

**New Baden Park Board
August 11, 2009**

President Kevin Ogden called the Meeting of the Park Board of the Village of New Baden to order at 7:28 p.m. at the New Baden City Hall, 1 East Hanover Street in New Baden.

Members - Present, Excused, Absent		Visitors- Present
Dawn Ahner	Present	Bob Nielsen, Village Administrator
Herschel Beard	Present	Renee Meinhardt, Director of Park
Calvin Beckmann	Present	
Melanie Brink	Excused	
Ted Medcalf	Present	
Kevin Ogden	Present	
Bonnie Zurliene	Present	

New Board Member - The introduction of the new Park Board member, Herschel Beard. Kevin and the board welcomed Herschel,

Minutes - Read and approved the minutes from the July meeting.

Dates and agendas - will be posted by Kevin.

Park and Recreation Manger Report - Given by Bob Nielsen. The pool filter system has been started. A children splash pad is still being discussed and will possibly replace the “baby pool”. Renee stated that the batting cages would be under construction starting August 12th. A second cage will be also added. Regarding loitering at the park, Renee talked to the Police Dept. on this issue and they felt that loitering was not a problem. There was one complaint on file. This is considered a closed issue.

Summer Hours - The board will not extend the hours of the park.

Questions - The Park Board needs to reframe the questions, by using more facts and having a solution ready for the Village Board.

Baby Changing Station - a concern from a resident was stated with regards to a baby changing station for the bathrooms in the park. A changing station runs \$ i90.00 to \$380.00. The board will address this issue again at the September 8th meeting.

Park, Pool and Rec Guidelines - The code of ordinance of New Baden Park, Pool and Recreation Chapter 28 should be revised to address the powers and duties of the Recreation Board.

Eagle Scout Project - Calvin met with Austin Hilmes. Calvin gave Hilmes information on Park benches and key location for the benches. If a 3rd project is needed, the horseshoe pit backboards need a little work. Calvin also informed Hilmes that the picnic table by the pool needs to be reseted.

Lions - Ted Medcalf is still waiting to hear from them regarding updates to the large pavilion.

Lighting for Soccer field - Renee inquired about adding lights to the soccer field especially in the area where the truck pull is held for the June Jamboree. There are currently temporary polls but no lights. Scott Meinhardt will check on the cost of the project and see if the Chamber of Commerce would share the cost of the lighting. Kevin advised Scott to continue with it.

Bike Racks - A letter was submitted to the Village asking if there could be a bike rack placed at the tennis courts. Cost would range from \$300.00 to \$500.00. The Park Board would like to recommend to the Village Board to purchase a bike rack.

Meeting place and time - Next meeting will be held on September 8, 2009 at 7:30 at the city park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Dawn Ahner
Park Board Member