



**VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
September 5, 2019**

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake in the Hills Village Hall Board Room. Those present were Members Wackerlin, Cairns, Sandage, Anderson, and Chairwoman Tredore. Also present were Community Services Director Fred Mullard, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Megan Sandven, Recreation Supervisor Kristi Brewer, Trustee Diane Murphy, and Customer Service Specialist Megan Schnaebele.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting of August 1, 2019 was made by Member Anderson and seconded by Member Cairns. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS–FACILITY USE DISCUSSION**

- A. Indian Trail Beach:** Assistant Director Sandven reopened the topic of the Indian Trail Beach House with a lake use analysis presentation. Sandven encouraged members to again weigh in on what direction they wanted to go in terms of utilizing the space. Discussion among the members ensued and many of the members agreed that they would like to see the space become more family friendly and bring more people to the lake. Members discussed the possibility of offering kiosk boat rentals from the house and were in agreement that it would be a unique and fun addition to the beach and Lake in the Hills. Sandven will gather additional information regarding rental companies and pricing to report at the next meeting. Members discussed the idea of possibly using the house as a space for ticketed parks and recreation events on the beach. Sandven stated it is an idea to consider however issues have arose in the past due to bacteria levels in the water.
- B. 9017 Haligus Rd:** Assistant Director Sandven reopened the discussion about 9017 Haligus Road and presented members with a sketch of the proposed parking expansion. Member Anderson questioned what impact this change would have on the road leading to the Public Works facility and if it would be possible to add additional parking alongside that roadway. Director Mullard commented that the road would remain in place however additional parking would be difficult as it is a busy roadway for utility vehicles. Members expressed their concerns regarding who would be using the additional parking and wanted to ensure it would be reserved for Bark Park patrons.
- C. Larsen Property:** Assistant Director Sandven reopened the discussion of the Larsen property and presented members with a few ideas including a fitness pad, splash pad and event facility. Members provided input on the presented ideas. Member Sandage suggested the idea of using the property for a community pool. Member Anderson questioned the condition of the barn and if the property would be salvageable. Assistant Director Sandven answered that the barn is unable to be salvaged and must be demolished. Director Mullard commented that the barn will be demolished next year. Chairwoman Tredore and Member Anderson added that they felt it would be important to have a water feature at this property. Assistant Director Sandven finished the conversation stating that the Parks and Recreation Department will continue to research ideas and encouraged board members to do the same.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. American Legion Donation Presentation:** Brent Beckwith, with the American Legion of Lake in the Hills, presented the Parks and Recreation Board and Department with a monetary donation. This donation is for the restocking program of Woodscreek Lake.
- B. Ryder Park- Biba Smart Playground:** Assistant Director Sandven opened the discussion of the Biba Smart Playground stating that Ryder Park, which was replaced in 2018, is already a participant of the program. Sandven explained that the program, which has an app for smart phones, encourages children to interact at the park by prompting activity ideas and games. Sandven commented further that not only is it a great cross between technology and physical activity but it also provides feedback to the department regarding the park. Member Sandage suggested that Ryder Park be utilized during the 2020 Park Parties to help spread the word of this program.
- C. Park Stewardship:** Assistant Director Sandven presented the topic of Park Stewardship to the members. Members reported their findings and shared improvement ideas on their assigned parks. Overall, members were pleased with their findings.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Event Analysis:** Assistant Director Sandven briefly discussed the upgrades to the scoreboards and the concession stands at Sunset Park which are being completed by and donated to the Village on behalf of the Junior Eagles Football association. Recreation Supervisor Kristi Brewer briefed board members on 2019 FuntastiCamp which ended on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Brewer stated it was a successful, safe and fun summer. Assistant Director Sandven reported that Pre-School began on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and there are currently 93 students enrolled. Sandven read though the event analysis reports for the Keepin' it Reel: Bass & Pike Derby and the 2019 Park Parties.

### **TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT**

Trustee Murphy stated she will pass the ideas discussed this evening on to the Village Board of Trustees.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

The board members had no further comments.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

No Participation

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Wakerlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Cairns seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

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