

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL
Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. in the 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, Barney, Gray, School Board Rep. Dr. Erdmann. Trustee Rep. Vanderheiden was absent and excused. Also present was Director Altergott, Secretary Lemke and department intern Sam Yoder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion by Erdmann, seconded by Laszewski to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC INPUT: None

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Commissioner Knop and Trustee Rep. Vanderheiden were reappointed to the Park & Recreation Commission.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Nothing to update at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- New park signs for Spassland have been placed on Division and at the intersections of Concord & Colonial. The signs for Schoen Laufen have been replaced on Division and Maple.
- Parks, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Larry Heft is retiring after 31 years with the village. He last day will be April 29.
- The summer 2010 brochure was delivered to residents the week of April 11. Summer registration begins on Monday, May 2 at 8:00 am sharp.
- The Farmer's Market is set to begin on Saturday, May 7.
- Sam's last day as an intern is April 29. We wish her luck as she begins her professional career.

DISCUSSION & UPDATE – REDEVELOPMENT OF HAUPT STRASSE WITH LITTLE LEAGUE: Director Altergott stated that Little League has committed with Ayres Associates to do a layout of the baseball complex. Director Altergott stated that he is meeting with Phil Johnson from Ayres Associates and Jerry Loberger from Germantown Little League on May 3rd to start the process of the lay out. The goal is to have something back to the commission in June or July for review.

DISCUSSION & ACTION – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 21.07(5): Director Altergott went over the current Noise Ordinance and what is the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Erdmann seconded by Barney to forward with positive recommendation the proposed ordinance, with the removal of “REGULATED” after television, to the Village Board for approval. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & ACTION – FACILITY FUND PURCHASE REQUESTS: Director Altergott explained the proposal for extending the concrete pad around the sprayground is to fill the potholes. A child hurt their ankle in 2010 from the holes around the sprayground pad. The Washington County Health Department recommended in their 2010 inspection report that repairs needs to be done around the pad to stop the potholes from occurring. Commissioner Gray questioned if there is a cheaper way than to use concrete. Director Altergott stated that they have tried different soils and sod which only resolves the problem for a short time. If nothing is done the Washington County Health Department could possibly shut the sprayground down. The quote that we have received at this point is \$3500 for 5 ft. by 5 inch thick.

Motion by Barney, seconded by Miller to approve the facility fund purchase request of \$3500.00 for a concrete expansion of the sprayground pad by 5 feet.

Further discussion continued.

Amendment to the motion by Barney, seconded by Miller to approve the facility fund purchase request not to exceed \$3500.00 for a concrete expansion of the sprayground pad by 5 feet. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Altergott discussed the Q-Star Flash camera system for Schoen Laufen Park. It would be used to help with the illegal dumping and illicit activities that are happening in the park. Chair Laszewski stated that making the camera public exposure may help with the behavior. The police department had talked about donating a portion of the money from their drug enforcement agency. The commission would like Director Altergott to research other cameras and software that are comparable and less expensive to Q-Star.

PRESENTATION – DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW DOCUMENT: Sam Yoder presented the rough draft of the department overview she has been working on as her “major project”. This booklet will be posted on the website, along with copies available at the library, Chamber of Commerce and also the recreation department. Dr. Erdmann suggested that there be a note placed on the “parks chart” that school facilities usages must go through the school district or do not include the school information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: Director Altergott stated that the village has received the Tree City USA award for 2011, for the 8th consecutive year.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lemke
Reporting Secretary

