

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL
Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Board Room at the Germantown Village Hall. Chair Laszewski read the State Regulations regarding public meetings.

ROLL CALL: Present were Chair Laszewski, Commissioners Miller, Knop, Gray, Barney, and Trustee Rep. Vanderheiden. Also present was Director Altergott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion by Barney, seconded by Vanderheiden to approve the minutes as presented with the following corrections; on page 1, under "Discussion & Possible Action – correct spelling of "Ordinance" in "Petition Regarding Revision of Dog Ordinance & Consideration of Dedicated Off Leash Dog Exercise area", add the sentence "Most of the surrounding communities will allow dogs on a leash in parks". On page 2, correct the "Amendment to the motion" to read; "Amendment to the motion by Barney, seconded by Laszewski to have leashes required, no more than 6 ft in length and also allow the Park and Recreation Commission to designate by signs, areas where dogs will be prohibited even on leash". Motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC INPUT: None

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Nothing at this time.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- On January 26, I had a meeting with the community garden volunteers to review the application, policies and layout of the garden plots at Dheinsville. Upon feedback from Mary Reily-Kliss (West Bend Garden manager), we reduced our gardens from 12 to 10 to allow for 2' paths between plots.
- The 18th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at 12:15 p.m. If you are available to assist the day of the event, please contact Recreation Supervisor Patti Heinen.
- A Leadership Germantown project group is hosting a special event dedicated to the beautification of the community. Tree Stock will take place on Saturday, June 2 and will feature music by Rebel Grace, The Orphans, Crows Over New York and Syntheticism. All proceeds from the event will be used to purchase flower baskets for the Main Street light poles and trees for the boulevards, terraces and parks. Recreation Supervisor Joe Masiarchin will provide more details at our March meeting.
- Clean up along the Jefferson Ditch has been completed. The clean up involved the removal of invasive species along the tree and ditch lines and the removal of some dead/dying trees. Crews will restore the damaged turf areas in spring.

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ORDINANCE AMENDING 21.0 – ANIMALS IN PARKS: Director Altergott discussed the changes that the village attorney has made to the ordinance for “Animals In Parks”.

Motion by Barney, seconded by Laszewski to accept the ordinance changes as presented with grammatical corrections where necessary. Motion unanimously carried.

Further discussion continued.

Chair Laszewski stated that he’s had instances before where he has gotten tangled in leashes or tripped over them as he was using the pathways for running. Residents walking their dogs should be away of others using the pathways and control the leashes.

Amendment to the motion by Miller, seconded by Vanderheiden to strike the sentence “not longer than six (6) feet in length”. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION – INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) WITH GERMANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT: Director Altergott stated that the current agreement is going to expire September 1st 2012. The school district and the village have both been affected by the mandated financial changes by the state. Director Altergott stated that he will be attending the school board meetings along with the building committee to review the current policies as to what has worked and has not worked in the past and what changes have been made over time. The first meeting will be Wednesday, February 22nd.

DISCUSSION – 2012 DEPARTMENTAL GOALS: Director Altergott went over the 2012 goals for the department. Chair Laszewski questioned whether or not if Director Altergott should add “Greenseams” to the list of 2012 Goals. Trustee Rep. Vanderheiden requested that Director Altergott bring a list of all the properties that have been turned over to the village for review. Starting in 2013 Director Altergott will be representing the Village on the Germantown Chamber of Commerce Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: Commissioner Miller thanked the Parks Department for the work that has been done in the Jefferson Ditch.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:56p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lemke
Reporting Secretary

