

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 16, 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
- I. Tom Perk, Council Representative – ABSENT
- J. Dave Wingefeld, Council Representative – ABSENT
- K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman

II. Service Department/Groundskeepers

- Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor stated that the Groundskeepers are working on the normal fall clean up issues, such as leaf removal and clearing water lines and turning off water in the parks. They have also started with Holiday lights.
- Board member Don Paulson asked Gabor about Woods Field and how wet the field stays. Gabor said that the field does hold water, and that it has been discussed in the past that it may be a result of settling. If so, the long term fix would be to take Woods Field out of use for a year as was done with Lombardo about 10 years ago.

III. Project List

- The Board has finalized its project list to update and re-prioritize any upcoming improvement or maintenance projects. Some items that were not on the original list, such as a possible dog park and a skate park area, should be added and ranked. The Board has asked if Todd Sciano of Donald G. Bohning and Associates can provide rough estimates for all of the items on the list in an effort to identify those projects that are viable as opposed to those that may be able to be removed from the list. The estimates can be within ranges just to give the Board a rough idea of expenditures.
- Board member Rocco Casadonte said the holding tank at Pavilion A should be addressed sooner rather than later, and the Board asked if Sciano could provide estimated costs for that possibility.
- At the October meeting, the Board inquired about some items that required input from Todd Sciano of Donald G. Bohning and Associates. Here is the information on those questions:
 1. Re: Soccer Goals – the rotation of the goal locations and field use is always the best management practice in lieu of installing partial or full turf. That usually works best on larger complexes where a portion of

the fields can be taken out of use. Since that may not be the case here, the Recreation Board would need to recommend addressing the goal areas in some manner as a long term capital project, and Council Recreation Committee Chair Brad Borowy would need to ask Council for preparation of a plan and cost analysis. Borowy has information from a few years ago with some rough estimates on the cost of turf that he will find and share with the Board. Casadonte asked if there are any types of grass that could be used on the field that would be a heartier grass, perhaps something that is specifically engineered for athletic facilities. The Board would also like Sciano to provide some rough estimates on costs for turf on the entire field versus the four goal mouths. The Board notes the last figures that were reported several years ago showed that just installing turf in the goal mouths may cost more than the entire field. So, the Board does not want to take any official steps on this until more background information has been received.

2. Re: Pipe at Winik Field – the storm sewer system is a large scale perforated conduit that acts as both a french drain and tow drain system to divert the upland flow of water that comes towards the outfield. The materials and joint composition of the pipe will be modified as part of the replacement to eliminate the sandy soil infiltration of the storm sewer system. The Recreation Board recommends addressing this issue as a capital project, and asked Council Recreation Committee Chair Borowy to ask Council for authorization to start the process.
 3. Re: Drainage at Soccer Field – there has not been any camera work, but contractors can provide pricing for camera work and potential cleaning of the storm sewer system. The Recreation Board recommends addressing this issue as a capital project, and asked Council Recreation Committee Chair Borowy to ask Council for authorization. The Board recommends that Council also consider pricing two options: the first to just video the pipes, and the second to video and clean/repair any areas needed at the same time.
 4. Re: Lands bordering the CEI property and Valley View Woods – Sciano will prepare a large scale map after the December Council meeting, outlining the Village property and protected property so the Recreation Board can work with Village Planning Commission and Council to determine appropriate uses within these properties. The Board requests clarification on the limitations that exist on the newly acquired land (i.e. what can the land be used for from a recreational standpoint) so it can be considered as part of the Board’s overall review of facility needs.
- The approximate start date for asphalt work at Lombardo Park and Valley View Woods, as well as testing areas to curb erosion on the path in Valley View Woods is spring 2017.

IV. Information Update

- Cheerleading and Flag Football – Season ended on October 11. Our teams played in a four-team league.
- Youth Soccer – Fall season concluded on October 29. Valley View played in the Suburban Recreational Soccer League with four girls' teams (U9, U11, U13, U15) and five boys teams (U9, U11, U13 – two teams, U15). We also had a Smurf Program (ages 4-6).
- Our Youth Basketball Program is playing in the Seven Hills Basketball League (Valley View, Brooklyn Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Independence, Newburgh Heights, Seven Hills). Games will be played in Valley View, Independence, and Seven Hills.
- The Holiday Lighting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, December 4 from 5-7 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 P.M. – Village Hall