

New Baden Park Board Meeting - March 20th, 2012

The meeting of the Park Board of the Village of New Baden was called to order at 7:07p.m. at the Village Hall by President, Bob Nielson.

Members present were: Bob Nielson, Calvin Beckmann, Bonnie Zurliene, Nicole Jasper and Jordan Pettibone. Tim Hintz was not present. Dawn Ahner was not present and has resigned as a Park Board member. Also present were Jimmy Morani (Village Administrator) and Renee Reinhardt (Parks and Recreation Manager).

The January 10th, 2012 minutes were read and approved by Calvin Beckmann and seconded by Bonnie Zurliene.

Report of Parks and Recreation Manager - Renee Meinhardt

Civic Center bookings are significantly up.

Austin Hilmes is maintaining the baseball fields again this season.

Select teams have asked to use the lighted fields for practices and games. A fee of \$25 will be charged for practices and \$50 for games.

Major League Baseball and Aquafina will be hosting a Pitch, Hit & Run Event in the park for boys and girls ages 7-14. This event will take place on April 21st with a rainout date of May 5th.

Soccer registration forms will go out before the end of the school year.

Old Business - None Reported

New Business

Guest speaker, Stephen Ibendahl of Heartlands Conservancy, gave his thoughts and advice about the Village's master park plan. He gave several ideas for grants, such as the Green Grant and the "Our Town" Grant. He also mentioned that the National EPA is funding ways to deal with storm water. He suggested that a postcard with 10-12 questions be mailed to residents to survey for park ideas. He also suggested that we get the Chamber involved as well, and get donations from local businesses.

The Park Board will meet again on April 17th to discuss the Open House. The Open House will be held May 8th from 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. Jordan Pettibone volunteered to work on a direct mail piece in order to save money.

Pool - The swimming pool will open May 18th, 2012, with Charlie Bair once again being the pool manager. The bath house floors are being redone with non-skid paint, as well as pavilions 3 & 4.

Gazebo - It was voted to rent the gazebo out for \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents per use. A motion was made by Jordan Pettibone, seconded by Calvin Beckmann.

Picnic Tables - Jimmy will check with Ultra Site in Red Bud for pricing on 2 new picnic tables.

Adult Softball League - Jimmy will work on starting up an adult softball league for the Fall of 2012. He will check the bi-laws regarding alcohol being allowed to be brought in and consumed by individuals. Bob Nielson made a motion and Calvin Beckmann seconded it.

Bonnie Zurliene made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Nielson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58p.m.