

Minutes of the New Baden Park Board

May 17, 2011

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

Members present: Bob Nielsen, Bonnie Zurliene, Calvin Beckmann, Herschel Beard, Kathy Wakefield

Also in attendance was Village Administrator Jimmy Morani

Members absent: Tim Hintz and Dawn Ahner (excused)

Guests: Dennis Brandmeyer, Paul Sterrett and Nick Korte

Reading and Approval of the minutes: Minutes approved by all in attendance

Tree Planting

Mr. Brandmeyer addressed the Board about his non-profit fraternal organization planting trees in the park. Discussion centered around types of trees and location. This will be an ongoing project. The Board approved his offer and Dennis will contact us in the fall.

On a related note, the Board again requested the removal of the dead trees in the park, particularly the ones in the circle drive. We believe these trees to be a safety hazard, and with June Jamboree around the corner, the potential for personal injury increases.

Zion UCC Fundraisers

Mr. Sterrett and Mr. Korte addressed the Board regarding two fundraisers scheduled for Sept 17 and Oct 8, 2011.

The September event is a 5K Run and a 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk. The 5K run will use the same route as the June Jamboree and will start at 9:00 a.m. They have spoken with the Chief of Police and EMS Director, and will have enough of their own staff to ensure the safety of the participants.

The October event is a Motorcycle Poker Run which will start in the park at 8:00 a.m. with a meal served at 4:30 p.m.

The Park Board approved both events, but deferred the sale of alcohol at the Poker Run to the Village Board for their consideration.

Report of Parks and Recreation Manager

Baseball/Softball seasons are under way. Dance classes have finished at the Civic Center and Zumba classes have slowed down. Expect one "Zumba" night a week to move to Saturday mornings. Teen nights continue to struggle with a lack of adult volunteers. 6th-8th Grade participation has been very good. Soccer registration will go home from school with students and the season starts in mid-August.

Renee has requested a quote from Quality Lawn Care to finish the park entrance prior to June Jamboree. Taylor Zurliene has been working out of town and has not been able to work on it.

Old Business

Pool

Korte-Luitjohan was to have a walkthrough of the bathhouse on May 19th. The IDPH will inspect the pool on May 26th with an anticipated opening of May 27th.

Gazebo

VA Jimmy Morani stated the project was almost ready to bid out. It will be ready for bids later this summer.

New Business

Park Benches

Discussion centered around placing two benches near each playground (total of four). The Board decided on a style from Webcoat, Inc. and the information was passed to Jimmy Morani. The link below will take you to the style chosen:

<http://www.webcoat.com/catalog/benches/classic/classic.php>

Civic Center/Pavilion Fees

Since it was not on the original agenda, the Board will discuss this at their June 21 Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Robert Nielsen
President, New Baden Park Board