

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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**RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 9, 2018  
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. Doug Dyer, Recreation Board
- E. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board – ABSENT
- F. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board
- G. Tina Paulson, Recreation Board
- H. Tom Perk, Council Recreation Committee Chair – ABSENT
- I. Brad Borowy, Council Representative – ABSENT
- J. Dan Westfall, Council Representative – ABSENT
- K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman

II. Service Department/Groundskeepers

- Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor said that the groundskeepers are performing routine maintenance in the parks, and recently completed some work on the fitness trail. Board member Rocco Casadonte thanked Gabor for the work on the fitness trail, and stated that he was sorry that rain washed away some areas that had been improved upon. Casadonte added that the Board should continue to look into using different surfacing for the path in some areas to help reduce washouts. Gabor said that some parts of the trail could also be considered for re-location. Gabor also said that the groundskeepers are still hoping to get playground mulch in place.
- Casadonte asked Gabor about the condition of the Pavilion C restroom. Gabor said that they are planning to stain the structure and, during the course of that work, will attempt to determine if any areas need repair or replacement.

III. Community Center Classes

- Resident Diane Chonko attended the meeting to ask the Recreation Board to review the non-resident fee structure, specifically for Aerobics/Fitness classes. Chonko attends fitness classes and likes them, but stated that she feels as though the price for non-residents should be higher than the existing \$2 per class. Chonko added that some of the non-resident attendees are not polite to those attending classes and perhaps an increase in the fee would also result in more consideration for others in the classes.

- Board member Tina Paulson stated that she also attends fitness classes and she knows that several surrounding communities charge a higher fee for non-residents, and that several communities also charge residents/members for similar classes. Paulson said she feels like a \$2 per class fee is virtually a giveaway, and that maybe a punch card system could be instituted, similar to what exists for the yoga classes. Paulson added that she thought perhaps some of the negative behavior was a matter of misunderstanding amongst attendees, and that it could be easily cleared up moving forward.
- The Recreation Department will survey other local communities to determine their fees for similar classes and will provide the information to the Board at an upcoming meeting. Casadonte also asked for information regarding what it would need to cost for the classes to become self-sustaining.

#### IV. Community Center Gym

- Resident Jennifer Nemeth attended the meeting to ask the Recreation Board to consider a future project to increase gym space by addition to the existing facility, looking into renting space at CAPS Fieldhouse, or perhaps through a joint venture with Cuyahoga Heights Schools, and the Villages of Brooklyn Heights and Cuyahoga Heights, to have a facility that all school and community teams could utilize. She said that in her experience, gym time from roughly September through May at the Community Center is difficult to come by, and that additional space would be beneficial to the community. The Board acknowledged the fall and winter months are busy, and that any joint project would need to involve representatives from the school district and the three villages. The Board did not want to advocate for a specific approach at this time, but preferred to continue considering options before determining if any recommendations would be made.

#### V. Project List

- **Valley View Soccer Field Restroom Improvement**
  - The Restroom is over 75% complete and is awaiting final clean up, painting, and interior ADA fixturing.
  - The contractor should be substantially complete by early September with final restoration being completed by September 30, 2018.
- **Valley View Woods Sanitary Sewer Improvements**
  - The project is substantially completed and conversion waste leaving Pavilion A and Restroom A has been converted to the new Holding Tank at A
  - Village Service Department needs to monitor and develop an internal work plan for checking tanks on a regular basis to determine when it is appropriate for them to be emptied.
  - Engineer can provide an as-built drawing for their use and the tank depth is over 20' and is considered a confined space

- **Valley View Woods Slope Repair**
  - The contractor completing the Sanitary Sewer Improvements is also completing the slope repair. After an initial scaled back approach was determined to be unfeasible due to subsurface ground conditions, the Council approved a change order with a more extensive repair at the July 2018 council meeting.
  - Those materials were ordered and delivered to the site at the end of July
  - Work commenced on August 6, 2018, and due to heavy rains their progress was negated as a result of the flow of water exiting through the work zone
  - Work will be suspended until it is determined that progress can be made rather than creating more issues in the repair area.
  
- Additional possible projects (replacement of the pipe beyond the outfield fence at Winik Field, the camera work and the potential cleaning of the storm sewer at the soccer field in Valley View Woods, and test areas on the path to curb erosion) are still in the queue with the Engineer's Office. The timing of the work at Winik will hopefully avoid major conflicts with scheduled activities, and the Recreation Department is working in conjunction with the Engineer's office to have as little of an impact to the schedule as possible.
- The board will need to determine at its September meeting what project(s) – if any – it wants to potentially pursue over the next 1-3 years so budgeting and planning can begin. The previously identified projects are: replace Pavilions D&E with a single pavilion modeled after Pavilion B; addition of a small play area/playground adjacent to the new pavilion where D&E currently stand; possible removal of Pavilion C; addition of a batting cage in Valley View Woods (potential areas identified initially are down 3B/LF line at Winik Field, the area where Pavilion C currently sits, the area where the bocce court used to be, and beyond the outfield fence at Winik). However, the Board can elect to pursue a different project than these listed, or no projects at all at this time, if they so choose.

#### VI. Information Update

- Registration has taken place for Cheerleading, Flag Football, Adult Softball, and Fall Soccer.
- Registration and planning will soon be underway for basketball.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 P.M. – Village Hall**