

## **Minutes of the New Baden Park Board**

September 20, 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, Herschel Beard, Bonnie Zurliene, Calvin Beckmann, Tim Hintz, and Dawn Ahner

Also in attendance were Village President Dave Brandmeyer and Park and Recreation Manager Renee Meinhardt

**Report of Parks and Recreation Manager** – Renee Meinhardt

### **Old Business**

#### **Christmas**

Dawn Ahner discussed the Parade of Houses she is working on for tours of decorated homes at Christmas time. The event will be Dec 10, 2011, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.. Tickets will be \$10. Dawn stated she will need signs for advertisement and houses to volunteer for viewing. She is also working on an outside lighting competition. The Zion UCC tree decorating contest will be held the same day in the Civic Center.

Proceeds from the Parade of Homes will go towards landscaping at the Gazebo.

#### **Trees**

Dennis Brandmeyer, of Catholic Holy Family Society of Belleville, met to discuss their plan for planting trees in the Village Park. He stated they will plant three (3) trees near the American Legion Pool on September 28th. He also stated that his organization plans to continue to plant trees every fall in the Village Park as part of their ongoing community beautification.

Mr. Beckmann made the motion and Mrs. Ahner seconded. All in attendance voted in favor of the presentation, and for allowing the tree planting to move forward.

#### **Park Master Plan**

This will be discussed at length during the January 2012 meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Horseshoe Pits**

The Park Board recommended the removal of the horseshoe pits in the Village Park. It was determined they were deteriorated beyond repair and were a hazard to people in the dark. A motion was made by

Mr. Beard and seconded by Mrs. Ahner. All in attendance voted in favor of the removal for safety purposes.

### **Pool Report**

A discussion of the Village pool finances centered around getting the pool to stand on its own in the future. The intent is to ensure revenue meets or exceeds expenses. Rates in 2012 will automatically go to the rate approved by the Park Board at the February 2011 meeting.

The Park Board will also need to interview for a new Manager in 2012, with an emphasis to hire New Baden residents first.

### **Diving Board**

The diving board and slide have been approved by IDPH. The Park Board recommends waiting until next Spring to install them.

### **OSLAD Grant**

Gazebo -Is complete and awaiting landscaping.

The Slide, Diving Board and ADA Lift require installation prior to submittal for Grant reimbursement (Since our meeting, Village Administrator Morani has received word that grant completion and reimbursement can occur prior to this happening).

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**The Park Board will meet again on November 15, 2011 (no meeting in October).**

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Bob Nielsen

President

New Baden Park Board