

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT RECREATION BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2009 AT 7:30 A.M.

Chairperson Lori Dixon called the October 21, 2009 meeting of the Ottawa Hills Joint Recreation Board to order at 7:30 a.m. Members in attendance included Chairperson Lori Dixon, Willis Day, Norma King, and Margaret Rodriguez. Gretchen Rohm was not in attendance but was expected momentarily.

Also in attendance were Dorothy Figy, Burt Jamieson, Nasrin Afjeh and Marc Thompson.

Mr. Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting. Mrs. Rodriguez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Dixon welcomed Burt Jamieson to the meeting so that a discussion could occur regarding the progress of his committee related to developing a prioritization for facility usage.

Mr. Jamieson then reviewed a draft of a Priority of Use Facility Policy stating that the policy is based on existing rationale and is intended to handle most issues. The goal was to keep the policy simple so that it would be understood by everyone. He reviewed some of the specifics of the proposed program and identified some of the areas which may need additional discussion.

Board member Gretchen Rohm entered the meeting at this time.

Discussion involved the status of club sports, such as lacrosse as distinguished from varsity sports. The proposed draft states that varsity sports have priority over club sports. Discussion also involved in-season activities and off-season activities. One of the issues complicating scheduling is that many of the youth sports now have year round activities and seasons are not as clearly defined as they use to be. The draft indicates that the season will be defined by the varsity teams' season.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the prioritization of house verses travel teams and the relationship of travel, house, field time, association teams verses non-association teams, etc. It was agreed that this was a very good first start and that there was more work to be done in developing a priority of use.

Mrs. Dixon reported that the parade went very well and will likely be an annual tradition. The turnout was excellent in spite of the very bad weather. Special thanks were in order to Kym Lemieux and Jay Burzynski for their efforts.

There were 197 adults that responded to the survey which amounts to a 17% response rate. She said there were many interesting comments received and the survey efforts were very worthwhile.

A second survey dealing with the elementary school identified 106 children which might be interested in full or part-time day camps during the summer.

Mr. Day reviewed the proposed Code of Regulations which was approved by the Joint Recreation Board and the Board of Education. Council approval is needed and will be sought at the November meeting. Mrs. Dixon thanked Willis Day for his efforts.

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Chairperson Dixon also stated that a revised budget was presented to the Finance Committee although it included an error. It should have shown a \$10,000 loss in year number one. She also stated that it anticipated \$3,000 to \$5,000 in contribution from the Board of Education. This was based on a comment from Mrs. Heidelberg stating that they thought a \$5,000 contribution was “doable”.

Discussion then turned to the process which will be used for selection of a fulltime Director of Village Life. The advertisement for the position was also reviewed. The Village will place an ad in the Toledo Blade. The ad primarily will direct people to the website where more information is available about the position.

Discussion also involved a screening committee. It was suggested that Cathleen Heidelberg and/or Tim Erickson participate in the process at some point. The advertisement is expected to be in the Sunday paper.

Discussion followed regarding the development of a facility use guide which would be distinguished from the prioritization guidelines. The facility use guide would create expectations and guidelines for use of the various facilities.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Joint Recreation Board would occur at 7:30 a.m. on November 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Willis Day, Secretary