

## VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

### PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**MARCH 17, 2010**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order by Chair Meg Canepa at 6:04 p.m.

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

Members absent: Jim Miller, Scott Volkert

Staff present: John Safstrom, Parks and Recreation Director and Karin Sevener, Senior Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor

#### **MINUTES**

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to approve the February 17, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

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

None.

#### **RECREATION PROGRAM CHANGE - TEE BALL**

Parks and Recreation Director John Safstrom recommended that the program name Tee Ball change to Future Stars Baseball and be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, instead of Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The date change would be made possible by moving the Micro Soccer program to different night. Other changes to the program include providing T-shirts and hats to the participants.

Director Safstrom commented that he would like to see 75 to 100 kids participate in the program. He proposed a fee increase of \$10 for Residents and \$20 for Non-Residents from the 2009 fees resulting in a revised fee of \$25 for Residents and \$50 for Non-Residents.

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to recommend the Village Board approve a fee of \$25 for Residents and \$50 for Non-residents for Future Stars Baseball. Approved unanimously.

#### **RECREATION PROGRAM CHANGE - MICRO SOCCER**

Director Safstrom recommended the following changes for the Micro Soccer program. He would like to supply T-shirts for the participants to better organize the children for competition. Director Safstrom stated that the Grafton Soccer Club may get involved this year and the Grafton High School Soccer Coach may be interested in being the Program

Director. Director Safstrom stated that Coach Arnold would be a great asset to the program.

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded by Joseph Hildebrand, to recommend the Village Board revise fees to \$20 Resident and \$35 Non-resident (\$5 increase) for Micro Soccer program. Approved unanimously.

### **FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Board members reviewed the recommendations page from the Facility Assessment completed by Water Technologies Inc. Improvements to the Family Aquatic Center were separated into three priority levels. Level one priorities should be handled within two years, priority level two improvements between three to five years and priority level three improvements between six and ten years.

Priority one recommendations contain five items for suggested improvements within the next two years. Director Safstrom reported that these are routine maintenance items and will be addressed prior to the 2010 season.

Director Safstrom recommended the Board begin serious discussion over the next several meetings to determine the level of improvements that should be made to the facility.

Gigi Hafemann suggested including questions on a public survey regarding the pool before the Village invests in future improvements. Director Safstrom reported Village Engineer Dave Murphy has indicated that expansion of the Municipal Services Facility will not be necessary for another 20 years

Director Safstrom stated that the cost of a new pool facility would be approximately three million dollars.

Chair Canepa asked if we could add anything regarding the pool recommendations in our summer recreation booklet.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD DISCUSSION**

Director Safstrom attached an article from the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association titled "Ethical Conduct of Park, Recreation and Conservation Agency Boards" for the Board members to review.

### **BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS**

Board members had no questions regarding the Department's monthly benchmark measurements.

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

There were no comments on the monthly report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SKATE PARK FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Gigi Hafemann expressed concerns about the Skate Park after hearing that the Cedarburg Skate Park has closed. Director Safstrom will look into the status of the Cedarburg Skate Park. Liability should not be an issue if the skate park is maintained properly and kept safe.

Trustee Meinecke questioned if Police Chief Wenten is aware of the site. Director Safstrom reported Chief Wenten is aware of the proposed location for this facility.

Chair Canepa questioned if a camera could be installed. Director Safstrom stated that he will research the possibility of a security camera. Director Safstrom stated that the Skate Park Fundraising group has received a lot of publicity through television, Skateland Skate-A-Thon advertisements and other fundraisers.

### **LIONS PARK SHELTER UPDATE**

Director Safstrom stated that the Lion's Club will need to determine what the Octagon Shelter will offer and then obtain bids.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Meinecke complimented Senior Coordinator Sevenser for her efforts in putting on a great St. Patrick's Day Party at the Senior Center.

Joseph Hildebrand informed the members that he took his children to Centennial Park to pick up trash and litter. He noted that several exercise signs were damaged and that they should be either replaced or thrown away.

Director Safstrom stated that Clean up Grafton Day will be held Saturday May 8, from 10:00am -12 Noon beginning at Lime Kiln Park.

Chair Canepa asked about the progress of the new Municipal Services Building. Director Safstrom replied that dry wall and painting will be finished by next week. The Parks and Recreation Department will be closed on April 23, to facilitate the move to the offices.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee Meinecke reminded everyone to vote on April 6.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion by Chair Canepa, seconded by Susan Meinecke, to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Approved unanimously.