

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 18, 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 – ABSENT
 - E. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board
 - F. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board
 - G. Tina Paulson, Recreation Board
 - H. Jerry Piasecki, Mayor
 - I. Tom Perk, Council Recreation Committee Chair
 - J. Brad Borowy, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - K. Dan Westfall, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - L. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman

- II. Potential Ice Rink
 - Mayor Jerry Piasecki provided his input to the Recreation Board regarding the questions the Board posed at its December meeting regarding a potential ice rink. Piasecki's documents will be entered into the minutes of the meeting. Piasecki told the Board that as Mayor and Safety Director, that he would not compromise the safety of the Village by asking the Police and/or Fire Departments to tend to, open/close, etc. a rink. Piasecki added that the Service Department is also extremely busy, especially when the weather becomes an issue, so the Board may want to consider outsourcing installation, maintenance, and eventual take down and storage of a rink.

- III. Compassionate Care
 - Piasecki asked the Board to consider the possibility of a "Compassionate Care" program that would allow a small number of individuals from surrounding communities to use the Community Center during winter months only. The population for a potential program would be limited to an extremely small number, possibly six or so, and would be open to residents of surrounding communities who are under the care of a doctor for terminal or chronic conditions that require exercise in an effort to alleviate symptoms and maintain good health, and whose communities do not have the amenities needed for the individual. Piasecki stated that he is in the early stages of looking into a program like this and would like the input of the Recreation Board along the way. He has already sought insight from Kathleen Kapusta of Associates in Lifestyle Management, with whom the Village works closely regarding issues of this type. Piasecki indicated that there would have to be a screening process established should any program of this sort be implemented, and that he was also planning to speak to Village Solicitor David Lambros regarding any possible liability concerns. Board member Rocco Casadonte asked if this would require the Village to provide the individuals with access to all Village facilities (i.e. parks, etc.) and Piasecki indicated that the access would be limited to only the Community Center.

IV. Elect President of Recreation Board for 2018

- Debbie Hartman was elected as President of the Recreation Board for 2018 by a 4-0 vote.

V. Service Department/Groundskeepers

- Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor stated that the groundskeepers are working on building and equipment maintenance when they are not on snow removal.
- Casadonte asked if any progress had been made on adding signs along the path in Valley View Woods asking people to pick up and properly dispose of their pet waste. The Recreation Department has not pursued that possibility since it was discussed in more detail at the December Board meeting, but will attempt to move forward on the issue soon, since spring is around the corner and use of the parks will be on the rise.

VI. Project List

- The installation of a holding tank adjacent to Pavilion A has been approved for plans and specifications and is under design by the engineer's office.
- The first step in the process for a potential restroom at the soccer field was approved at the January Council meeting. The Board voted 4-0 to continue moving forward with a proposed restroom at the soccer field. The Board selected the location at the northeastern end of the soccer field, with the doors facing the field and stands. The Board would like the engineer to incorporate the following options into the plans so they can be considered as part of the overall project: lighting and security cameras on and/or adjacent to the restroom to deter vandalism and increase visibility; an extension of the fence along the road that could serve as a buffer between the road and the restroom building (the Service Department may be able to complete this task); a sidewalk added from the existing concrete pads on which the bleachers sit to the restroom building. The restroom that was built recently adjacent to Pavilion B will be used as the model for this project.
- 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) 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.
- A plan for test areas to curb erosion on the path in Valley View Woods is progressing. The steps on the east side of the bridge between the soccer field and Winik Field have been removed as part of this process.

VII. Information Update

- Recreation Fund Available Balance Update (as of January 11, 2018) from Clerk/Treasurer Carol Tomasko: \$197,003.68.
- 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 (tentatively April 22) and Pitching Clinics (tentatively April 29) are in the process of being scheduled for the spring.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 P.M. – Random Selection of Pavilion Lottery Positions - Village Hall

The following items are related to the Ice Rink discussion at the Recreation Board meeting of Dec 20.....

NiceRink Installation

The "NiceRink" installation video is an eye opening insight to the installation process, the vendor stated that all ice and snow must be removed from the asphalt surface as well as any obstructions that may damage the liner such as pebbles or branches. The manufacturer suggests that the structure be installed in above freezing temperatures and the liner be installed with temperatures below freezing. (see nicerink.com)

Water Requirements

The capacity of the rink at 4" thick ice is about 5500 gallons of water, the instruction video is explicit about how the water is placed. Providing water during winter periods is a logistics problem not to say that our Fire/EMT Team must be in state of readiness at all times to serve the emergency needs of the community. The Fire Dept is under the direction of the Mayor. To assume that the Fire Dept would be able perform the water supply tasks needed is too assumptive.

