

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN  
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL  
Wednesday, November 16, 2011**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by Miller, seconded by Laszewske to approve the minutes as presented with the following stated correction: on the Agenda, item III, should be September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, under "Discussion – Haupt Strasse Redevelopment Concept Plan", sentence 4 should read; Haupt Strasse is being viewed as an unsafe access park by neighbors. Concerns should be changed to "Development Concerns are, the 6 bullet point should read; "There is going to be a lot of maintenance for 3 baseball fields, the village is struggling with funds for roads and water problems. Add bullet point "7" "The survival of the tennis courts. Under Positive Feedback, change the 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point to read; "This type of facility would bring economic benefit to the Village. Motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**VILLAGE BOARD REPORT:** Trustee Vanderheiden stated that the public hearing for the 2012 village budget is Monday, November 21st. Park & Recreation had the shelter/restroom at Spassland and also the tennis courts at Kinderberg Park removed from the budget.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** No Report

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Attended the National Playground Safety Institute's (NPSI) program to become a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI). The CPSI program is offered by the National Certification Board in coordination with the National Park and Recreation Association. CPSIs are individuals certified to inspect playgrounds for safety hazards and to ensure compliance with national standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).
- Forty-two (42) trees were planted by the Parks Department in October. Twenty-two (22) of the trees were purchased from Johnson's Nursery using facility fund dollars. The trees were planted in Friedenfeld, Kinderberg, Alt Bauer/Jefferson Ditch.

On Saturday, October 29, we broke ground on 12 community garden plots at Dheinsville Park. The community gardens are a cooperative effort between the Washington County Health Department, Germantown Historical Society and the park and recreation department. Plots will be for sale beginning in January 2012.

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- Staff is working on the third and final draft of the brochure. The target dates are as follows:
  - November 5 - Cover to print
  - December 5 – Internal pages to print
  - December 12 – Brochure mailed to residents
  - January 3 – Registration begins

**DISCUSSION - FLASHCAM PURCHASE:** Chair Laszewski commented that having this FlashCam could have possibly helped solved the recent home break-ins in the subdivisions surrounding Kinderberg Park. Jackson Police Department stated that the camera has been useful however crime declined so the camera has not been used for the full potential. We as a commission talked about using this to deter illegal dumping in our parks however this would be used for multiple uses in the village. Director Altergott will do further research and bring more information back to the next meeting.

Commissioner Knop excused at 5:51p.m.

**DISCUSSION – HAUPT STRASSE REDEVELOPMENT:** Director Altergott asked the commission their thoughts regarding the proposed redevelopment.

- Commissioner Gray stated that she feels that this type of redevelopment is being pushed too hard in a space where the land would need to be completely redeveloped.
- Commissioner Miller feels that turning a park into a sports complex will not serve the village.
- Trustee Rep. Vanderheiden stated that with the current budget and the outlook for the next few years, the village is not in a situation of putting money into this type of facility.
- Chair Laszewski stated that the park is underutilized however this type of facility may not be the correct fit for this area.

Director Altergott stated that we do need to come up with a plan to redevelop this park to accommodate the village residents for utilization.

**DISCUSSION – 2012 BUDGET:** Director Altergott stated that the budget process went good for Park & Recreation.

Commissioner Knop arrived at 6:15p.m.

**DISCUSSION & ACTION – 2012 WINTER/SPRING FEES & CHARGES:** Director Altergott stated that the fees have stayed even over the past seasons without few or no changes.

The changes are:

- Babysitter Training - increased due to Red Cross raising their fees
- Learn to Skate – increased their fees and increased class time
- Patios, Walls & Walks – decrease in class time
- Self Defense – decrease in # of classes
- Tae Kwon Do – decrease in # of weeks

**Motion by Gray, seconded by Knop to accept the 2012 Winter/Spring fees as presented. Motion unanimously carried.**

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**DISCUSSION – COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD AT SPASSLAND, ALT BAUER & HAUPT STRASSE:** Commissioner Knop stated that she was surprised with the attendance by village residents. The postcards were mailed 1 ½ weeks in advanced to residents around the facilities. (300ft radius) The commissioners liked being out in the public and would like to continue the park meetings at the facilities for 2012.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST:** Trustee Vanderheiden recommended that the commission visit the Jackson Community Center. Mid-Moraine held a meeting there recently that Vanderheiden had attended and stated that the facility is very nice. A type of facility like that should be a goal for Germantown.

**ADJOURNMENT:** As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lemke  
Reporting Secretary