

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL
Wednesday, September 14, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. at Haupt Strasse Park. Chair Laszewski read the State Regulations regarding public meetings.

ROLL CALL: Present were Chair Laszewski, Commissioners Knop (arrived @ 5:32p.m.), Barney, Trustee Rep. Vanderheiden, Gray and Miller. Also present were Director Altergott and Secretary Lemke. Guests included Phil Ayres from Ayres Associates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion by Miller, seconded by Barney to approve the minutes as presented with the following stated correction: under Director Report change the second bullet point, 5th sentence should read; “The arborvitaes will be removed during the fall brush pick-up and have a planting plan in place for ground perennials in the spring.” Motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC INPUT: Lynn Schreiner stated to the commission that she would like to see dogs be allowed in Haupt Strasse Park (on leashes).

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Trustee Vanderheiden stated that the board has received the proposed budgets for 2012 from each department.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Director Altergott stated that Dr. Michael Erdmann has resigned from the Germantown School Board.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: No Report

DISCUSSION HAUPT STRASSE REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN: Phil Johnson (Ayres Associates) presented a master plan for the redevelopment of Haupt Strasse. Mr. Johnson stated that he met with Director Altergott and Jerry Loberger (Germantown Little League) regarding what the needs for Germantown Little Leagues are. Currently the field is being used by MMFL (girls fastpitch) and Germantown Little League. Haupt Strasse is being viewed as an unsafe park by neighbors. The police have received calls regarding unfit behavior in the park which has resulted in arrests. Director Altergott stated that this park is currently not serving the community as it should.

Concerns are:

- The lights may affect Lake Park West residents
- What may Little League be looking for in return from the Village
- This park is used for snow storage in the winter, where would the snow storage go
- Where would the drainage from the diamonds run to
- Commissioner Gray is concerned with the removal of all the plants & trees
- There is going to be a lot of maintenance for 3 baseball fields, the village has is struggling with funds for roads and water problems.

Positive Feedback:

- This type of facility would bring in revenue for the Village
- There would be a better layout with the playground and the shelter
- We would be able to run multiple tournaments throughout the year

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- With the placement/design of the fields, there would be a better view for policing
- There is group out there with funds that is willing to develop this property
- This type of facility would be heavily utilized

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST:

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lemke
Reporting Secretary