

Parks Committee Meeting.
Monday, August 18, 2014
Village Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Hanny Heyen, Linda Ketchum, Kristin Stiles, Losh Spalla, Sandi Henschel, Val Ciciotti , John LaPierre [Village Board Liaisons]

Prospective New Member: Joe Blosenhauer

Not Present:

Carol Brakenbury

All members reviewed the minutes of July 21, 2014. Hanny called for approval of July 21, 2014 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved as discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Courtney La Rocca volunteered to do a sign for the pickleball courts when she gets the correct text.
- John reported that the South Avenue Park cleanup went well and the fencing is done on the west side of the park.
- Rain has prevented much of the work the DPW hoped to get done by now.
- The Corbett Park fence is on order.
- All parks were approved for funds for additional mulch.

Saturday of Service:

- Linda told us that Mark Ketchum is going to take photos during the Saturday of Service.
- Linda explained what needs to be done on Saturday:

Monika's Park:

- Painting out graffiti on posts in pavilion
- Painting parking barriers yellow

Corbett Park:

- Painting benches and tables
- Raking old and distributing new mulch in play areas
- Weeding round stone planter; adding perennials
- Removing (permanently) large plants/weeds in southern circle by path
- Painting out graffiti on brown exercise wall
- Sanding wooden benches, picnic tables
- Students arrive at 1:00. 1-3pm. Members are to be at their designated park at 12:30.

Linda explained that First Aid kits and water must be at sites.
Members will bring water for his/her site.

NEW BUSINESS

- We had a grand opening of the Barry Street pickleball Courts on Tuesday 8.5.14. It was a well-attended event. Many people came who saw the advertising in the *Suburban News*. Hanny thanked Carol and Losh for doing an amazing job with the opening.
- Losh and Carol would like people to come down a few days a week. They have volunteered to teach people how to play.
- Carol was looking into the signage that could be put on the pickleball court.
- Kristin suggested the 3rd tennis court at Corbett park be turned into a basketball court. It is thought that the basketball court will get more use than the tennis courts do now. A motion was made and passed that an investigation be made into turning the eastern tennis court into a basketball court.
- Linda said that up-to-date photos are needed for the website. Sandi, Linda and Hanny will meet and take some photos.
- John has submitted the information for a grant for some reimbursement of village funding for the pickleball courts.
- Hanny has a meeting on August 21, 2014 at 10AM, at the Police Department with Police Chief Dan Varrenti, Parks liaisons Val Ciciotti and John La Pierre, and Harry Donahue, to discuss Surveillance Cameras. A discussion followed re: efficacy of surveillance cameras and their expense.

- Surveys of Parks:

Due to resignations, we need to make new assignments for the parks.

New Assignments:

Linda – Sagawa & Remembrance Parks

Kristin & Linda – South Avenue Park

Kristin & Han – Corbett Park

Sandi – Monika's Park

Joe – Harvester Park

Losh - Barry Street Park

- Members agreed to do a regular survey of their parks re: safety issues and things needing attention.
- Hanny and Sandi will work on a Naming Rights Policy for Village property or facilities.
- A map and description of the village parks needs to be updated for a potential brochure. Linda and Kristin will work on the map.

- John suggested that there be a specific listing of which park offers which particular recreational activity.
- Kristin and Hanny will work on a membership recruitment document.
- Kristin and Hanny recommended that there be a 5-Year plan for all parks, in order to do all that needs to be done. It is recommended that we price out what needs doing and budget for a few years out so that long-term things can be done. Discussion followed. More time is needed for discussion as to how best to implement this plan.

OTHER:

It is with regret that we accept the resignation from the Parks Committee of Pam Ketchum.

Hanny's letter to the editor was published in the *Suburban News*-August 16, 2014 weekend edition, soliciting new members and offering current park news.

A motion was made and seconded that we adjourn. It was unanimously approved at 5:37PM.

Next meeting: Monday, September 15, 2014, 4:30 in the Village Hall.

Keep this date open for a possible closing meeting for the season:
Monday, October 20th, at 5PM in the Village Hall.
Members were asked to have their parks surveyed by then.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Henschel
Parks Committee Secretary