

**New Baden Park Board**  
**October 13, 2009**

The meeting of the Park Board of the Village of New Baden was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at the New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street in New Baden, by President Kevin Ogden.

**Members – Present, Excused, Absent**

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| Dawn Ahner-      | Present |
| Herschel Beard-  | Present |
| Calvin Beckmann- | Present |
| Melanie Brink-   | Present |
| Kevin Ogden-     | Present |
| Bonnie Zurliene- | Present |
| Ted Medcalf-     | Absent  |

**Visitors - Present**

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| David Brandmeyer, Mayor            |
| Bob Nielsen, Village Administrator |

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

**Eagle Scout** – Beckmann reported that he and Austin Hilmes have been in contact regarding the project. At this point, they feel that the benches should be installed as part of the project and bronze plates listing donor names may be added at a later date. Hilmes will build the swing set as part of his project, and this can be completed at the same time the larger playground is being installed under the OSLAD grant.

**Swing set Concern** – A concern was addressed regarding the large dip under the swings. Beckmann suggested adding a rubber mat under the swings which would help with this problem.

**Lighting near Soccer Field Concern** – The park is well-lit around the parking lots, restrooms, and pavilions. There is a dark area around the walking trail by the soccer fields that requires lighting. The walking trail/gazebo committee needs to address this when looking at the updates to the trail and decide whether fancy lighting or basic lighting attached to the already standing poles are needed.

**Civic Center Request from Resident** – A resident requested continued use of the Civic Center for the winter. The board forwarded this response to the Village Board regarding allowing residents use under the following guidelines:

1. During the morning hours after students leave on the bus to detour anyone from hanging out before school.
2. Use on normal school days and closed on holidays.

3. Mr. Weaver may continue opening the building and will let someone at the Village Hall know if he is unable to assist.
4. Security cameras will be on for the safety of the residents and Village workers.

**Lighting in the Pavilions Update** – Beckmann reported he had received a bid from Toennies Electric regarding the lighting. The estimate included three different estimates and they are as follows:

1. Pole light repair- \$800.00 and includes fixing the lights on five poles
2. Conversion of fixtures to vandal resistant lighting- \$1475.00 and includes replacing existing porcelain fixtures to vandal resistant fixtures and would not require locking the existing panels
3. New light installation- \$1600.00 and includes installation of new lighting, would have recessed light fixtures so they would not be easily accessible, and would require turning off the breaker and locking the panel.

**OSLAD GRANT** – The Park Board has established committees to assist with the grant. Each committee reported their findings to the board.

*Gazebo Area/Walking Trail*- Ahner and Brink- Bids are coming in with regards to the gazebo. They are ranging from \$36,000 - \$58,000. The committee will be meeting soon to see what amenities can be added or detracted to the structure to keep it in budget once all bids are received.

*Park Structures/Play Equipment/Skate Park*- Beckmann, Ogden, and Medcalf- With regards to the skate park, the committee is looking at using modular equipment and the cost ranges from \$25,000 - \$30,000. The playground equipment is still be assessed as to what is needed compared to the space there is available. More information will be shared at the next meeting.

Park Pavilions need to be fixed and updated. The monies needed to fix these structures would not come from the grant and could possibly be budgeted for this upcoming fiscal year. The above committee needs to look at what updates need to be completed and turn this in to Bob for review as soon as possible. If any other park board members have suggestions, please bring them to the next meeting so we can begin getting a plan together so the pavilions are ready for use in the spring.

*Pool/Splash Pad/Fitness Area*- Zurliene and Beard- Beard reported that he has been in contact with a company called Life Trail and they have built Fitness areas in surrounding towns. Beard visited one of these sites and stated that the money in the budget is not enough to cover the project as each station costs around \$3,000. He shared pictures of various fitness stations, stated that the stations required an 11 X 11

concrete pad, and must be ADA compliant—area stretching from walking trail to fitness station must be paved.

Pool/Splash Pad- Zurliene reported that the baby pool will have a gradual decline into the center with a spout coming up spraying water. She stated that there should be shaded areas for parents to sit both in this area and the larger pool area, and cubbies for storage for public use. The new pool will be equipped with picnic tables, umbrellas, and a concession stand. The board felt that adding a rock wall to the large pool was not efficient use of space and would require extra life guards for safety.

**Budget Needs** – Mayor Brandmeyer informed the board that Renee would be given a budget to assist us.

The meeting was adjourned by President Ogden at 8:57 p.m.  
Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by Melanie Brink, Park Board Member