

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 15, 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 – ABSENT
 - 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 – ABSENT
 - K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman

- II. COVID Updates
 - The Recreation Department did not schedule pavilions for use this year since the State of Ohio currently has a ban on mass gatherings of 10 or more.
 - Senior aerobics classes resumed at the Community Center during the week of October 5.
 - Fall youth sports activities of flag football, cheerleading, and soccer continue, with the understanding that they could be cancelled depending upon the future course of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated restrictions on activities.
 - Registration and planning is underway for youth basketball. The communities involved in the league met recently to discuss State of Ohio guidelines and restrictions and how to plan to comply. While many final decisions are still to be made, there is a strong possibility that games will not start until January and spectators will be limited to no more than two per player.

- III. Service Department/Groundskeepers
 - Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor said that the groundskeepers have done some tree trimming, and have cleaned out some areas around the creek in Valley View Woods. They plan to do some landscaping in that area as well to attempt to level out some spots. The leaf clean up in the parks has also begun.

- 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. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Tomasko did indicate that the prospects are good for park projects to be able to occur in 2021, so the Board should re-visit its list in November and December in order to present a clear wish list to the Engineer's Office to start the new year.

- 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.

V. Information Update

- Recreation Fund Available Balance Update (as of October 8, 2020) from Clerk/Treasurer Carol Tomasko: \$356,076.31.
- A "drive through" Children's Halloween Party was held on Sunday, October 11 in Valley View Woods.

VI. Other Discussion

- Board member Rocco Casadonte said that he has seen a few people in Valley View Woods with their dogs off leash. He stated that he usually sees this on weekday mornings between the hours of 9:30-11:00 AM. The Recreation Department will contact the Valley View Police Department to ask them to keep an eye out for dogs off leash as they patrol in the parks.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 P.M. – Village Hall