



VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

April 4, 2019

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake in the Hills Village Hall. Those present were Members Andrea, Cairns, Wackerlin, Sandage, Anderson, Lupo and Chairwoman Tredore. Also present were Community Services Director Fred Mullard, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Megan Croy, President Russ Ruzanski, Trustee Suzanne Artinghelli, Administrative Specialist Laura Pekovic, and Customer Service Specialist Megan Schnaebele.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS—None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting of March 7, 2019 was made by Member Anderson and seconded by Member Andrea. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS—GOALS

Director Mullard spoke in regards to the Parks and Recreation Vision statement that is currently in the works. The Parks and Recreation Board's change was made to the "Relevant and Diverse: section. Member Wackerlin suggested that in the "Open to All" section that the Facebook reference be replaced with "Social Media". The Board was pleased with the finished Parks and Recreation Vision statement, and staff will use it as a guide to plan future events for the residents.

NEW BUSINESS—FACILITY USE DISCUSSION

Assistant Director Croy presented the topics of the Indian Trail Beach House and the Village-owned residential rental home at 9017 Haligus Road.

The home at 9017 Haligus will cease to be a rental in two years, and there was discussion between staff and the Board of a use afterwards. Chairwoman Tredore inquired about renovating the building to be another preschool facility. Staff indicated that it would be a costly challenge to bring the building in compliance with DCFS standards. Plus the building needs at least \$27K in roof and window repairs, and that demolishing the building would cost \$30K.

Director Mullard explained that if the home is demolished that could open the possibility of the Haligus Road corner to be straightened out. Future plans may include a stoplight at Miller and Haligus Roads, so a stops sign at the corner would be too close to the light. Member Anderson suggested constructing a much needed parking lot. There was discussion among the group about potential flooding, moving the dog park boundaries, parking, and traffic flow. Director Mullard indicated that now is the time to start thinking about what to do with the property so future improvements can be identified, planned, and budgeted. He also referred to the area's 2008 traffic study that indicated that straightening the curb could cost upwards of \$100K. President Ruzanski suggested the Board think about any short-term facility use options between the time the lease expires and the home is potentially demolished.

The Indian Trail Beach House is currently being used as a preschool. In September, 2019 those preschool classes will be moved to the Village Hall, leaving the building vacant at the end of May. There was discussion between staff and the Board on a future use of the building and land. Suggestions were a scout cabin, indoor bathrooms and indoor food storage for the shelter rental, a paddle boat/canoe rental facility, or demolishing it for use of more open space.

A decision about either property does not need to be made immediately. Assistant Director Croy suggested committee members go look at the beach house to think about possibilities. It can be addressed again at the next Parks and Recreation Meeting. Member Andrea indicated that he will not be in attendance at next month's meeting, and that he will email to Assistant Director Croy any ideas he may have.

STAFF REPORTS

Assistant Director Croy summarized the Family Bingo, Lunch with Parks and Recreation, and Hain House Analysis. The analyses will be used for future planning and budgeting. The Summer brochure will include instructional sports classes for younger children. A Counselor in Training program will be offered as a paid program for teens to learn to work with groups and be a good employee.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT

Nothing to report

MEMBER COMMENTS

At Member Andrea's request, Director Mullard gave an update on the Sunset Park Turf Replacement Project. Due to the early 2018 winter, seeding was done. Alternatively, there will be tilling and slit and hydro seeding this spring. Staff is working with festival committees to allow for different festival configurations, such as moving the carnival to the parking lot, to allow the grass to grow. Member Sandage asked about park stewardship. The group consensus was that the program would start in May.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Russ Ruzanski announced that Planning and Zoning Committee member Diane Murphy was elected to the Village Board of Trustees. Therefore, that leaves an opening on the Planning and Zoning Board starting in May. He encouraged those interested in serving on the Board to contact him. He also announced Village Trustee Susan Artinghelli did not seek election, and he thanked her for her fantastic service on the Village Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Andrea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by,
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