

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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**RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, November 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 – ABSENT
  - G. Don Paulson, Recreation Board
  - H. Dan Westfall, Council Recreation Committee Chair
  - I. Barb Drockton, Council Representative – ABSENT
  - J. Julie Jakubczak, Council Representative – ABSENT
  - K. Christina Wilson, Resident
  
- II. Service Department/Groundskeepers
  - The Board would like to hear input from Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor regarding Woods Field. The Board is interested to know any ideas the Groundskeepers may have for fixing the drainage issues at Woods Field before proceeding with any plans that may shut down use of the field for an extended period.
  
- III. Project List
  - The Gazebo Wall in Valley View Woods is expected to be on the agenda at a late winter or early spring Council meeting.
  - Council has granted approval for plans and specifications for re-grading and drainage at Miller Park (aka Tiny Lane).
  - Signs at the athletic fields to inform park users that pets should be on a leash and should not be walked on the fields.
  - Lombardo Park dugouts – hoping completion in early spring.
  - Path in Valley View Woods – hoping to implement options in the spring.
  - Areas that may fit a toddler playground are being explored.
  - The Board will re-visit its overall Project List at an upcoming meeting in an effort to re-establish prioritized projects, as well as to identify any additional items that may need to be addressed or considered.

#### IV. Information Update

- Cheerleading and Flag Football – Season ended on October 13. Our teams played in a four-team league.
- Basketball Clinics are scheduled for November 22. Cuyahoga Heights Basketball Coaches Al Martin and Mike Tartara instruct the clinics.
- Youth Soccer – Fall season concluded on October 31. Valley View played in the Suburban Recreational Soccer League with five girls' teams (U8, U10, U12, U14 – two teams) and five boys teams (U8, U10, U12 – two teams, U14). 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 6 from 5-7 PM.

#### V. Other Discussion

- Board member Don Paulson suggested that the Recreation Department and the Board publish some usage numbers for the Community Center. Paulson suggested a count of the number of people who come into the facility over a specified period of time for any scheduled activity or drop-in visit. The information could be of interest to those who use the facility in addition to allowing those who do not use the facility regularly to see its level of usage. Resident Christina Wilson stated that she would be interested in seeing information along those lines.
- The Board indicated that they may want to consider compiling information regarding the use of Valley View Recreational facilities by Cuyahoga Heights School District groups in an effort to illustrate the relationship the Village maintains with the District.
- The Board noted that some areas of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park seem to have changing landscapes, and wondered if those areas are under consideration for any necessary maintenance.
- Paulson stated that the Board should keep in mind Phase II of the Fitness Room upgrades, which could involve removing unused or less frequently used equipment, and replacing it with some new options. The possibility of having items available for demonstration can be explored. Board member Foote asked how the television upgrades have been received. The Recreation Department is pleased with the response that has been given by members.

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