

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT RECREATION BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD ON JUNE 1, 2009 AT 7:30 A.M.

The organizational meeting of the Ottawa Hills Joint Recreation Board was held on Monday, June 1, 2009 commencing at 7:30 .a.m. Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order commenting since it was an organizational meeting there was no chair person yet established. Members of the Recreation Board that were in attendance included Gretchen Rohm, Willis Day, Norma King, Margaret Rodriguez, and Lori Dixon. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Schools Cathleen Heidelberg, Bev Gottlieb, Dorothy Figy, Nasrin Afjeh and Marc Thompson.

Mr. Thompson then stated that since this was an organizational meeting it was appropriate that review occur of a variety of organizational/administrative items.

Discussion followed regarding the portions of the Ohio Revised Code that create recreation boards, joint recreation boards and joint recreation districts. The difference between the three types of boards was discussed along with some of the history that resulted in the creation of the Joint Recreation Board. Most specifically, was the desire on the part of the Village Council and the Board of Education to create a Recreation Board as opposed to a district. A district has ability to place a levy on the ballot and, at least at this point, the elected bodies of the Village were not interested in creating a district.

Review also followed regarding the actions of the Village Council and the Board of Education which created the Recreation Board. The legislation adopted by the Council was provided along with what is referred to as Attachment A, which is a policy statement regarding the roll of the Recreation Board.

Lengthy discussion occurred regarding the laws related to public bodies. Discussion regarding notice of public meetings, open meetings and executive session followed. Substantial discussion involving details related to public documents, minutes, correspondence, etc. also occurred.

Prior to the election of the chair and secretary, board member Willis Day suggested that everyone present provide a little bit of background regarding their interest and how they became a member of the board.

Gretchen Rohm began by stating that she had been on the Board of Education for about 7 ½ years and got involved with recreation related issues almost immediately. She spent a great deal of time dealing with scheduling priorities for facilities related to recreational activities and has a good understanding of the nuts and bolts of the process. She also serves on the Buildings & Grounds Committee of the School Board and works with Dorothy Figy closely on scheduling issues. She was also very involved in development of the policy statement related to the Recreation Board and its existence.

Willis Day stated that he had served on the Board of Education for several years although it no longer serves. During his tenure on the board he served as president of the Board of Education. He commented that he has not been particularly involved recently

Mrs. King stated that she had not been involved in the development of the Recreation Board aside from discussions at meetings of the Village Council. Her children have been out of the house for quite some time so she does not have recent experience in that regard, but can

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represent that segment of the community which has interests in recreation activities directed at adults.

Margaret Rodriguez stated that she and her family moved to Ottawa Hills about 1 ½ years ago and has no preconceived ideas about recreation related issues. The Rodriguez family has three children in school and, although having been here a short period of time she has become very active in the community particularly as it relates to the school organization such as PTO.

Lori Dixon commented that she was a co-chair of the Task Force formed at the request of the Ottawa Hills Athletic Boosters. That Task Force surveyed many members of the community and had many people involved. As a result of the work done by the Task Force a report was issued to the Boosters Club which provided the incentive to move forward with the eventual creation of the Recreation Board.

She commented that she had been involved in recreational activities in a variety of capacities in Ottawa Hills for the past several years.

Brief additional discussion followed at which time Willis Day nominated Lori Dixon to serve as chair of the Recreation Board. Gretchen Rohm seconded the motion. The motion to elect Lori Dixon as Chair passed unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the duties of the secretary. Mr. Thompson commented that the Village would generate the public documents and be the custodian of the records. Therefore, it was not expected that the secretary would be required to keep and create minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Day volunteered to serve as secretary. Therefore, Gretchen Rohm nominated Mr. Day to serve as secretary. Mrs. King seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Substantial discussion followed regarding the next meeting and what would be accomplished. It was generally agreed that meetings would occur at 7:30 a.m. looking at the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The next regular meeting would be on June 17 at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Day suggested that a Code of Regulations might be developed which would help describe how the Recreation Board would function.

A high priority was identified as having a tour of the facilities that are owned by the Village and the Board of Education so that all board members would have a common basis of understanding regarding available facilities. Another high priority was a meeting with Bev Gottlieb and Dorothy Figy about their rolls in recreation in the community, issues that they may be identifying, etc.

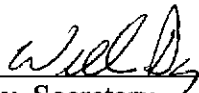
Mrs. Heidelberg suggested that another topic would be identification of the various groups that use the facilities, both the community, school and Village related activities should be included. This would help identify the competing interest among the various groups.

It is agreed that a tour of the facilities would take place on June 5 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the offices of the Board of Education. There is a general understanding that the regular

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meeting on June 17 would involve presentations from Bev Gottlieb and Dorothy Figy. There will be an effort made to get some information to the board in advance of that meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.



Willis Day, Secretary