

Park Board Meeting

June 4, 2008 at 7:00p.m.

1. **Call to order**

Called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chair Person Jon Blanchard.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Jon Blanchard, Jennifer Skibba, Dan Olson, Ron Novinska, Chad Winklepleck, Brett Subach, Jon Lourigan, and Rich Strohmenger

Also Present: Assistant Public Works Director, Gary Disch

3. **Approval of Minutes – May 7, 2008**

Novinska moved to approve the May 7, 2008 minutes. Second by Winklepleck. Motion Carried.

4. **Report from the Village Board:**

- a) Establishing Community Garden in Keller Alpine Meadows Park (tabled from 5/7/08)
- A handout was shared with information about Community Gardens for the Park Board members to review before the August meeting.
 - More information will be shared at the August 2008 meeting

5. **Public Appearances**

- a) Dana Leikness, representative of Girls Youth Fast Pitch, representative of Youth Baseball Eric Farness, representative of Adult Baseball Robert Klein, and Roger Schewe
- 1) Proposal to Improve Ball Diamonds at High Meadows Park and Rustic Vineyard
 - A group of baseball representatives will be meeting to propose improvements to the diamonds in Rustic Vineyards and High Meadows Park.
 - 2) Proposal to Place Portable Restroom in Jaycee Park East of N. Perry Parkway near the Softball Diamond
 - The U10 and U12 teams play on this field.
 - It takes the girls 20 minutes to use the restroom and come back right now.
 - Discussion – The Portable Restrooms need to be placed where trucks can get them emptied without damaging the park.
 - **Novinska moves to allow the Girls Fast Pitch League to place a Portable Restroom in the months of June and July in Jaycee Park East in an area that is accessible for a truck to service the Portable Restrooms without damaging the park land. Second by Winklepleck. Motion Carried.**
 - 3) Discussion regarding shortage of diamond space for youth programs
 - Currently the Girls Youth Fast Pitch has 10 teams and they will be adding 2 more teams next year. High School U16 will have games on Tuesdays (double header) and U18 will have games on Thursdays (double header)
 - Girls currently practice on fields will grass infields or anywhere that is available.
 - Boys have an attached sheet of how baseball is growing.
 - **Both Boys and Girls needed to turn players away** and have teams with too many players to accommodate as many players as possible.
 - There is a challenge because different teams need to play on different sized fields.
 - Question – Is there park land that could accommodate a baseball complex?
 - A complex would bring revenue in from tournaments.
 - When making plans on how we could add more fields including soccer would help understand the needs of both associations.

- New development suggestions are always welcome.
 - Parks currently with backstops and need to make infields would be Rustic Vineyards and High Meadows Park.
 - Parks with green space and could accommodate a field are Wincrest, Bergamont, Forest View, and Hawthorne Estates Park.
 - Currently all the fields are used at least twice a night.
 - The baseball association would like to set short and long term goals of fields being developed in the Oregon Parks.
- 4) Discussion regarding unleashed (at large) dogs in Village parks
- Dogs have been going on the fields during games in the designated dog park areas.
 - If dogs are not under control in the parks and they go on to the playing fields it becomes a police issue.
 - The Park Board hopes that people will keep their animals leashed when baseball teams or other teams are playing games or practicing.
- b) Lerner Conservation Park – Oregon Rotary – Possible Recommendation to Village Board Eagle Scout Projects - None

6. Communications and Miscellaneous Business

- a) Youth Soccer Clinic – Will take place on June 16th in the morning.
- b) FYI - Village Awarded \$5,000 for Dane County's 2008 Bicycle Path Program
- c) Discussion regarding canceling July meeting due to July 4th Holiday
- **Olson moves to cancel the July Park Board Meeting. Second by Winklepleck. Motion Carried.**
- d) Discussion and possible recommendation to Village Board regarding a helicopter landing at Kiser Park for Safety Camp
- **Winklepleck moves to approve the landing of a helicopter landing at Kiser Park for Safety Camp. Second by Novinska. Motion Carried.**

7. Unfinished Business - none

8. New Business - none

9. Report of Public Works/Parks Department

- a) Status of Park Signs – Signs are here
- b) The bike path in Lerner Park has been started
- c) Liberty Park equipment is being installed on June 7th
- d) The first base net will be installed before Summer Fest
- e) The outfield net will need to wait until late summer or fall because of the fields being so wet

10. Items for Future Meetings and Future Assignments

- a) Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Parks
- b) Ribbon Cutting for Jefferson Street/North Alpine Parkway Bike/Pedestrian Path and Dedication of Keller Alpine Meadows Park in Fall, 2008
- c) Updating Village's Open Space Plan in 2008

11. Adjournment

Skibba moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05p.m. Second by Strohmenger. Motion Carried.