

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 16, 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 – ABSENT
- E. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board – ABSENT
- F. Nita Justice, Recreation Board – ABSENT
- G. Tina Paulson, Recreation Board
- H. Dan Westfall, Council Recreation Committee Chair
- I. Julie Jakubczak, Council Representative – ABSENT
- J. Matt March, Council Representative – ABSENT
- K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman
- L. Bill Stegmaier, 5th-6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

II. Youth Coaches

- Bill Stegmaier stated that the basketball league is well-organized, and that communication from the Valley View Recreation Department is excellent. Stegmaier suggested perhaps charging a nominal fee in the future to play basketball, and then using those proceeds to purchase a basketball for all players in the program. Stegmaier indicated that not all of the players' parents provided the girls with a basketball, or some who did purchase basketballs didn't buy the correct size. The Village does provide each team with basketballs to use for practice, but Stegmaier stated that the players need to practice at home as well to improve skills, so having a properly-sized basketball at home would make that task easier.
- Stegmaier also suggested that a community group operate a concession stand at the Community Center during basketball games as a fundraiser. In past years, the Cuyahoga Heights High School After Prom Committee has run a concession stand as a fundraiser. Over the past two seasons, the After Prom Committee chose to not operate a stand, and no community group was found as a fill-in. The Recreation Department has had some inquiries about the 2020-21 season and is hopeful that a concession stand will return.
- Board member Rocco Casadonte asked if it would be easier for the coaches if a board member or two made themselves available to the coaches at a location prior to the season. There are league-wide coaches meetings in some sports, and the Recreation Department will make an effort to notify the board of those occurrences in case they would like to send a representative.

III. Service Department/Groundskeepers

- Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor stated that the groundskeepers are working on building maintenance, log splitting, and equipment maintenance.

IV. 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.
- 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.

V. Information Update

- Recreation Fund Available Balance Update (as of January 13, 2020) from Clerk/Treasurer Carol Tomasko: \$172,648.76.
- Spring Soccer registrations (deadline March 1), Baseball/Softball registrations (deadline April 1), and Coaching Applications are in the lobby of the Community Center.
- Youth Baseball and Softball Clinics and Pitching Clinics are in the process of being scheduled for the spring.

VI. Other Discussion

- Board member Tina Paulson stated that she was approached about the possibility of additional group fitness/activity classes being scheduled in the Aerobics Room. The Recreation Department will explore some options.
- Council Recreation Committee Chair Dan Westfall stated that he is looking forward to working with the Recreation Board, including completion of any projects that can be completed during the upcoming year. Westfall also asked for Community Center membership numbers, which will be compiled and provided.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 P.M. – Random Selection of Pavilion Lottery Positions - Village Hall

COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIPS			
Membership Type	2017	2018	2019
Family	204	183	186
Single	54	50	43
Senior	187	189	202
*Total members	1191	1090	1135
*-Includes all individuals listed on family memberships			