VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL
Wednesday, May 18, 2011

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

ROLL CALL: Present were Chair Laszewski, Commissioners Miller, Knop (arrived at 5:31p.m.), Gray, School Board Rep. Dr. Erdmann and Trustee Rep. Vanderheiden Also present was Director Altergott and Secretary Lemke. Absent and excused was Commissioner Barney.

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

PUBLIC INPUT: None

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Trustee Vanderheiden stated that the proposed amendment to ordinance 21.07(5) (sound in the park) was passed Monday night at the Village Board meeting. The Village Board also approved to hire temporary staff to fill in at the Senior Center as Jean Brill will be out for 6 to 8 weeks for surgery.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Nothing to update at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Registration is going well to date. We have had a larger volume of registrations processed via the web.
- The extension of the sprayground pad was completed last week. The walk way has been fixed as well.
- We removed a number of trees in the last 2 weeks for various reasons. A new tree will be planted for every tree removed.
- Germantown School District students have been working on buckthorn removal at Schoen Laufen. The parks crew will be spraying next week. (TK10)

UPDATE & DISCUSSION – REDEVELOPMENT OF HAUPT STRASSE WITH LITTLE LEAGUE: Director Altergott met with Jerry Loberger from Germantown Little League and Phil Johnson from Ayres Associates on May 3rd. We discussed on how the facility will be used and what our vision is. Phil will be putting together two different plan options for review. The focal points are the skateboard park and the playground equipment. Phil is using photos and the GIS mapping along with obtaining sewer files from the Engineering Department for these plans. Phil suggested using temporary fences. There are posts to attach the fence to however you can move the fence to where needed for the current group playing and also remove the fence in the winter. Little League is currently using the Kinderberg Park baseball diamond and has done some upgrades to the field.

DISCUSSION & ACTION – FACILITY FUND PURCHASE – SECURITY CAMERA: Director Altergott stated that he has researched for a comparable camera and has not found another one of this quality. The Village of Jackson uses the Q-Star FlashCam. The Police Department is willing to contribute towards the purchase of the camera. Trustee Rep. Vanderheiden suggested soliciting the community for funds to use towards the purchase of the camera. The commissioners would like to meet with the Village of Jackson and discuss the camera and see how it works.

FACILITY FUND BALANCES:

VILLAGE ACCOUNT: $9,847.42 (currently)

SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNT: $9,497.04 (currently)

$2400.00 was spent on surveying Wilderness Park. The average Facility Fund Fee on a program is $1.00. Commissioner Gray stated that she would like to see part of the budget set as a continuing budget to purchase new trees and plant them in our park system. Director Altergott stated that we could set up a plan to purchase a minimum of 20 trees a year that are 2 ½" calibers.

DISCUSSION – 2010 UPDATES TO AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Director Altergott stated that Joe Masiarchin attended a meeting recently on the new disability laws. If there is a child in our programs that has a disability and we are notified by the parents, we are required to perform an evaluation and set up a plan on how to work with the child. Therefore the department is contracting with a former employee who is a Certified Special Education Teacher. She has already completed assessments on children in our current Kids Klub program. She will be training our summer Kids Klub staff and future staff. We have to look at all of our playing fields along with every playground. A certain percentage has to be ADA assessable in the village.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: Park clean-up is June 4, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lemke
Reporting Secretary