

RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 20th, 2019 5:30 P.M., Park View Room

1.) Call meeting to order

Trustee and Chair Kim Irwin called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Present: Trustee and Chair Kim Irwin, Trustee Katy Cornell, Dr. Susan Retzack, Mr. Joe Coffey, Mr. Wes Parkin, Mr. Ryan Black

Absent: Ms. Allison Kelly, Trustee Tom Michalski

Also Present: Mr. Jerod Mikkelsen- Recreation Director

Trustee and Chair Kim Irwin introduced herself as the new chairperson for the Recreation Committee and introduced Ryan Black as a new committee member.

2.) Approval of minutes from March 21st, 2019 meeting

Mr. Wes Parkin moved and Mr. Joe Coffey seconded the approval of the March 21st, 2019 meeting minutes. The motioned carried 6-0.

3.) Review and Act on Tonawanda PTO Fundraiser Request

Mr. Mikkelsen informed the committee of the Tonawanda PTO's request of having a pool party donated to the organization for their fundraiser for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Mikkelsen stated that the value of the pool party is \$290 and it covers the cost of lifeguards and pool operations. Mr. Mikkelsen also brought to the committee's attention the Village's policy that gives guidelines to giving donations. After discussion, the committee asked Mr. Mikkelsen to work on amending the donation policy for the future. Mr. Wes Parkin motioned to approve a discounted rate for the Tonawanda PTO Fundraiser Pool Party, Dr. Sue Retzack seconded the motion. The motioned carried 5-0.

4.) Summer Update

Mr. Mikkelsen gave the committee an update on the summer programs. Mr. Mikkelsen stated that the programs and camps are going extremely well and that it's been a very busy summer. Next Monday is the start of 2nd session and all the staff are very excited to see all the new kids and families. Mr. Mikkelsen brought to the committee's attention the mechanical problems that have been happening at the pool. He will be putting aside money in the capital budget to purchase a new circulation pump motor which is approaching its 10 year life-span. 4th of July Chairperson Mary Inden gave the committee an update on the upcoming 4th of July festival. The committee was very excited about the update and appreciative of her efforts.

5.) Splash Pad Update

Mr. Mikkelsen updated the committee on the fundraising efforts for the Splash Pad, the Village of Elm Grove has a total of \$45,000 left to raise. Mr. Mikkelsen informed the committee on the results of the last Splash Pad Bid Opening and the Village received no bids for the project. Mr. Mikkelsen and R.A. Smith, Inc. will be meeting to strategize on alternative ways to get the Splash Pad built and ready for summer 2020.

6.) Discussion with Possible Action on Flotation Devices in the Elm Grove Pool

Mr. Mikkelsen brought to the committee's attention that many Elm Grove residents were inquiring about the possibility of allowing U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices during all hours of operation. Mr. Mikkelsen stated that there are specific hours of operation and pool parties where flotation devices can be used, the reason being that those specific hours and pool parties are less crowded than the general hours of operation. Mr. Mikkelsen had some concerns about allowing flotation devices being that they could block the view of the lifeguards and that it would lax the parents of the children and put extra stress on the guards. Elm Grove Resident, Mr. Ted Eull, gave a public comment stating that many resident's do not use the pool because

there is not an option for the their younger kids to safely swim at the pool. Multiple committee members stated that they believe that allowing U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices would positively affect the pool and would allow more families to enjoy the pool. Dr. Susan Retzack also had concerns regarding safety and putting extra stress on the lifeguards. After further discussion, Mr. Joe Coffey motioned to approve amending the original floatation device policy to allow U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices in the Elm Grove pool during all hours of operation, Mr. Wes Parkin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1.

7.) Discussion with Possible Action on Hot Dog Sale at the Elm Grove Pool

Mr. Mikkelsen has had residents ask about the possibility of selling hot dogs at the Elm Grove pool concession stand. Mr. Mikkelsen went through the process necessary to be able to sell hot dogs at the pool. After further discussion, Dr. Retzack motioned that Mr. Mikkelsen do research on concession sales in neighboring pools and the cost and logistics of selling hot dogs, Mr. Wes Parkin seconded the motion.

8.) Other Business

Mr. Mikkelsen stated there is going to be some upgrades to the pool house to make it cleaner and more appealing to the patrons of the pool. Dr. Retzack mentioned that she would like to have a logistics report for every meeting during the summer on lifeguard saves, near saves, and injuries at the pool. Dr. Retzack also mentioned that a few doggie bag containers need to be refilled.

9.) Adjourn

Dr. Retzack made a motioned and Mr. Joe Coffey seconded the approval to adjourn. The motioned carried 6-0 meeting concluded at 7:17pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerod K. Mikkelsen, Recreation Director