

New Baden Park Board
September 8, 2009

The meeting of the Park Board of the Village of New Baden was called to order at 7:33 p.m. at the New Baden City Park, 1103 East Hanover Street in New Baden, by Secretary Melanie Brink.

<u>Members – Present, Excused, Absent</u>		<u>Visitors - Present</u>
Dawn Ahner-	Excused	Renee Meinhardt
Herschel Beard-	Present	
Calvin Beckmann-	Present	
Melanie Brink-	Present	
Kevin Ogden-	Excused	
Bonnie Zurliene-	Present	
Ted Medcalf-	Excused	

Approval of August minutes– The minutes from August were unanimously approved by all present.

Batting Cage Update – Due to cost constraints, there will only be one batting cage installed in the park at this time. To date, the concrete has been poured and the next step will be to backfill the area.

OSLAD GRANT – The Park Board has established committees to assist with the grant. The committees will consist of the following people:

Gazebo Area/Walking Trail- Ahner and Brink

Park Structures/Play Equipment/Skate Park- Beckmann, Ogden, and Medcalf

Pool/Splash Pad/Fitness Area- Zurliene and Beard

Eagle Scout Project: – Scout Austin Hilmes has been working with Beckmann on what kind of structures he can construct for the park. So far, he is looking at an Arch Tot Swing Set with four seats for children ages 5-12. The exact location is still being determined.

The bids for park benches made from recycled materials have come in too high ranging from 1200 dollars and up. Beckmann is going to do some more research regarding the benches and report at the next meeting. The Park Board has suggested a donation system for the benches as a way to keep the costs down.

Both projects will be further discussed with Bob Nielsen in committee meetings.

Update on Baby Changing Station – Baby stations will be added to the restrooms.

Update from Calvin Beckmann Regarding Lights – Beckmann obtained a quote from Toennies regarding outlets and lighting at the park. The Park Board has suggested vandal resistant covers for the lights and the cost would be about \$31.00 per light and there are 32 lights in the pavilions. He was also concerned with taking the bulbs out to detour vandals because if the switch is left on, there is a live circuit. The Board feels this is an important issue to address for the safety of the residents. Beckmann is going to have another bid drawn up so we can compare costs and see which direction is most cost effective. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Reminder to all Park Board Members – Make contact with the people you are on committees with and set up a meeting time with Bob Nielsen. We are going to work on the OSLAD grant for the next meeting on October 13th. Bring a copy of the grant and map with you to the next meeting. If you do not have a copy, please stop by the Village Hall and get one.

Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by Melanie Brink, Park Board Member