

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2010

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Meg Canepa

Members present: Meg Canepa, Sue Meinecke, Jim Miller, Joe Hildebrand, Lisa Harbeck (6:25 p.m.) and Fran Betz

Members absent: Gigi Hafemann

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

Others: Nancy Knetter, 610 North Street; Peter and Kris Raymond, Grafton Blues Association

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Jim Miller, to approve the July 19, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes, as presented.
Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Director Safstrom reported that a resident's interest in a community garden had been expressed to Trustee Meinecke and passed along to him for research. Board members reviewed general information identifying key points in starting a community garden.

Director Safstrom stated he contacted a couple of landowners to learn of their interest in allowing a portion of their farmland to be used for a community garden. Some interest was expressed at this time.

Director Safstrom stated the Village would incur costs in establishing a garden. Examples would be for tilling, creating walk paths, staking the plots, providing a water supply, as well as administrative costs for the collection of fees and assignment of plot numbers. Director Safstrom stated he hopes to partner with a local service club or scout troop to assist with some of the responsibilities.

Resident Nancy Knetter inquired whether the use of insecticides would be allowed. She voiced concern about contamination of other plots that choose to remain organic. Director

Safstrom replied that most communities do not allow the use of insecticides and stated that each participant would be required to sign a contract listing individual responsibility.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Fran Betz, to recommend the Village Board authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish a community garden and set fees at \$50 for a 20' x 30' plot size and \$100 for a 20' x 60' plot size, contingent upon the lease of 21,780 square feet of land (1/2 acre) and partnership with a local community group, effective in 2011. Approved unanimously.

AMEND 2010 PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND BUDGET

On July 19, 2010, the Parks and Recreation Board recommended the Village Board approve an expenditure of \$30,000 from the Park and Open Space Fund for replacement of safety surface at Centennial and Veterans Memorial Parks.

Director Safstrom reported that mulch has been ordered, received, and will be installed at Veterans Memorial Park in time for the annual Corn Roast.

A resolution was presented and recommended for approval as a bookkeeping measure.

Motion by Jim Miller, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to recommend the Village Board adopt a Resolution amending the 2010 Park and Open Space Fund Budget for the safety surface expenditure. Approved unanimously.

GRAFTON BLUES ASSOCIATION'S MUSICAL FESTIVAL REQUEST

Board members reviewed a request from the Grafton Blues Association to utilize Lime Kiln Park on May 21, 2011, for a music festival from Noon to 10:00 p.m. The event will be free to the public. Director Safstrom stated that after speaking with Kris and Peter Raymond about their set-up and tear-down time-frame needs, the group has requested to rent the park for Friday and Saturday. Therefore, the park would be reserved for 2 days, not 3 days as previously reported. Since tear-down will be completed after the event, the park would be available for rent by the public on Sunday.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Joe Hildebrand, to approve the Grafton Blues Association's request to hold a 1-day music festival on Saturday, May 21, 2011, at Lime Kiln Park, and to waive the rental fee associated with the two day reservation. Approved unanimously.

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 this monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Safstrom reported that ground was broken today in anticipation of construction of the new shelter in Grafton Lions Park.

Director Safstrom reported on safety surface projects for various playgrounds within the park system. Veterans Memorial Park will be completed prior to the annual Corn Roast and Centennial Park will follow.

Director Safstrom reported that they have not yet located the leak at the Family Aquatic Center. Although it is a small leak, it may be located deep within the system. Since the end of the season is just around the corner, work on this project will continue after the Family Aquatic Center is closed.

Director Safstrom stated the Future Stars Youth Basketball program will be put on a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Canepa reported she will be unable to attend the September, October and November meetings due to a schedule conflict. She apologized and requested a chair pro tem be designated in her absence.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Miller questioned if there had been any discussion about extending the hours at the pool due to the warm weather. Director Safstrom replied neither patrons nor staff have made a request.

Joe Hildebrand questioned if the pool could open earlier. Director Safstrom replied that past discussions led to the current established hours as a cost-saving measure. He stated the Board could revisit this item for the 2011 season and the item will be placed on a future agenda.

Joe Hildebrand stated that the 5:30 p.m. time slot for the Future Stars Baseball program may be a little too early for working parents to get their children there on time. Director Safstrom replied that because the program involves very young children, that time was set to get them home a little earlier.

ADJOURN

Motion by Jim Miller, seconded by Chair Canepa, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

Approved unanimously.