

New Baden Park and Recreation Board Meeting - Thursday, August 1, 2013

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order - 6:58 PM

Present: Bob Nielson, Chair

Renee Meinhardt, Parks & Rec Manager

Tim Hintz

Jordan Pettibone

Jennifer Stroup

Zach Peters

Nicole Jasper has resigned from the Park Board

2 New Park Board Members were introduced - Jennifer Stroup and Zach Peters

2. Meeting Minutes were read and approved.

3. No Guests were present for the meeting.

4. Parks & Rec Manager Report

- Ms. Meinhardt reported Baseball activities were completed. The season went relatively smooth. A new piece of equipment was purchased to drag the fields.
- Soccer registration was down slightly. However, single teams per each age division were still obtainable. On August 17th a 7th/8th grade tournament is to be held.
- November - flag football will again be available for 2nd-6th grades.
- Jimmy Morani will put benches in select locations around the park.
- The southeast swing set (by the "bus") will be removed. It is an outdated and unsafe design. An investigation will be performed at replacing the swing. It was suggested to have a similar capacity as the original set (6 people).
- The Park Board would also like the merry-go-round reinstalled by the time the chili cook-off occurs.
- The storage shed by baseball field 1 will be rehabbed. **Ms. Meinhardt will look into using TIF funds to put siding on the facility.**

5. There was no old business to discuss.

6. New Business

- The sand volleyball court is located under a gumball tree. The tree litters the court with gumballs constantly. Ms. Meinhardt suggested relocating the court. A light pole is situated nearby, so it was suggested by Mr. Pettibone to relocate the court slightly (moving it approximately 45° from its location). This should move the court out of the "reach" of the tree. **Mr. Peters will also investigate an applicable fencing system to keep stray volleyballs from leaving the court.**

An extensive discussion occurred regarding the tennis court, and the cracks on it. The cracks are a result of settlement from pipes running below the court. Renee believes the court may need to be ripped out and replaced. **Mr. Peters will contact the Trenton Park**

**Board about their tennis court (surface treatment, etc.).** It was also agreed upon by the Board to investigate reducing the number of courts within the overall tennis facility to 2, with the third court area converted into golf driving ranges (estimation of 3 individual mini ranges). **Mr. Peters will investigate items required to convert the area into driving ranges.**

- The pool will close on August 18. The pool had a budget surplus this year. Admissions were down for the season, but it is believed to be from a high number of rain days.
- Ms. Meinhardt made note of a Park in Belleville with dogs allowed to play... for a fee.
- The hockey rink in the park was discussed in detail by the board. The surface is not friendly for most skaters; the boards are rotting; and the goals are in shambles (1 is missing at this moment, too). Mr. Hintz looked investigated various hockey rink surfaces available. He presented 2 alternatives to the board. Mr. Pettibone distributed a quote from a manufacturer who installed the Township of Edwardsville's hockey rink (surface, goals, and boards). Renee expressed concern regarding breakaway design of the nets for safety. It was agreed more information (namely prices) is needed before any further action can be taken. **Mr. Nielson will investigate hockey rink surface and barrier options.**

7. The next meeting will be September 10th, 2013 at 7PM in the Park.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM