



**VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
August 6, 2020**

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, Sivakumar, Anderson, Donahue and Chairwoman Tredore. Also present were Superintendent of Recreation Kim Buscemi, Recreation Supervisor Kristi Brewer, Interim Public Works Director Peter D’Agostino and Customer Service Specialist Tracey Padula.

Member Andrea was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

None. Assistant Finance Director Wayde Frerichs confirmed there were no written comments outside of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting of June 4, 2020. Member Wackerlin seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bark Park Improvement Survey Results – Interim Public Works Director Peter D’Agostino reviewed the Bark Park Improvement Survey Results. The Village received over 200 responses. Discussion took place regarding parking, extra water for animals – multiple suggestions to be towards the agility area, additional shade– tress vs structure’s and dog wash. There were additional questions on dog wash price of \$18 per wash and where did the price come from. Interim Public Works Director Peter D’Agostino explained after doing a compare of similar parks in the area that was the average cost. Chairwoman Tredore asked for an estimate at the next meeting regarding trees and a little shelter area. Interim Public Works Director Peter D’Agostino stated that any projects would be budgeted for in the 2021 budget.

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation Staff Report: Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi opened with a question on email distribution lists. Would like to start emailing the different board packets separately, so asking this board besides Parks & Recreation which other packets would they like to receive. All members agreed Village Board and Planning and Zoning. As a reminder all other packets are on the website but these three would be sent to this distribution list.

Moving forward the goal is to have the Parks & Recreation packets out the Monday before the Thursday meeting.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi then gave an overview of updates on the Parks and Recreation Board handbook, Connor Kincaid Fishing Tournament, Back to School FuntastiCAMP running through Oct 2nd with room for approximately 30 kids. It will mirror what they are having at camp right now along with time for E-Learning. Preschool Academy will kick off Remote Learning Program this year. This will

give the preschooler's exposure to E-Learning and help them prepare for elementary school. For families still looking for preschooler's to still get out and socialize there will be some in-person classes being offered. Start date for Preschool will be bumped to October to ensure the program has a solid foundation.

PARKS STAFF REPORT - Interim Public Works Director Peter D'Agostino highlighted a couple of items in the staff report. Updated the Board on the 2020 playground and the skate park replacement projects. Turtle Island renovation project is over 50% complete and expected to be substantially complete by the end of October. The Thor Guard weather prediction system replacement plan is being presented at the next Parks and Recreation meeting, Beaches - changes to Indian Trail Beach will go into effect August 8 on Saturday and Sundays only as these are the busiest days when most compliance issues occur. Beach will be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm, non-lifeguard Village staff will be present during operating hours to ensure compliance, and Non-residents will not be allowed access unless accompanied by a Village resident. Discussion took place on what was being done about the concerns the residents have about kids going over the fence into the boat area.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT- Trustee Murphy reiterated that the Village Board is committed to strengthening and reorganizing the Parks & Recreation division.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Member Wackerlin inquired if Park Visitations would restart. Chairwomen Tredore stated Superintendent Parchutz is working on a list. Might not get all parks seen this year but will try to break them in half and at least visit the assigned parks. Member Anderson inquired about another question popping up on social media is the amount of garbage at the state parks. Are there not enough trash cans? Interim Public Works Director Peter D'Agostino shared that picking up trash on Saturdays has been reinstated. Member of the public properties staff goes around Sunset Park and Beaches collecting trash. Sunset Park specifically there is trash cans out there for football as well as by the Skate Park. Because residents are getting very frustrated. There was discussion about monitoring this problem and talking with the Deputy Police Chief for driving by more and possible fines. Member Sivakumar had a question about Rolling Hills Park. Turtles are laying eggs and cannot get through the fencing to the water. Need to switch the fence to the other side. Interim Public Works Director Peter D'Agostino said he can have a staff member correct that or at least have an opening for them to get through.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – A gentlemen inquired about discussion that took place in January or February about new playground area with new machines has anything been done yet? Chairwomen Tredore stated the Board has approved park equipment a few months ago so those parks are currently being redone. Member Wackerlin inquired if two of the projects were delayed due to funding. Interim Public Works Director Peter D'Agostino shared two of the four were approved first and then with COVID the decision was delayed by a month but later approved. Then there were shipping delays, which created a longer delay. All are expected to be completed this year. Member Wackerlin asked once completed will we look at having Park Community Grand Openings like we have in the past? Director Peter D'Agostino stated that can be looked at.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Sivakumar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 6–0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Submitted by,

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