

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT RECREATION BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2009 AT 7:30 A.M.

Chairperson Lori Dixon called the November 4, 2009 meeting of the Ottawa Hills Joint Recreation Board to order at 7:30 a.m. In attendance were Board members Lori Dixon, Gretchen Rohm, and Norma King. Willis Day was absent from the meeting and not expected and it was likely that Mrs. Rodriguez would not be in attendance either.

Also in attendance were Cathy Heidelberg, Dorothy Figy, Nasrin Afjeh and Marc Thompson.

Mrs. Dixon reported that the minutes from the October 21 meeting were not yet ready for review by the Commission. Therefore, approval of those minutes would be deferred to the next meeting.

There were no guest comments.

Bev Gottlieb entered the meeting at this time.

Mrs. Dixon said that the three task forces were making great progress, one involving priority of use, one involving general standards and one involving guidelines for use of facilities. All three will be discussed briefly at today's meeting along with the intention to review the coaches Code of Ethics.

Discussion then turned to the facilities policy – priority of use. Grethen Rohm reported that the Board of Education was revising their priority of use standards. Discussion specifically focused on the Community Room and the Scout House which have not traditionally been scheduled by school personnel. There was substantial discussion regarding the need to assure that the Joint Recreation Board policy meshed well with the policy being developed by the Board of Education. In review of the draft policy dated November 3, 2009 it was agreed that item 3 referring to varsity sports and club sports could be eliminated as that item was included in item number one. Substantial discussion followed regarding proposed item 6 which indicated that teams have priority over individuals. It was generally agreed that at no time would an individual have scheduled access to any of the facilities. Discussion also involved item 7 which stated “higher grades have priority over underclassmen” and there may be need for adding something related to commercial events. Discussion specifically followed regarding commercial baseball camps which had been recently advertised in the paper.

It was agreed that even after a facilities policy priority of use was established, maintaining the periodic scheduling meetings would be important and worthwhile. Those meetings help everyone understand the prioritization and have a tendency to generate cooperation among the various users.

Attention then turned to overall standards for youth athletics. The standards were originally derived from a national organization with some local modification. They have been reviewed by representatives of the various youth athletic organizations. Task force leader Jeff Deckebach assembled the standards. There were no proposed changes from the draft submitted which included the revisions suggested by Mr. Deckebach.

Discussion also involved the proposed coaches Code of Ethics. Aside from a couple of typographical improvements the coaches Code of Ethics was well received.

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Attention then turned to the selection criteria for the proposed fulltime position. Mrs. Dixon reported that five resumes have been received already and that a substantial portion of the November 18 meeting would be devoted to reviewing resumes. It was understood that the review of resumes would occur in executive session but that the executive session would have to be within the scope of a regular meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the relative importance of experience, education, availability, creativity, etc.

Mrs. Dixon suggested that she would try to put together a table which would identify some attributes that a candidate must have, other attributes which would be considered preferable but not necessary and a third category of attributes which would be viewed as positive but not identified in the job description.

Additional discussion followed regarding characteristics that may be beneficial in a potential candidate.

Mrs. Rohm provided a review of the website status. Brief additional discussion occurred and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. with a reminder that the next meeting would be on November 18.

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Willis Day, Secretary