



**VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
June 6, 2019**

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. at the Lake in the Hills LaBuy Park. 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, Supervisor of Parks & Recreation Kristi Brewer, Recreation Coordinator Michelle Steffey, Preschool Supervisor Jessica Lucarelli, Trustee Diane Murphy 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 May 2, 2019 was made by Member Anderson and seconded by Member Andrea. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS—FACILITY USE DISCUSSION

- A. Indian Trail Beach:** Assistant Director Croy presented the topic of the, now vacant, Indian Trail Beach House. Croy encouraged Members to share their feedback on future use of the space. The Members had no feedback at this time. Assistant Director Croy noted that the facility could be used as storage for the Parks & Recreation division.

NEW BUSINESS—PARK STEWARDSHIP

Assistant Director Croy presented the topic of Park Stewardship to the members. Members reported their findings and shared improvement ideas on their assigned parks.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Fred Mullard reported that the splash pad located at Sunset Park had a new system installed that is capable of bypassing controls. This allows for the splash pad to continue to operate and be utilized by the public when maintenance is needed. Director Mullard also noted that this was a cost efficient repair completed by the Public Works division. Assistant Director Croy reported that the Horner Park pier replacement is now complete and open for use. Croy also commented that the annual spring fish stocking is now complete and another stocking will occur this fall. Assistant Director Croy reported that the playground equipment replacement at LaBuy Park is almost complete. The park is waiting for a new swing structure to be delivered but is open and operable in the meantime. Supervisor Kristi Brewer reported that FuntastiCamp began on Monday June 3rd and has been operating well with the assistance of Recreation Coordinator Michelle Steffey and Preschool Supervisor Jessica Lucarelli. Recreation Coordinator Michelle Steffey reported on the Lunch with Parks & Recs activity. Steffey commented that a chair yoga preview and a technology demonstration were provided to participants.

Assistant Director Croy introduced Trustee Diane Murphy as the new Liaison to the Parks & Recreation Board.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT

Trustee Murphy had nothing to report at this time.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Wackerlin suggested that the Parks & Recreation Department encourage resident participation at ribbon cutting ceremonies. Member Wackerlin shared the idea of starting a social media contest for residents where the winner would either cut the ribbon or be the first to test the new playground equipment. Member Lupo commemorated Village staff for all of their hard work and commented that the parks and playgrounds are looking great.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Resident Cathy Kelly shared her concern regarding the condition of Butch Haegle Beach. Kelly commented that the beach is unappealing, has rain water drainage issues and could use some landscaping improvements. Kelly shared the idea of reaching out to community organizations for volunteer opportunities to restore the beach. Assistant Director Croy thanked resident Cathy Kelly for attending the meeting and sharing her concerns. Croy commented further that the Village will take her requests into consideration. Director Mullard commented that 90% of Lake in the Hills population is within a 10 minute walking distance to a park and 98% is within a 15 minute walking distance.

Member Sandage asked about the turn-out of the Spring Park Clean-up. Supervisor Brewer reported that there was too much snow on the ground for the initial date scheduled and groups were advised to complete the cleaning once the snow had melted. Member Sandage recommended the idea of creating a year-round park clean-up crew. Member Lupo inquired about the Parties in the Park. Assistant Director Croy advised that the Parties in the Park will continue this summer and locations were determined by the results of a survey conducted by residents.

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 7:19 p.m.

Submitted by,
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