

New Baden Park Board

June 15, 2010

The meeting of the Park Board of the Village of New Baden was called to order at 7:00 at New Baden Village Park by President Bob Nielsen.

Members- Present, Excused, Absent

Visitors- Present

Bob Nielsen –Present

Frank Mastromatteo

Dawn Ahner- Excused

Bonnie Zurliene – Present

Herschel Beard – Excused

Calvin Beckmann – Present

Approval of May 4, 2010 minutes – minutes approved

Report of Parks and Recreation Director

Tennis Camp had 9 participants---was quite successful

Soccer sign-up is June 24th

The Chili Cook-off on Oct 24th will feature a Biathlon

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Requests to plant trees w/memorial plaques honoring the deceased was discussed. The Board recommends an 8"X 8" brick to be placed near the tree for all future requests. It was stated that the bricks will cost \$35-\$40 apiece. Calvin recommends a Swamp White Oak or Northern Red Oak for the memorial tree. He further recommends that the Village NOT plant Pin Oak, Sweet Gum, Silver Maple or Honey Locust trees. (He also suggested the Village remove four trees within the park that have been struck by lightning.)

Village Trustee Mastromatteo met with us to discuss reestablishing the New Baden Athletic Boosters as the New Baden Park and Athletic Boosters. Renee expressed concerns that her position has developed into more than the original job description entailed. She explained that she frequently puts in substantially more than the 20 hours required in her position description, and has received telephone calls as late as 10:30 at night. Trustee Mastromatteo's hope is that volunteers could serve as the focal point for the individual programs, and relieve some of the burdens from Renee. The Park Board is concerned that our Parks and Recreation Coordinator will "burn out" if her present pace continues.

Colors were chosen for the playground equipment and Renee passed the information to the Village Administrator. One of the above mentioned trees will need to be removed prior to the installation of the playground equipment.

The Board will not meet in July, and will meet again on August 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Nielsen, President