



**VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
May 2, 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 Cairns, Lupo, Wackerlin, Sandage, Anderson, and Chairwoman Tredore. Member Andrea was absent. Also present were Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Megan Croy, Recreation Supervisor Kristi Brewer, Recreation Coordinator Michelle Steffey, Trustee Suzanne Artinghelli, and Recording Secretary Trevor Smith.

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 Cairns. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS– Facility Use Discussion:

- A. Indian Trail Beach:** The committee continued their discussion from the last meeting about the Indian Trail Beach house and what they would like to see it used for once preschool is over. Many of the members agreed that it should be used by community organizations, such as boy scouts, for camping and so forth with access to indoor facilities. Members who had not yet visited the facility were encouraged to do so and pending a final decision Megan Croy noted that the facility will be used for water recreational storage for the village.
- B. Property at Haligus:** The committee tabled the discussion for a later date in regards to the house on Haligus Rd by the Bark Park.

NEW BUSINESS—

- A. Capital Plan Discussion:** Megan Croy reiterated that the parks and recreation department has been working on the 5 year capital budget plan and would like feedback from the committee on what they would like to see in the 5 year plan. A discussion ensued regarding Sunset Park and the elevation of the fields and if that could be included in the capital budget plan. Megan Croy said she believes that Sunset Park was part of SSA but that if it is not she can look into it. She also informed the committee that they have looked into several quotes and options on how to improve that and they all quotes came back high. She said they will continue to look into it. Member Tredore asked about the possibility of expanding the size of the fence for the Bark Park as an option for the budget. Megan Croy informed the committee that parking is the number one concern/need for the Bark Park and that fencing is repaired regularly as a part of the current budget.

B. Park Stewardship: A few of members of the committee had not visited their locations as of yet and will do so before the next meeting along with visiting Junes assigned locations. Member Lupo visited Plote Field and said it was totally under water but otherwise looked very good. Member Tredore visited Leroy Guy and said it was fresh, clean, and an unsung hero; she could not see anything wrong with it.

STAFF REPORTS: Megan Croy summarized the May Division Monthly Report that was provided. Krisit Brewer spoke about the Garden Plots and the effort that has been made to improve the plots, such as; better plot labels, the addition of a mulch path and some picnic tables. She also mentioned it is her hope to add some raised beds and a pavilion in the future.

A. Egg Hunt Analysis: Megan Croy went over the egg hunt analysis that was provided.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT: Suzanne Artinghelli thanked everyone for all that they do as it was her last meeting as trustee. She also shared that the village donated \$1000 to The Vietnam Veteran Moving Wall that will be moved to the Randall Oaks Park on July 2nd and then displayed there for visitors to see over the Fourth of July weekend. The wall will pass by our village hall on July 2nd and a discussion ensued between the committee on putting together a plan for people to line the road by village hall with flags as it passes by.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Member Wackerlin mentioned that three out of the four times he has gone to the Bark Park the lot is completely full and he wanted to be sure that increasing the parking is a priority. Member Anderson mentioned that the lights at Sunset Park are dangerously blinding to drivers that pass by due to the glare; Member Wackerlin said he has also noticed this issue before. Megan Croy said she will look into adjusting them. Member Anderson then mentioned the issue of flooding at Ken Carpenter Park and wanted to know if there were any plans to work on fixing it. Megan Croy mentioned that it is a part of protected wetlands and that improvements have been made that have already helped immensely with the flooding issues.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mr. Walter Weinert inquired as to why is the 5K race switched to May from April and why kids are not included in the race? Megan Croy indicated that based upon survey results, the race would include adults only, and the date was moved to May, when the weather could be more favorable for race conditions. Mr. Weinert also inquired if the Hawaiian dancers and bingo events would return to Indian Trail Beach. Megan Croy referred to the resident survey results indicating the desire for park parties at other Village parks, declining participation in those events, and weather dependency as the reason for the change.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Wackerlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Sandage seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
Trevor Smith
Recording Secretary