

## **VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**

### **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 16, 2009**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order by Chair Canepa at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Meg Canepa, Susan Meinecke, Gigi Hafemann, Joseph Hildebrand and Fran Betz

Members Absent: Jim Miller and Scott Volkert

Staff present: John Safstrom, Parks and Recreation Director and Sheryl Prohuska, Administrative Secretary

Others: Tim Senkbeil, 1532 12th Avenue; Allison Lotter, 1530 12th Avenue; Kimberly Berens, 1030 Lakefield Road; Daniel DiCriscio, 1530 12th Avenue; Tammy Butt, 346 River View Drive; and Corey Lang, W63 N725 Sheboygan Road, Cedarburg

#### **MINUTES**

Motion by Susan Meinecke, seconded by Joseph Hildebrand, to approve the November 18, 2009, Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

#### **HEAR PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

None

#### **SKATE PARK AND FUNDRAISING EFFORT**

Director Safstrom reported he was recently contacted by citizens interested in raising funds and constructing a skate park in the Village of Grafton, possibly in memory of Cody Reetz, the boy who recently passed away who lived in the Village and attended John Long Middle School. Director Safstrom stated that Cody was an avid skateboarder, and that his parents were also present at this meeting.

Director Safstrom reported this group was provided with copies of past discussions and related action taken by the Village Board on this matter. Director Safstrom stated that due to this recent tragedy, people have been reaching out to this group with offers to supply materials, labor and financial support toward a skate park.

Director Safstrom stated that the Parks and Recreation Board (formerly the Community Activities Commission) recommended to the Village Board in April 2005 that the upper level of Lime Kiln Park be designated as the future home for a skate park. However, fundraising for this project did not materialize after this recommendation. This group is determined to make this project a reality.

Director Safstrom stated that since a location has been already been determined, the next step the group needs is support from the Parks and Recreation Board to approve a skate park design along with fundraising options.

Chair Canepa questioned if approval is needed from the Police Chief regarding the location. Director Safstrom replied that the Police Chief was part of previous discussions and he will contact him again regarding recent developments.

The general consensus of the Board was that they were in full support of moving this project forward.

Motion by Susan Meinecke, seconded by Chair Canepa, to support the development of a skate park and request that the Park and Recreation Board be timely informed of the fundraising progress and preliminary design of the skate park including the site plan. Approved unanimously.

Resident Tim Senkbeil presented the Board with a preliminary design of the proposed skate park.

Resident Allison Lotter discussed materials. She also stated that the group was not concerned about limited space at the site, as they intended to use a bowl design that would project upward. The question was raised regarding sponsorship and/or naming of the skate park. Ms. Lotter replied the group would like to name the park the Cody Allen Reetz Memorial Skate Park.

Discussion continued regarding various fundraising options.

Daniel DiCriscio, friend of Cody Reetz, read a statement he prepared urging support to build a skate park in Cody's memory.

Director Safstrom stated this item will be placed on future agendas, as the group will keep the Board informed on the progress of this project.

### **FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER EVALUATION AND PROJECT PRIORITIZATION**

Board members were given a 45-page report outlining a facility evaluation of the Family Aquatic Center as submitted by Water Technology, Inc., of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Members were asked to review the report and make recommendations for future operations of the Aquatic Center. The bath house, pool deck, pool shell, guard platform, diving board, water slide and mechanical operations were evaluated.

Director Safstrom stated recommended improvements were broken down by priority as well as the financial impact of each priority and the life expectancy of each project based on a 15-year projection. Priority One = in next 0 – 2 years, \$31,000 - \$48,000 (10-year expectancy); Priority Two = in next 3 – 5 years, \$312,700 - \$374,800 (19-year

expectancy); and Priority Three = in next 6 – 10 years, \$1,540,000 - \$2,085,000 (25-year expectancy).

If all recommendations are addressed, the total financial impact would be \$1,884,000 - \$2,507,800. The facility would be 39 years old when this process would begin again.

Director Safstrom stated that items 1 – 6 (Priority One) will be addressed in 2010 through the Facility Repair and Maintenance budget. These items will be done in-house for a significantly less expenditure amount than proposed. Director Safstrom requested that Board members review items 7 – 19 keeping in mind the future Municipal Services Facility and the recently purchased property for relocation of the facility.

Director Safstrom stated the Board should begin thinking about prioritizing projects for the Aquatic Center in order to have them placed in the next 5-Year Capital Improvement Program. Chair Canepa recommended that any ADA issues at the pool should be addressed first. Director Safstrom replied the ADA recommendations will be addressed prior to the 2010 season.

Mr. Hildebrand stated that although he would like to see construction of a new aquatic facility (when funding is available), there are several amenities at the current facility that need to be addressed, such as the sand pit and the children's play area. Director Safstrom stated several cosmetic upgrades would greatly enhance the appearance of the pool for another 10 years.

This item will be placed on future agendas for discussion.

#### **ACCEPT DONATION – REPAIR OF CENTENNIAL PARK SCOREBOARD**

Director Safstrom reported that repairs were made this past summer to the scoreboard at Centennial Park at a cost of \$1,005. The following donations are being offered towards the scoreboard repair cost: Grafton Lions Club - \$500; Grafton Softball Association - \$150; and Senior Ozaukee Softball - \$100. After accepting these donations for a total of \$750, the Village's remaining share for repair of the scoreboard will be \$255.

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded by Susan Meinecke, to recommend the Village Board accept (1) the donation of \$500 from the Grafton Lions Club; (2) the donation of \$150 from the Grafton Softball Association; and (3) the donation of \$100 from the Senior Ozaukee Softball for the repair of the scoreboard at Centennial Park. Approved unanimously.

#### **SUMMARY OF BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS**

Board members reviewed the Report of Benchmark Measurements for the Parks and Recreation Department through November 30, 2009. Areas of Administration, Consignment Tickets, Recreation, Adult Senior Services and Aquatics were briefly discussed.

## **PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND/PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FUND REPORT**

There were no comments on the report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Canepa asked if the Department received any complaints regarding the temporary elimination of weekend hours at the Grafton High School pool. Director Safstrom reported there were none. He stated that he and Pool Manager Cathy Prieto are working on diving and swim lesson instruction classes to be offered in 2010 that should help generate additional income.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Joseph Hildebrand stated he was approached by a student regarding the construction of new tennis courts at John Long Middle School. Director Safstrom replied the next step is for this item to be placed on a joint Village and School District Liaison meeting agenda.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded by Fran Betz, to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.  
Approved unanimously.