

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

JULY 6, 2010

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Meg Canapa.

Members present: Meg Canapa, Susan Meinecke, Lisa Harbeck, Jim Miller, Gigi Hafemann, Fran Betz and Joseph Hildebrand

Staff/Officials present: Director of Parks and Recreation John Safstrom and Village Clerk Teri Dylak

MINUTES

Motion by Jim Miller, seconded by Gigi Hafemann, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board, as presented. Approved unanimously.

MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL MARKER

Kris Raymond, Grafton Blues Association, informed the Board that there are approximately 95 Mississippi Blues Trail Markers highlighting points of interest, including various blues artists. Until recently, all of the trail markers were in the states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Illinois. With the rich blues history of the Village of Grafton there is a proposal to locate one of the markers in Grafton. Each state that has a marker promotes the locations of all of the markers. This would provide the Village of Grafton with great publicity. The key will be where the signage is placed.

Director of Parks and Recreation John Safstrom is recommending that the existing identification signage at Chair Factory Park be removed and the blues trail marker placed at that location.

Mrs. Raymond questioned if the sign could be located at Lime Kiln Park until the Chair Factory Park is completed. This location would provide better visibility and promotion opportunities.

Director Safstrom indicated that having to move the sign to an alternate location is not cost effective. He indicated that if the sign is to be removed in the future, the costs should be paid by the Grafton Blues Association.

Trustee Meinecke questioned when the Chair Factory Park is anticipated to be completed. Director Safstrom indicated the project is in the 5-year capital projects listing; however, it is not likely that it will be finished in the near future. With the current economic climate, he does not see finishing the Park with taxpayer funding.

At this time, the costs to relocate the sign from Lime Kiln Park to the Chair Factory Park are unknown.

Kris Raymond indicated that the Grafton Blues Association will agree to pay for all costs associated with moving the sign from Lime Kiln Park to the Chair Factory Park.

The Board briefly discussed the location of the proposed sign in Lime Kiln Park. The proposed location will be at the corner near the entrance to the parking lot. Director Safstrom indicated that the exact placement will depend on whether or not the landfill extends into that area. It is not possible to disturb the landfill cap.

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded Jim Miller, to recommend the Village Board accept the donation of a Mississippi Blues Trail Marker, from the Grafton Blues Association, subject to the following conditions: 1. initial placement of the structure to be in Lime Kiln Park - the exact location in the Park is to be determined by Village Staff; 2. upon completion of the Chair Factory Park the sign will be placed in this park at the cost of the Grafton Blues Association. Approved unanimously.

Director Safstrom requested that the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting be held on Monday, July 19, at 5:30 p.m. He anticipates that the only agenda item will be to review the bids for the Lions Park pavilion and make a recommendation to the Village Board for acceptance. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of Grafton Village Hall.

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded by Fran Betz, to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. Approved unanimously.