

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

Thursday, May 21, 2015
6:30 P.M. Meeting

- I. Roll Call
- A. Todd Von Ville, Director of Recreation
 - B. Janet Flaherty, Assistant Director of Recreation – ABSENT
 - C. Rocco Casadonte, Recreation Board
 - D. Mike Foote, Recreation Board
 - E. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board – ABSENT
 - F. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board – ABSENT
 - G. Don Paulson, Recreation Board
 - H. Dan Westfall, Council Recreation Committee Chair
 - I. Barb Drockton, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - J. Julie Jakubczak, Council Representative
 - K. Darlene Malicki, Councilperson
 - L. Tom Perk, Councilperson
 - M. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeeper Foreman
 - N. Todd Sciano, Donald G. Bohning and Associates
- II. Service Department/Groundskeepers
- Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor indicated that the Groundskeepers are busy preparing the Village grounds for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 25.
 - Board member Rocco Casadonte asked Gabor if the Groundskeepers could take a look at the pet waste bag station along the trail beyond the left field fence at Winik Field. Casadonte said a bird's nest or bat's nest seems to be inside of the station itself.
 - Gabor was asked about the Senior grass cutting program and he indicated that there have typically been four Service Department employees maintaining the lawns, two employees from the Groundskeepers Division and two from the Service Division.
- III. Water Play Area in Valley View
- Board member Don Paulson said that by review of the materials previously provided, the initial cost to the Village for a splash play area would be in the neighborhood of \$300,000. Paulson asked if Council had a request of the Board regarding the next step, and the Council members in attendance indicated that a vote by the Board with a recommendation for Council would be appreciated. Paulson said that his main concern is the overall expenditure for a project with a fairly limited window for use based on the weather.

- Board member Casadonte asked the Council members if a proposed splash park would be paid for with the Recreation Levy funds. Casadonte expressed concerns that a splash park paid for by the Recreation Levy funds could result in a depletion of those funds, meaning other funding for recreational programs may have to be considered and approved by Council. Council Representative Julie Jakubczak said that Council has not discussed where the money for a splash park would come from. Councilperson Tom Perk said that several sources of funding could be available for the project, including but not limited to Recreation Levy funds and Sewer and Water funds.

IV. Project List

- The wall adjacent to the gazebo in Valley View Woods is leaning. The Board discussed options with Todd Sciano of the Village Engineer's office. The options included repairing the wall, which would alleviate the issue long-term, or removing the wall, flattening the area, and landscaping the space. The Board decided by a vote of 3-0 to request that Sciano prepare a plan to repair the wall, and subsequently propose the plan to Council for approval at an upcoming meeting.

V. Valley View Woods Walk Through

- The holding tank for the Pavilion A restroom is small and may be in need of replacement. The Board would like Clerk-Treasurer Carol Tomasko to indicate if the replacement would be accomplished using Sewer and Water funds or Recreation funds.
- The walking path in Valley View Woods is experiencing a few areas of consistent erosion and washouts. A section to the east of the bridge adjacent to the soccer field may be a candidate for a curb and some concrete to eliminate the on-going issue. A section on the west side of the same bridge, in addition to another section farther east on the trail (closer to the park's entrance road) would be good candidates to pilot different materials that could help alleviate the problem in those sections without having to utilize additional concrete.
- The bridges on the walking path can get slippery when they are wet. Gabor said that the Groundskeepers will address the issue when the bridges are stained this season.
- The possibility of installing ceiling fans at Pavilions A and B is being explored.
- The goal mouths at the soccer field continue to be worn out with each season. The Board would like the Groundskeepers to address this by moving the goals on the east and west sides of the field in alternating years to replant the worn out areas. This would shorten the "side" fields and narrow the "main" field by approximately 10 yards, but that would not exclude or limit the use of the fields in any way.

VI. Information Update

- Baseball and Softball recreational league games begin on Tuesday, May 26.
- A summer Soccer Camp will be held in Valley View Woods from June 15-19.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 P.M. – Village Hall