

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 8, 2020
6:30 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. Nita Justice, Recreation Board
 - G. Tina Paulson, Recreation Board
 - H. Dan Westfall, Council Recreation Committee Chair – ABSENT
 - I. Julie Jakubczak, Council Representative – ABSENT
 - J. Matt March, Council Representative
 - K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman
- II. COVID Updates
- There has been slow but steady traffic into the Community Center since re-opening on June 4. The only areas currently available for use are the track and fitness room. Some equipment has been moved into the multi purpose room to allow use while satisfying the State of Ohio requirements for social distancing.
 - The Recreation Department is not scheduling pavilions for use since the State of Ohio currently has a ban on mass gatherings of 10 or more.
 - The initial planning for fall youth sports activities is underway, with the understanding that they could be cancelled depending upon future course of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated restrictions on activities. The Men’s Softball league that usually begins in August falls into the same category, with a final answer on the status of that league hopefully coming no later than the week of July 13.
- III. Service Department/Groundskeepers
- Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor said that regular maintenance is underway, including grass and weed control. There are also some minor sprinkler system repairs to complete, and some mulching of street signs may occur soon. The groundskeepers are also disinfecting playgrounds and restrooms when open.
 - Board member Rocco Casadonte asked if the groundskeepers could do some work on the walking path in Valley View Woods. Gabor stated that some work had been performed earlier in the day, with more to come, including the probable addition of more grindings to fill in low spots.
 - Casadonte also noticed what appeared to be a wet board on the roof of Pavilion A. Gabor stated that he believed it was just a discolored board, but that he would look at the roof in more detail to see if there appeared to be any leaks.

IV. Project List

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and possible impact on budgets, all projects are on hold for 2020 and will be re-visited in 2021.
- 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 2021 to move forward with any projects previously identified if possible. The levy funds and other sources such as the Sewer and Water fund may be viable sources of funding for some park projects, but future Road, Traffic, and Utility Committee meetings may 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 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. Board member Doug Dyer indicated that he believes the batting cage in Valley View Woods would be a terrific addition to the park and would receive a great deal of use by village teams and residents.

V. Information Update

- Recreation Fund Available Balance Update (as of July 1, 2020) from Clerk/Treasurer Carol Tomasko: \$263,685.14.
- Recreation League Baseball and Softball games for ages 9-15 began on June 22. Valley View has players on 4 Recreation League teams and several residents are also participating on travel teams this season. Some Valley View residents were placed on teams in Brooklyn Heights and Independence because there were not enough players in their age group to form a Valley View team. The leagues for ages 4-8 were cancelled for this season.
- Registration and planning has begun for fall activities.

Next Meeting: NOTE DATE: Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 P.M. – Pavilion A