



**VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
November 5, 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, Anderson, Sivakumar, Andrea, Donahue and Chairwoman Tredore. Also present were Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi, Public Properties Superintendent Scott Parchutz, Customer Service Specialist Tracey Padula and Recreation Supervisor Kristi Brewer. Trustee Murphy attended via telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Carnes made a motion to approve the September 3, 2020 minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting. Member Donahue seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 6-0.

Member Anderson made a motion to approve the October 1, 2020 minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting. Member Donahue seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Village Board Liaison Schedule – It was determined that the Village Board meeting would be attended once a quarter by a Parks and Recreation member starting in March 2021. Chairwomen Tredore offered to start the rotation. It was then decided to go alphabetically by last name member Andrea June 2021, member Anderson September 2021, member Cairns December 2021. If a member wants something to be reviewed at the Village Board Meeting it should be included in member comments. An action item will be added to the agenda to report back the following month.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bark Park Survey results - Superintendent Parchutz clarified he wanted to specifically discuss the Dog Wash question from the Bark Park Survey results. He shared his idea of instead of hiring out the work to build the Dog Wash, his team could do all the labor and it would only cost the village materials. Superintendent Parchutz suggested also putting a bathroom in the shed verses the existing porta potty. Member Anderson shared concern about the \$18 cost to members being too high and would also like to get an idea as to what the materials costs would actually be. Member Andrea felt raising every Bark Park membership to include the Dog Wash might not be the right thing to do since members might already have their own means to groom their dog. Superintendent Parchutz will need to put more work into material costs and more discussion would be needed by the board on how and what to charge members.
- B. Sunset field 4,5,6,7 - Superintendent Parchutz reiterated what was being done on this project.
- C. Sunset Bike Path replacement - Superintendent Parchutz shared thoughts on using a toned down replacement plan to bring the costs down instead of changing the entire profile of the bike path.
- D. Bark Park Parking lot - Superintendent Parchutz shared that this project would be scaled back as well to bring costs down.

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation Staff Report: Superintendent Buscemi shared that the winter brochure will be the last printed brochure going out November 19, 2020. From there out brochures will be available online only via our website. New classes have been added online and remotely as well as in person to accommodate everyone's comfort levels. Looking ahead into summer, because Men's Softball has been so successful, a co-ed softball program will be offered on Sunday afternoons. In planning for the spring brochure which will come out mid-February 2021, if the board has any program ideas or suggestions please share them within the next month. In addition, looking for any sponsorship connections where Superintendent Buscemi can reach out to for upcoming events. A Winter Wonder Fun Series will kick-off at Larsen Park to include Pond Hockey, Fishing Derby and other events which will all take place outdoors so that the Covid situation does not affect it. Superintendent Buscemi announced that after reaching out to People for Parks a \$2500 grant to fund a Virtual Interaction Playground was awarded to the Village. It has been purchased and will be installed next week. This is a projector that projects games onto the wall, floor or table allowing users to play without having to touch anything. The projector can sense the player's movements. A preview will be set up for the next meeting. Flurry Fest will be held December 12, 2020. Candyland theme and families will be required to sign up by time slots to allow for social distancing. Many of the cut-outs and lights will be on display till the end of the year so that not everyone needs to come out on that day. If anyone can volunteer to help as adult monitors that would help since as of now they mostly have high school volunteers. Email Superintendent Buscemi if interested in volunteering.

Parks Staff Report: Superintendent Parchutz shared Sunset field 4,5,6,7 fields are closed with repairs in progress. Turtle Island renovation is basically complete and ribbon cutting ceremony has been set. Echo, Horner, Hynes and the skate park are all completed and functional. Superintendent Parchutz is putting together Request for Proposal early next year for Ford School Classroom HVAC upgrade and Hain House renovations and repairs.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT- None

MEMBER COMMENTS: Chairwoman Tredore asked since the last meeting was missed if anyone had park updates to please share. Member Wackerlin had Nockels Park, stated it was in good condition, tables by lake looked fine but parking lot service was old and can't see line stripes. Also brought up the pumpkin recycling that took place at Sunset Park and thought it was a nice feature. Chairwoman Tredore had Stoneybrook Park, shared there was a lot of grass and weeds in the mulched area, playground and flower bed sign area. Birds nest in the peak of the gazebo. Benches need touching up especially by basketball courts. Trash and broken balls in the spinner game located by the slide area which she reported from her last visit over a year ago but was never addressed. Landscaping screen material coming up from the mulch on North side in front of swings and also by basketball area which is a trip hazard. In addition to the two garbage cans already out there she feels another one is needed. Member Andrea had nothing to report. Member Cairns had Linda Fischer Park, stated everything looked great like a refresh was just done.

Chairwomen Tredore brought up a controlled burn that happened right between the houses in Meadowbrook and Fischer Park. The smoke was terrible and none of the residents were informed it was going to happen. Was wondering when this does happen and it's near a residence can the village put something out. Superintendent Parchutz will follow up to find out if it was a controlled burn and send out an email.

Member Anderson wanted to know if the village will be doing an ice rink this year. Superintendent Parchutz shared factors that went into the decision to not have one this year.

Member Sivakumar had Cattail Park which had a lot of weeds, multiple cracks and breaks in the asphalt, blue graffiti on ground, equipment was good but many of the benches were missing screws. Member Donahue had Larsen Park and stated building and grounds looked ok, benches looked grimy could use a good cleaning with possible paint.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Andrea 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 7:05 pm.

Submitted by,

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