be asked to look at the dugouts to determine if the Board wants to move forward with plans to construct similar dugouts at Woods Field and Lombardo Park. If the Board wishes to propose dugouts at the other two fields this year, the recommendation would have to be made at the March 18 meeting so the Engineer could propose construction to Council at its meeting on April 7.

V. Information Update

- Spring Soccer registrations are in the lobby, for those who did not play in the Fall, but wish to play in the Spring (deadline March 1).
- Baseball/Softball registrations and Coaching Applications are in the lobby of the Community Center (deadline April 1).
- 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.

VI. Other Discussion

- Board member Rocco Casadonte stated that maybe the Board should conduct a review of rules and procedures regarding booking and use of pavilions and rooms at the Community Center in an effort to make sure damages, etc. to any facilities are at a minimum.
- Board member Don Paulson stated that the pricing information he has seen regarding a proposed water play area in Valley View is concerning to him. Paulson also said that he has concerns about the difficulty of managing and monitoring the use of a play area, especially if the facility would be for resident only use at Valley View Woods. Paulson said that he advocated for a pool for many years that would be paid for through a partnership between Valley View, Brooklyn Heights, and Cuyahoga Heights, so he sees the value to water-based recreation. However, the Board also attempts to identify projects that are within reason and within budget, and he is not sure that such a project fits. Paulson added that perhaps some type of input should be sought from the public on the issue, and Council Recreation Committee Chair Dan Westfall agreed. Board member Jeff Grabel stated that maybe the issue should be placed on the ballot for the Village to determine by an election. Casadonte added that the Board should look to initiate projects that have an impact on the largest amount of the population possible.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 P.M. - Village Hall