



**VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
February 7, 2019**

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Lake in the Hills Village Hall. Those present were Members Andrea, Cairns, Lupo, Wackerlin, Sandage, and Chairwoman Tredore. Also present were Director of Community Services Fred Mullard, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Megan Croy, Recreation Supervisor Kristi Brewer, Trustee Suzanne Artinghelli, and Recording Secretary Laura Pekovic.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS— Walter Weinert of Fox River Grove spoke. He said he and other residents would like children to be able to run again in the Lake in the Hills races. He also asked that the Village bring back the Sunset 5K and advertise their races in regional sports magazines to get more attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting of December 6, 2018 was made by Member Andrea and seconded by Member Wackerlin. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS – Pursuant to the Vision on how staff can enhance and improve services within the community, there was discussion about the “transparency” and “good investment” visions.

Regarding the “transparency” vision, member Wackerlin wants the Village to be transparent with the website and staff members receptive to Board and resident feedback. Chairwoman Tredore indicated that Village staff is currently transparent with various website, Facebook, etc. postings and holding public hearings and focus groups.

Regarding the “good investment” vision, Member Carins added he wants the Village to continue to provide good value to the residents. Member Sandage indicated that transparency and doing due diligence are important. Member Lupo would like the Village to invest more in children and senior programs. Member Wackerlin wants the Village to invest in the residents so they can inturn invest in themselves with personal growth. He also indicated it’s important to keep programs affordable for the limited-income residents.

NEW BUSINESS—LaBuy Playground Replacement

Megan Croy reiterated the process in which the new LaBuy Park playground will be selected. The focus group was held directly before this public hearing and was heavily advertised to Village residents. Those in attendance at the focus group had the opportunity to view the different playground submittals from various playground companies and vote on their favorite. Five vendors presented seven total designs for consideration. There were three proposals selected for final submittal. They were the Nature Theme Option from Parkreation and both options submitted by Play Illinois/Burke. Feedback provided by residents included having a mom/tot swing be included as part of the design and changing the colors to a more natural option on the purple Burke design. Director Mullard clarified that Village needs to pick the one playground that provides the best value to the residents. The goal is to have a Memorial Day weekend opening.

STAFF REPORTS—Summer Program Survey

Megan read through the staff report. Member Andrea suggested having portable lights at the ice rinks in the evening hours. Staff mentioned they could offer this as an event, since the parks close at dusk. Preschool registration has started for the 2019-2020 school year. The former Parks and Recreation office space will be remodeled into two preschool classrooms, and will be ready to host the Fall 2019 classes. To date, 230 Bark Park memberships have been purchased. The recent Ice Fishing Tournament at Woods Creek Lake was a success. The recently hired recreation coordinator resigned to move out of state, and a replacement is currently being sought. The new Beyond the Bell supervisor was promoted from being a counselor in the program. The two Daddy Daughter events are this weekend and registrations for both events are at capacity. The summer program survey results were reviewed by the group and those results are being used in summer program planning. The OSLAD Grant was awarded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to the Village for the Turtle Island improvements.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT—Trustee Artinghelli commended Director Mullard and staff for their work towards obtaining the OSLAND grant.

MEMBER COMMENTS

—Mike Lupo, Andrea, and Sandage also thanked Director Mullard and staff on the OSLAND grant and the success of the Noon Year's Eve event.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION--None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Lupo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Wackerlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laura Pekovic

Recording Secretary