Temporary Rink

The Recreation minutes of December 20 councilman Borowy stated that.... *"other communities like Cuyahoga heights (pond), Independence, and Cuyahoga Falls have skating available."* This is true; Cuyahoga Heights and Independence have natural ponds, Cuyahoga Falls has a permanent rink equipped with a chiller, examples far from the structure of a temporary rink. The point is, no examples of a Temporary Rink at a municipality were presented. I surveyed several local mayors regarding community ice rinks and their responses are included in a separate document. If successful temporary installations exist it certainly may have been helpful for the Rec board to make decisions based upon reality.

The proverbial items 1 thru 6

The Dec 20th minutes state that the Board voted 5-0 to recommend installation of the rink, *"with the understanding that their vote is pending upon Council providing resolution to items 1 thru 6."* After speaking with Board members Casandonte & Grabel, there seems to be many unanswered questions regarding operations of a rink, therefore further discussions among the board are likely. Not all items 1 thru 6 can be resolved by Council.

Also, Item 2 of the minutes suggested that the Police Dept or Fire Dept could be utilized to help with determining hours of operation based upon conditions. This type of arrangement will not be possible. Our safety forces are focused on daily medical & safety operations, not maintenance of a rink. We cannot and will not compromise emergency medical situations.

Who does What ?

Statements presented at the meeting regarding the role of the Service department in my opinion were assumptive in that the Service Department personnel possess the maintenance knowledge, the installation knowledge and the available time to invest the efforts required to perform all the tasks mentioned. With the winter weather obstacles and interior projects already committed, the Service Department has no available dedicated timeslots to contribute to Rink tasks. The Service Director to my knowledge was not asked by the board if assistance could be arranged. The Service Dept is also under the direction of the Mayor. The Board should consider installation and maintenance being done using outside sources.

Safety

Safety cannot be compromised by posting signs with statements excluding municipal risk. This issue should be submitted to the law director.

Finally, if all concerns could be resolved properly , a rink could (in theory) be erected, however keep in mind the rink was purchased by the finance committee against the recommendation of the Recreation Board. The Recreation Board is responsible for the operation of recreational amenities.

Regards, Mayor Jerry

Jerry Piasecki

From: Jerry Piasecki
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Jerry Piasecki
Subject: FW: Ice Skating inquiry

From: Mike Procuk [mailto:mprocuk@brooklynhts.org]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Jerry Piasecki <mayorjerry@valleyview.net>
Cc: Ed Hatgas <ehatgas@brooklynhts.org>
Subject: RE: Ice Skating inquiry

Jerry,

Brooklyn Heights has an asphalt area that if the weather was just right, we could flood and freeze for use as a skating pond. We have not done this for 20-30 years as the area is no longer level, debris would get into the water before freezing, the weather seldom cooperates for long enough periods of time and it became more trouble than it was worth. Good Luck in your venture and all the best that it works out for you.

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Thank You and HAPPY NEW YEAR..... see you Jan 5th.

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From: Jerry Piasecki
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 1:19 PM
To: Jerry Piasecki
Subject: FW: Ice Skating inquiry

From: Mayor Trevor Elkins [mailto:telkins@newburgh-oh.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Jerry Piasecki <mayorjerry@valleyview.net>
Subject: RE: Ice Skating inquiry

Mayor,

We have not had skating in the village since the rink was closed in the early 90's.

Thank you,
Trevor

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Jerry Piasecki

From: Jerry Piasecki
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 1:18 PM
To: Jerry Piasecki (mayorjerry@valleyview.net)
Subject: FW: Ice Skating inquiry

From: Robert Stefanik [mailto:mayorstefanik@northroyalton.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 3:51 PM
To: Jerry Piasecki <mayorjerry@valleyview.net>
Subject: RE: Ice Skating inquiry

Hi Mayor,

Used to have a portable rink. Lasted about 10 years and wasn't worth the bother.

Mayor Bob

From: Jerry Piasecki [mailto:mayorjerry@valleyview.net]

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From: Jack Bacci <J.Bacci@cuyahogaheights.com>
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 12:28 PM
To: Jerry Piasecki
Subject: Re: Ice Skating inquiry

Sir,

Bacci Park Pound is used for skating... only when conditions are suitable of course. 😊

Happy New Year!

JMB

On Dec 29, 2017, at 12:19, Jerry Piasecki <mayorjerry@valleyview.net> wrote:

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