

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 22, 2016

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

Members present: Chair Meg Canepa, Trustee Tom Krueger, Joe Hildebrand, Jim Miller, Mark Slaminski, and Joanne Wolf

Members excused: Trustee Lisa Harbeck

Staff/Officials present: Director of Parks and Recreation John Safstrom and Administrative Secretary Charlie Donohue

MINUTES

Motion by J. Miller, seconded by J. Wolf, to approve the May 18, 2016, Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

ACCEPT DONATION – RIVERWALK BENCH

Director Safstrom explained Village residents, Paul and Toni Dickmann, would like to donate \$1,000 towards a bench and plaque for the Riverwalk in Veterans Memorial Park. This bench would be in memory of Betty and Orville Dickmann. He further stated the bench would be chosen by Village staff as part of the Riverwalk Project specifications.

Board members discussed different bench styles. Director Safstrom stated the bench would be weather proof and stay in the park year round.

J. Miller stated he knew Betty and Orville Dickmann and is very happy the family is donating this bench in their name.

Motion by J. Miller, seconded by Trustee Krueger, to recommend the Village Board accept the donation of \$1,000 from Paul and Toni Dickmann for purchase of a bench on the Veterans Memorial Park Riverwalk. Motion carried.

ACCEPT DONATION – FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

Director Safstrom explained Grafton Library employee, Debbie Krueger, would like to donate a Little Library that her son built. It was determined that Grafton Lions Park would be a great location for the placement of this gift.

Trustee Krueger stated the Little Library was built by his nephew, who decided to take up wood working.

Motion by Trustee Krueger, seconded by, J. Wolf, to recommend the Village Board accept the donation of a Little Library from Debbie Krueger.
Motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST – GRAFTON GLADIATOR 5K RUN

Director Safstrom stated Katy Schley has requested to hold a 5K Run as part of the Booster Club Corn Roast on Sunday, August 28, 2016. This Grafton Gladiator 5K Run will replace the Booster Club run. The race will begin at Grafton High School at 8:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

Motion by J. Wolf, seconded by M. Slaminski, to approve the Grafton Gladiator 5K Run on August 28, 2016. Motion carried.

BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS

M. Slaminski stated he was interested in the Camp Summer Fun program; however, by the time he was aware of this program, he had already registered his children into a program outside of the Grafton Parks and Recreation Department. Director Safstrom explained the School District published their summer school programming, which also included information for the YMCA, in the beginning of March. The Department's summer recreation booklet was published in early April. The Department is planning to publish the 2017 summer recreation booklet at the same time as the school district publishes their information. Director Safstrom further stated he is hoping the link to the booklet will be included with the summer school information.

M. Slaminski stated his daughter participated in a program where she trained to be a counselor for a program. The program fee was waived with the idea that she would then work in the program the following year. Director Safstrom like this idea and stated he would look further into this.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Canepa inquired about the Veterans Memorial Riverwalk Project. Director Safstrom stated the work started June 13, 2016. The Department is explaining to prospective park reservations the scope of work being completed, as well as, the disruption to the park. The Department is also sending letters to current reservations, as well.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Miller stated he visited the Grafton Family Aquatic Center and was very happy with the floors. He asked Director Safstrom to consider installing benches in the men's changing stalls. Director Safstrom stated he would look into purchasing benches for next season.

J. Hildebrand asked if the All My Friends Playground is close to raising the funds necessary to begin building the playground. Director Safstrom stated there has been a large response and they may possibly break ground this year. The group is currently applying for grants and have plans to attend the major events in the Village.

M. Slaminski inquired about the possibility of hosting a beer garden. Director Safstrom informed members he has been in contact with The Fermentorium to discuss the possibility of collaborating on a beer garden in the Village. At the time, The Fermentorium did not possess the necessary equipment. This is a very large investment, but one they were interested in pursuing.

J. Hildebrand asked if food samples were planning to be given at the Grillin' in Grafton event. Director Safstrom stated the grillers are there to complete, not to hand out samples of food. He further stated tickets may be purchased for food and beverages at the event. J. Hildebrand stated the advertising is a bit misleading and asked that this be made clearer in the future.

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Krueger asked for a breakdown of how residency is determined. Director Safstrom stated Village residents are participants that live within the Village of Grafton, Town residents are participants that live in the Town of Grafton, and Non-residents include participants living outside of the Village and Town.

ADJOURN

Motion by J. Miller, seconded by J. Wolf, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried.