



VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING September 3rd, 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, Andrea, Donahue and Chairwoman Tredore. Also present were Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi, Public Properties Superintendent Scott Parchutz, Customer Service Specialist Tracey Padula and Trustee Huckins. Trustee Murphy attended via telephone.

Member Anderson was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Carnes made a motion to approve the August 6, 2020 minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting. Member Andrea seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Properties Superintendent Parchutz shared from the Ad Hoc meeting that they are putting together a Parks Masterplan for 2021. This has not been done since 2010 and the cost would run about \$18K to \$20K. Budget has been submitted and waiting on approval. Also touched on the future of the Stable property. Some suggestions were Splash Pad and Exercise Park. Still looking into other ideas. Member Andrea asked if Pickleball was an option. Chairwoman Tredore stated as discussed at the meeting with the Trustees one of the main things they wanted to do was a Splash Pad at Larsen as well as an All-Inclusive Park which would include Handicap, sensory issues and more. Superintendent Parchutz reiterated we can look at all options and customize as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ad Hoc meeting debriefing/discussion: Superintendent Buscemi shared ideas of making more public awareness of our parks and what's at them. Communication Services are working on highlighting a different park monthly via social media. Staff is also looking to take more of their programs out to our parks, which would create more program space. One idea found by a staff member was from North Carolina. They had a traveling recreation van which would be stocked with supplies and travel around for programs. This would be a great vehicle to get us out to our parks for things like pick up football games or even pre-registered events while creating great marketing opportunities. We are looking to quickly get this together and into the Capital Budget. One question concerning the van brought up by Member Andrea was that staffing always seems to be an issue. Superintendent Buscemi assured that extra staffing would be worked into the budget. Member Sivakumar suggested incorporating "gaming" into the van concept. Superintendent Buscemi also shared that Trustee Huckins had offered to talk to the Superintendent at School District 300 about opening up another Intergovernmental Agreement to allow us to use their space at no charge. School District 300 is welcoming to the idea and will follow up once remote learning slows up. The suggestion of going out to Senior Living communities to open communications and find out what they need and what we can do to support them is still on their agenda. Lastly, printed brochures will be eliminated in the winter. Information will be presented at the next meeting. Member Wackerlin suggested discussion on liaison aspect. All agreed good idea to have a rotating board member attend once a quarter to talk and give

updates. Chairwoman Tredore asked to put this on next month's agenda to discuss assignment quarterly for the Tuesday meetings for the remainder of 2020 and 2021.

- B. Board Expectations of Staff: Superintendent Buscemi asked the board to share any changes or additions they would like to see covered at these meetings. One other proposed idea was as we are putting together the agenda for upcoming meetings, any board member that would like to add something contact Chairwoman Tredore with item(s) and Superintendent Buscemi will reach out to her for additions.
- C. Lightning Prediction Equipment – Thorguard replacement in 2021: Superintendent Parchutz shared and reviewed his package seeking input and approval from the board. Instead of refurbishing the current equipment for \$25K he presented a competitive bid he acquired to completely replace using cutting edge equipment that will last for 20 years at a cost of \$55,100. After much discussion on both options it was determined that replacing would be the better option. Member Andrea made a motion to approve the new system for \$55,100. Member Sivakumar seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 6-0
- D. Bark Park – Future parking upgrades: Superintendent Parchutz reviewed and shared three different options provided by the engineer. Option 1 - Total Estimated Cost of \$975,000 offering 97 new parking spaces and keeping existing stop sign. Option 2 - Total Estimated Cost of \$1,700,000 putting in a roundabout with 97 new parking spaces. Option 3 – Total Estimated Cost of \$1,950,000 putting in a new curve alignment with 103 new spaces. Discussion took place of pro's and con's for all three options by the board. All agreed Option 1 was the better and safer option.
- E. Sunset Park erosion – ballfields 4, 5, 6 & 7 and bike path: Superintendent Parchutz explained the problem and presented information on how it has gotten so bad and what options (with costs) there are to fix it. Goal is to eliminate erosion and make fields playable. Decision was made to eliminate fields 4, 5, 6 and Rebuild 7 as a premium field. The Affiliates are in agreement.
- F. Barbara Key Park – flooding issues: Superintendent Parchutz explained how and why flooding happens. Decided they would try to fix problem in house with recommendations from US Army Corps of Engineers. Reviewed work completed and future improvements.
- G. Park Stewardship: Board members each went to their assigned parks and shared each of their findings or questions.

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation Staff Report: Superintendent Buscemi stated that the fall brochure is out and they are working on the winter one. Recreation staff keeps adding some pop up programs that did not make it into the brochure. Preschool is starting with remote learning in October and will be adding in-person early childhood programs. Superintendent Buscemi is going to be adding upcoming events to department reports where she is looking for volunteers that might be able to help.

Parks Staff Report: Superintendent Parchutz provided updates on parks replacement. Echo, Horner and Hines should all be finished up in the next couple of weeks.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT- Trustee Huckins stated Diane asked that an issue at Turtle Park be addressed. In talking to residents they said they could not get to the boats with the way the parking lot is being constructed and to consider possibly moving the storage racks to the other side or grass area behind

the pavilion. Superintendent Parchutz said the issue came up and they are working to fix the problem and once completed it will give them enough room to get the boats out where they are existing now. Congratulations to Members Sivakumar and Anderson for committing to another 4 years on the board. Reiterated how great the Ad Hoc meeting was.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Member Wackerlin commented that Richard Taylor Skate Park looks great and the kids love it. Chairwoman Tredore agreed how beneficial the Ad Hoc meeting was and suggested this is something that is done annually. Member Andrea agreed on how beneficial Ad Hoc meeting was. He feels as a village the Parks and Recreation department hits the needs of seniors and kids but needs to improve on adult recreation. Member Cairns agreed that the skate park was in need of an upgrade and how good it now is. Member Sivakumar wanted to know if there are any plans to put Dog Waste Bags stands at all parks. Superintendent Parchutz stated that they are at some of the high use parks but would be hard to control for all parks.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Jordan Francisco first asked if Asphalt projects with the parks were done by contractors or in house. Superintendent Parchutz stated in house. Mr. Francisco then asked if the village was aware of the process of warm mix asphalt vs hot mix asphalt. He shared technique and environmental/economic benefits. Superintendent Parchutz was not aware but would pass information on to the Street Superintendent.

Jordan Francisco stated it would be nice to see some green infrastructure at the Bark Park. Has the board considered putting in an EV charging station? There is only one EV charging station at AMC in Lake in the Hills and this might help attract more people to Lake in the Hills to promote increased tourism and business.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Andrea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Wackerlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 6–0. The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Submitted by,

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