

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Canepa.

Members present: Trustee Dean Proefrock, Trustee Lisa Harbeck, Meg Canepa, Jim Miller, Joanne Wolf, and Mark Slaminski

Members absent: Joe Hildebrand

Staff/Officials present: Director of Parks and Recreation John Safstrom, Senior Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor Karin Sevener, and Administrative Secretary Charlie Donohue

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Joanne Wolf, to approve the January 21, 2015 Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director Safstrom gave an overview of the article and discussed with the board members their opinions on how to become a stronger board.

Board members discussed the sizes of other boards and the different options of representatives. Director Safstrom stated some Parks and Recreation Boards may have a youth representative and a school district representative. The board asked Director Safstrom to pursue looking at other Parks and Recreation boards.

J. Miller asked the Trustee board members if they share the opinions of the Parks and Recreation Board members with Village Board members when there is an item on the Village Board agenda from the committee. Trustee Proefrock stated most often when the Parks and Recreation Board has an item on the agenda, Director Safstrom is present. Trustee Proefrock stated that if the Parks and Recreation Board members feel strongly about a particular item, they are encouraged to attend the meetings. Trustee Harbeck agreed; she encouraged members to attend and share their opinions at the Village Board meetings.

Director Safstrom suggested to the board each time there is an item on the Village Board agenda, that a member of the Parks and Recreation board attend the meeting.

Trustee Harbeck offered to give an update from Parks and Recreation Board during the Village Board meetings. Trustee Proefrock stated Village Board members encourage attendance at the meeting and the members are open to hearing suggestions and concerns regarding the Village.

M. Slaminski shared an article from a local newspaper regarding the school district implementing fees for usage of their facilities. He asked Director Safstrom his thoughts on where the Parks and Recreation Department falls in order of priority. Director Safstrom explained that he spoke with Superintendent Lightner, and was informed that the order of priority begins with school district programs, feeder programs, club sports and then Parks and Recreation programming. The school district is still deciding what will be charged for each group. Director Safstrom explained that most other communities are charging fees for school usage.

Board members asked Director Safstrom to inform them of any updates.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

Board members reviewed the Special Event Applications submitted by Celebrate Grafton for the Giro d’Grafton and Grillin’ in Grafton events. Director Safstrom explained there would be no changes regarding these events.

Motion by J. Miller, seconded by Trustee Proefrock, to allow Celebrate Grafton to utilize the Paramount Plaza on Saturday, June 20, 2015 for the Giro d’Grafton event. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Miller, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to allow Celebrate Grafton to utilize Centennial Park on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27, 2015 for the Grillin in Grafton event.

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor Sevener gave an overview of the 2014 Annual Report.

J. Miller asked why the attendance continues to drop each year at the Family Aquatic Center. Director Safstrom stated that besides weather playing a factor, the aquatic center amenities have remained the same year after year. He further stated that he has been working with area aquatic centers in search of new ideas and amenities that could be shared.

Director Safstrom stated the department has tried changing the hours of operation to cut down on expenditures, but this has not shown any significant difference. Department staff has discussed implementing new ideas for the aquatic center, including adding more swim lessons, hosting a summer kickoff party, and different ways to increase concession sales. Director Safstrom further explained he has met with concession equipment vendors, looking for new affordable options. M. Slaminski stated he works for

a company that may offer a solution. He offered to meet with Director Safstrom to discuss this further.

2014 BENCHMARK MEASUREMENT SUMMARY

Board members reviewed the Department's benchmark measurement summary.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Canepa asked to add Senior Report to the monthly agenda.

Joanne Wolf informed Senior Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor Sevenser she was given contact information for a possible donor to repair/replace the bocce ball courts. Senior Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor Sevenser stated she would be sure to follow up with the contact.

Senior Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor Sevenser shared a picture of the new exercise equipment, purchased by the Friendship Club, that was added to the exercise room at the Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor Sevenser invited board members to the St. Patrick's Day party at the Senior Center March 10, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion by J. Miller, seconded by J. Wolf, to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.