

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 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
- J. Matt March, Council Representative – ABSENT
- K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman – ABSENT

II. COVID Updates

- 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.
- Senior aerobics classes will resume at the Community Center in October.
- The planning for fall youth sports activities continues, with the understanding that they could be cancelled depending upon future course of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated restrictions on activities. The majority of the communities of the Suburban Recreational Soccer League (SRSL) will participate in a fall season together. Also, we will proceed with our Flag Football and Cheerleading seasons.

III. Service Department/Groundskeepers

- The groundskeepers recently sprayed the walking path and the infields of the baseball fields. They also performed some repairs on the fitness trail recently.

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

- Registration and planning is underway for youth basketball. The communities involved in the league plan to meet soon to discuss State of Ohio guidelines and restrictions and how to plan to comply (i.e. limiting spectators, spacing game times, later start date for the season, etc.).
- A "drive through" Children's Halloween Party is scheduled for Sunday, October 11 from 1-3 PM in Valley View Woods.

VI. Other Discussion

- Board member Rocco Casadonte asked if the Village has adopted a policy regarding social justice and/or political displays on Village grounds by participants in activities or attendees at community events or facilities, employees, etc. Council Representative Julie Jakubczak stated that she believes the only applicable ordinances or policies relate to signage and the size and placement of signs. Casadonte suggested that Village Administration, Council, and Law Director may want to review policies that have been adopted in communities, school districts, and organizations since the amount of public political action seems to be increasing beyond just placing a sign on one's property, and is filtering through many aspects of daily life.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 15 at Time and Site TBD