

## **VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**

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

**OCTOBER 20, 2010**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Director John Safstrom.

Members present: Jim Miller, Joe Hildebrand, Lisa Harbeck, Gigi Hafemann and Fran Betz

Members absent: Sue Meinecke, Meg Canepa

Staff / Officials present: Director of Parks and Recreation John Safstrom and Senior Coordinator / Recreation Supervisor Karin Sevenser

#### **MINUTES**

Motion by Lisa Harbeck, seconded by Fran Betz, to approve the September 22, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

#### **PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD**

None.

#### **GRAFTON SENIOR CENTER FITNESS ROOM**

To increase wellness opportunities for the Seniors, a small room on the lower level of the Multi-purpose Senior Center is being renovated as a fitness room. A local health club went out of business and offered to sell their commercial exercise equipment at a great price. Several meetings were held at the Senior Center asking input from the Seniors. Those Senior Friendship Club members who voted were in favor 39-1 to purchase equipment for this room. No Village dollars were used to purchase the equipment. Several Seniors volunteered to renovate this room by tearing down wallpaper, painting and reorganizing this room. Waiver forms have been collected from several other Senior Centers that have fitness rooms so they can be modified for the Senior Center. A security camera will be donated and is waiting to be installed.

#### **BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS**

Mr. Miller inquired about membership numbers at the Senior Center. Recreation Supervisor Sevenser reported that there are currently 297 paid memberships.

Director Safstrom reported that Staff participated in a webinar for a new software demonstration today from one company. Several software companies will be hosting webinars in order to choose a program that will help our efficiency with program registrations, park rentals, and benchmark calculations.

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

Director Safstrom reported on the progress of the playground safety surface project. More parks were completed than expected this year. Next year a break will be taken from the safety surface project, as new software will be purchased. Safety surface will be added to parks in need in 2012.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Director Safstrom reported that there is \$80,000 remaining from the Municipal Service Facility Building earmarked for replacing the tennis courts that were eliminated for construction of the building. Director Safstrom obtained an estimate from a local engineer for \$111,000 for two courts and \$207,000 for four tennis courts. Director Safstrom has shared this information with Greg Kabara, Principal at John Long Middle School.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### LIME KILN PARK MIDDLE QUARRY SITE

The Village is considering using the Lime Kiln Park middle quarry site to dump the concrete, rocks, and dirt that will be generated as a result of removing the Lime Kiln Park Dam. Director Safstrom reported that this area has been determined to be wetland so this site will not be used.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Safstrom reported on a community event currently being discussed with the Port Washington and Cedarburg Parks and Recreation Departments called "The Polar Express". Children from Grafton would get picked up on a bus and taken to the Cedarburg Community Gym which will be decorated as the North Pole to see Santa and participate in different holiday activities. A pre-event for downtown Grafton is to be determined and the Polar Express event details have not yet been finalized.

Director Safstrom reported that the Municipal Services Facility Open House was successful. Tours were given to approximately 130 people.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Lisa Harbeck, seconded by Gigi Hafemann, to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Approved unanimously.