

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 8, 2019

7:00 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. Doug Dyer, Recreation Board
- E. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board
- F. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board – ABSENT
- G. Tina Paulson, Recreation Board
- H. Brad Borowy, Council Recreation Committee Chair
- I. Tom Perk, Council Representative – ABSENT
- J. Dave Wingenfeld, Council Representative – ABSENT
- K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman

II. Tree Planting Request

- Resident Amy Oryl requested permission to plant a red oak tree in Valley View Woods Park in honor of her husband Jim Oryl, who recently passed away. Jim worked for the Village as a Park Patrol staff member for several years, and Amy stated that Jim had a great affinity for the park. The Oryl family would donate the tree and would be willing to assist in planting if needed. The Board asked if a plaque would be included, and Oryl said that her family will be happy with the tree with or without a plaque. Board member Rocco Casadonte said he supports a tree with no issues, but his only concern about a plaque was it could lead to other memorial markers, etc. that aren't as appropriate for the space. Casadonte noted that this has been an ongoing concern raised over the years when similar requests have been received. Board members Dyer, Grabel, and Paulson also supported the tree and permission was recommended by a 4-0 vote. The Board would like to see the tree planted and does not want the approval or disapproval of a plaque/marker to stop the tree planting from taking place. The Recreation Department will look into the next steps needed to see if the tree can be planted this fall. If the planting is ultimately approved, Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor will work in conjunction with the Oryl family to find a good location.

III. Service Department/Groundskeepers

- Gabor said that the groundskeepers have been working to catch up on items now that the rain has slowed. The maintenance of mulch beds, along with grass cutting, weed spraying, sprinkler repairs, and other routine items are being addressed.
- Dyer said that the dugout hooks are getting more use after the groundskeepers moved the locations, and he thanked Gabor.

IV. Project List

- The Board would like the Engineer to look into the following projects for 2019, including reasonable cost estimates depending upon the scope of the projects: replacement of the pipe beyond the outfield fence at Winik Field and repair areas of the walking path in Valley View Woods that are most prone to consistent erosion. The Board would like to know from the Engineer if the entire length of pipe will need to be replaced, or if there are only specific areas that need to be replaced. The timing of the work at Winik will hopefully avoid major conflicts with scheduled activities, and the Recreation Department will work in conjunction with the Engineer's office to minimize the impact to the schedule as much as possible.
- At the January Council Meeting, Council provided funding for an architect to develop conceptual drawings for a potential kitchen at Pavilions D&E. The Board would also like to consider making the changes to the pavilion at Lombardo as a comparison to the options for D&E. The Board will put this potential project on hold until later in 2019.
- At the June Council Meeting, Council authorized the Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for two items: (1) to complete asphalt repair and maintenance in Valley View Woods in 2019, and (2) to complete Storm Sewer Repair and warning track installation at Winik Field.
- Additional possible projects (batting cage in Valley View Woods and camera work and the potential cleaning of the storm sewer at the soccer field in Valley View Woods) are still in the queue with the Engineer's Office.
- Council Recreation Committee Chair Brad Borowy encouraged the Board to continue finding good projects for the parks. Borowy said the projects in the queue and the possible batting cage are good projects. Along these lines, Borowy mentioned that the City of Independence was auctioning 40' and 50' light poles that they recently removed from one of their baseball fields. Borowy indicated that possibly the Village could look into purchasing the poles to light Woods Field or the soccer field. The Recreation Director and Engineer Todd Sciano made a trip the City of Independence to see the poles. According to information provided by City of Independence employees, the poles were first installed in 1976 and the lights were changed in 2003. Sciano attempted to enlist several electricians to look at the poles to see if the existing wiring, etc. could still be used. No electrician was available to make that visit. Board member Paulson asked if we need lights at another field. The addition of lights at a field would be an added amenity, but is not a necessity at this time based on the fact that fields are not being used at or beyond capacity. Due to the limited knowledge of the condition of the poles, in addition to unknown costs for a possible transformer, new lights, installation, site prep, etc. and the short window for auction (the deadline is August 12) it was determined that any purchase at this time would not be cost effective.

V. Recreation Levy Renewal

- The Village has filed the necessary paperwork and the renewal will be on the ballot in November 2019. The County will assign an issue number later in the summer or early fall.

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 19 at 7:00 P.M. – Village Hall