

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2020

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 – ABSENT
 - F. Nita Justice, Recreation Board
 - G. Tina Paulson, Recreation Board
 - H. Dan Westfall, Council Recreation Committee Chair
 - I. Julie Jakubczak, Council Representative
 - J. Matt March, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman
 - L. Cindy Termini, Recreation Leader

- II. Random Selection of Pavilion Lottery Positions
 - Positions were randomly chosen for each resident who entered the lottery (1-180). Letters will be sent to notify each lottery participant that Pavilion Assignment Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, and at what time they should arrive that day for scheduling.

- III. Field Use Request
 - The Director of Baseball and Softball Operations at CAPS Fieldhouse requested the use of Valley View fields this season for some of the CAPS travel teams. The board's policy adopted several years ago is to require any team using the fields for games to have a minimum of 50% participants from Valley View. The CAPS Director of Baseball and Softball Operations did not expect to have that level of participation from Valley View residents. The teams are comprised of players from many local communities and school districts, with the Independence and Cuyahoga Heights schools expected to be the most represented. Given the fact that the teams are not going to meet the minimum participation standard for Valley View residents, the board voted 4-0 to deny the request.

- IV. Service Department/Groundskeepers
 - Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor said that the groundskeepers are completing building maintenance tasks at the Community Center and Fire Department, are performing equipment maintenance, and have some trees in Valley View Woods that they plan to clear soon.
 - Board member Rocco Casadonte said he noticed that many of the signs that were previously in the park from the Regional Sewer District asking people to pick up their pet waste are no longer there. Gabor said he would locate or obtain more signs so they could be replaced in the parks. Also in general, Casadonte stated that pets are off leash in the parks at times. Residents should contact the police if they see dogs off leash, and Park Patrol will also attempt to help educate residents when their shifts start again in April.

V. Elect President of Recreation Board for 2020

- Rocco Casadonte was elected President of the Recreation Board for 2020 by a 4-0 vote.

VI. Project List

- The Board is requesting an update from the Engineer's Office regarding the project items mentioned below. The update could include a tentative plan for the next steps, timelines, estimated costs, etc. The Board would like to be in good position early in 2020 to move forward with any projects previously identified. Todd Sciano of Donald Bohning and Associates has indicated that he hopes to provide more clarity for the board by its March meeting. The Road, Traffic, and Utility Committee has a meeting in March to identify possible 2020 projects Village wide. Council Representative Julie Jakubczak, who is also the Chair the Road, Traffic, and Utility Committee, indicated that all of these pieces in addition to other possible expenditures across departments will be considered in determining possible funds available for projects in the parks. The levy funds and other sources such as the Sewer and Water fund may be viable sources of funding for some park projects, but the Road, Traffic, and Utility Committee meeting on March 2 will hopefully help provide some clarity on next steps for the board.
- The Board would like the Engineer to look into repairing areas of the walking path in Valley View Woods that are most prone to consistent erosion, including a reasonable cost estimate depending upon the scope.
- At the January 2019 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.
- At the June 2019 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, and (2) to complete Storm Sewer Repair and warning track installation at Winik Field. 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. Regarding the asphalt work, the Board has asked the Engineer's Office: (1) is there a benefit to sealing the asphalt every couple of years, similar to how residential driveways are sealed, and (2) if performing replacement in large sections, would it be beneficial to use asphalt that is more water permeable.
- 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.

VII. Information Update

- Spring Soccer registrations are in the lobby, for those who did not play in the Fall, but wish to play in the Spring (deadline March 1).
- Baseball/Softball registrations and Coaching Applications are in the lobby of the Community Center (deadline April 1).
- Youth Baseball and Softball Clinics (April 19) and Pitching Clinics (April 26) are scheduled for the spring.

VIII. Other Discussion

- The youth basketball season was recently completed and was relatively smooth across all communities. The partner communities are considering a “Silent Saturday” next season in which parents and spectators would be instructed that they are not permitted to shout any instruction to the players, nor can they make comments to the referees. The only thing they would be permitted to do is a brief cheer after a score or a good play. The goal would be to provide an environment for the kids to participate which isn’t dominated by competing instructions, information overload, and negativity from the stands. Secondly, it can provide an opportunity for the spectators to realize the role they can play in creating a wholly positive environment, as opposed to one that is not beneficial to the children. Board member Nita Justice suggested if a Silent Saturday is implemented, to encourage feedback from the children to parents, coaches, and the Recreation Department in an attempt to further educate all parties as to what the participants experienced and how their future involvement may be enhanced.
- Board member Tina Paulson indicated that there are times when areas of the Fitness Room are being effectively “reserved” for use by one or two individuals. The equipment in the room should be shared by all and areas should not be reserved or “on hold” for an individual. The Recreation Department will address these concerns with any individuals to whom it applies.

Next Meeting: NOTE DATE: Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 P.M. – Village Hall