

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2011

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

Members present: Sue Meinecke, Lisa Harbeck, Gigi Hafemann and Fran Betz

Members absent: Meg Canepa, Jim Miller and Joe Hildebrand

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

Director Safstrom requested that a motion be made to appoint a Chair pro-tem due to Chair Canepa's absence.

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to appoint Trustee Meinecke as Chair pro-tem in Chair Canepa's absence. Approved unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded by Fran Betz, to approve the October 20, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Director Safstrom provided updates on the following projects:

Grafton Lions Park

This project is currently on hold due to weather. Roofing materials have been delivered. Director Safstrom stated this project will commence in Spring and anticipates it to be complete by April 1, 2011.

Future South Side Park Master Grading Plan

The Master Plan is complete. Work has not yet commenced.

Safety Surface Replacement

Director Safstrom reported that upgrading of safety surfaces at Wildwood, Pine Street, Veterans Memorial, Centennial and Acorn Parks are complete. He anticipates completing

one or two additional playgrounds this summer. He stated the project should be completed in 2012.

Family Aquatic Center

Director Safstrom stated the pool gutters will be tested for possible leaks prior to the 2011 season and he feels confident the problem will be resolved.

Programs

The 2010 Future Stars Flag Football program was successful with 153 boys and girls participating in the program.

The first-ever Polar Express, a cooperative program between the Port Washington, Cedarburg and Grafton Parks and Recreation Departments, was very successful with 100 people from each community attending the event.

COMMUNITY GARDEN IN VILLAGE PARK

Director Safstrom reported that after further consideration of potential locations that were discussed at the August 18, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, he thinks a community garden should be located on Village-owned land. He stated the Village would then have complete control and access to the site.

Board members reviewed several potential Village-owned park locations. Director Safstrom recommended Mole Creek Park because of its high visibility and low intensity usage. Director Safstrom recommended the garden be placed closer to Cedar Creek Road at the northern end of the park.

Although Board members were in agreement with Mole Creek Park as a possible location, the general consensus was that neighbors be notified of this proposed project in order to provide them with an opportunity to voice any concerns.

Motion by Gigi Hafemann, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to table action on the request to establish a community garden at Mole Creek Park and to place this request on a future agenda. Approved unanimously.

COOL BLUE WINTER FROLICS

Director Safstrom reported that Village resident, Ted Warwick, is working with a small Committee to organize and implement the first-ever Cool Blue Winter Frolics to be held on the Milwaukee River at Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, February 12, 2011.

An outline was reviewed. Director Safstrom stated the Village would not incur any costs other than to plow the river. Clean-up will be the responsibility of the Cool Blue Committee.

Trustee Harbeck asked if the group will secure private insurance for the park rental to hold this event. Director Safstrom replied it will be in place prior to the event.

YOUTH BASKETBALL SKILLS LEAGUE

Director Safstrom presented a flyer for a youth basketball league that was approved at the September meeting.

Director Safstrom stated this program, which will be held March through April, is a follow-up program to the current Future Stars Basketball program. Specific dates have yet to be determined. Director Safstrom will be meeting with Board Member, Joe Hildebrand, regarding specifics of the program.

BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS

A summary of the Benchmark Measurements was reviewed. Director Safstrom reported a benchmark summary will be presented on a quarterly basis.

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

There were no comments on the monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Meinecke stated her children are participating in the Future Stars Basketball program and that it is going very well with staff doing a great job.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

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