

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 19, 2016
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
 - F. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board
 - G. Don Paulson, Recreation Board
 - H. Brad Borowy, Council Recreation Committee Chair – ABSENT
 - I. Tom Perk, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - J. Dave Wingenfeld, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman
- II. Service Department/Groundskeepers
- Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor stated that the groundskeepers are performing regular spring maintenance and mowing lawns for the Village’s Senior Mowing program. Gabor highlighted the landscaping changes at the Community Center and credited groundskeeper’s part-time employee Stefanie Verish with the design of the project, and with performing much of the work.
 - Board member Rocco Casadonte asked Gabor if the Senior Mowing program has a limit on the size of the properties to be mowed, believing that it is an acre. Gabor was unsure of the wording of the language for the program. Casadonte said if there are lawns being mowed that exceed the stated limit, this may be a hindrance to other tasks being accomplished in a timely manner.
 - Board member Jeff Grabel asked about the dead trees that came down around Winik Field. Gabor said the removal of the trees is on the groundskeepers to do list. Casdonte asked if more tress than usual have fallen in Valley View Woods, and if there is a disease impacting the trees. Gabor responded that some ash trees were removed due damage from the Emerald Ash Borer. However, Gabor believes that many of the other trees were in areas where recent construction or projects may have resulted in root damage, etc. that led to losing the trees.
- III. Village Employee Rate for Summer Camp
- The Board voted 4-0 to reject a proposal to offer an employee discount for Summer Camp. The Board approves of non-resident employees receiving the resident rate for camp, but does not see the need for additional employee discounts.
- IV. Blue Wave Swim Team Funding
- The Board voted 4-0 to approve the request of \$30 per Valley View resident swimmer.

V. 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 Board is seeking updates from Donald G. Bohning and Associates on the following projects: approximate start date for the repair of the wall adjacent to the gazebo in Valley View Woods; approximate implementation date for test areas to curb erosion on path in Valley View Woods; approximate start date for concrete border at Lombardo Park playground; if ultimately approved, an approximate start date for asphalt work at Lombardo Park and Valley View Woods.

VI. Information Update

- Baseball and Softball recreational league games begin on Monday, May 23.
- A summer Soccer Camp will be held in Valley View Woods from June 6-10.

VII. Other Discussion

- Board Member Don Paulson would like to keep plans moving for looking into weight equipment for the Fitness Room.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00 P.M. - Village Hall