

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 20, 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
 - E. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board
 - F. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board – ABSENT
 - G. Don Paulson, Recreation Board – ABSENT
 - H. Brad Borowy, Council Recreation Committee Chair – ABSENT
 - I. Tom Perk, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - J. Dave Wingenfeld, Council Representative
 - K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman
- II. Service Department/Groundskeepers
- Board member Rocco Casadonte complimented the groundskeepers on the condition of the walking path and stated that he is hopeful that the path can be in similar condition for an extended period of time.
 - Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor was asked about the condition of the dugouts. Gabor stated that they appear to be in good shape, with only small cosmetic issues but no current structural or long-term maintenance concerns.
 - Board member Mike Foote asked Gabor if the groundskeepers planned to move goals at the soccer field again prior to the spring season in an attempt to help grass recover and grow in the current goal mouths. Gabor indicated that they may do so prior to the spring soccer season. Casadonte asked if the “honeycomb” material being looked into for the walking path could be utilized at the soccer field in the goal mouths to try to alleviate the wear and tear. The question has been raised in the past, but the Village Engineer will be asked if that is or is not a useful and appropriate application of the product. Foote also said that the field could be aerated, seeded, and sand could be dragged along the area to help the process. Foote stated there is a specific type of sand, similar to that found on golf courses, which can be used to achieve the desired effect.
 - Foote asked about the lights at Winik Field and how they are holding up. The lights were replaced several years ago with no current issue of widespread burned out lamps. The Village is hoping to get several more years out of the current lamps, and when the time does come to re-lamp, all will be replaced at the same time.
- 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 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.
- Gabor asked about the pipe that runs along the outside of the home run fence at Winik Field and if it was going to be replaced in the near future. The replacement of the pipe was discussed previously and an update from the Village Engineer will be requested. Casadonte asked if there is a known cause for the failure, and if there can be additional precautions taken to avoid a similar result in the future. Casadonte asked if there is a way to divert some of the water that reaches that point, or if that is already being done in a sufficient manner.
- Foote asked if the pipes at the soccer field have been checked for silt build up, weakened or failed joints, etc. and if not, should that be done in an attempt to avoid an issue similar to that at Winik Field. The Village Engineer will be asked to provide guidance on that request.

IV. Fan Signs

- The Board voted 3-0 to put up signs regarding fan behavior in or just outside the gym this season for basketball. The signs may also be added to baseball fields and the soccer field in the future.
- Foote asked if coaches submit to background checks and the Recreation Department does run coaches through a check each calendar year. Foote also asked if there is a code of conduct for coaches and there is a document being worked on in conjunction with partner communities that the coaches will be asked to sign prior to every basketball game. This practice may also extend to other sports. Foote added that perhaps the game locations could also read an announcement regarding behavioral expectations, similar to what is done at high school contests.

V. Information Update

- Recreation Fund Available Balance Update (as of October 14, 2016) from Clerk/Treasurer Carol Tomasko: \$231,309.18.
- The Children's Halloween Party will take place on Saturday, October 29 from 1-3 PM.
- Registration for Youth Basketball has begun. A youth basketball clinic is set for November 13 with instruction from Cuyahoga Heights High School Basketball Coaches.

VI. Other Discussion

- Council Representative Dave Wingenfeld asked if there was any damage to the park after ATVs rode through over the last weekend. Gabor stated that there were some tire tracks on the soccer field but no major damage. Park Patrol did try to catch up to the individuals with no success. The Police Department will also be asked to keep a watch on the parks and surrounding areas in an attempt to keep the ATVs out of the parks. Residents are also asked to contact the police immediately if they see any motorized vehicles in the park. The access point is believed to be via the CEI property to the north, with possible initial access through the gate on Hathaway Road. Given the Village's recent acquisition of land adjacent to Valley View Woods, the Board would like to have the Engineer provide a map of the area indicating ownership of lands bordering the CEI property and Valley View Woods.

Next Meeting: NOTE DATE - Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 P.M. – Village Hall