

Village of New Baden

Park & Recreation Board

September 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting started at 7:00PM. Tim Hintz, Jordan Pettibone, Bob Nielsen, Jennifer Stroup, and Renee Meinhardt were present. Zach Peters was absent. Randy Ross and New Baden Trustee Raphael Him were in attendance as guests.
2. The minutes were read by all in attendance. A motion was brought forth to approve of the minutes with a revision to the section about the Volleyball Court (added in the removal of the tree). Motion passed.
3. Trustee Him asked the Board to consider naming a landmark in the park, or the park, for veterans. The board received his request favorably and discussed possibly naming the pavilion for the veterans. This item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
4. Ms. Meinhardt updated the Board on Parks & Recreation Department activities.
 - a. Soccer will be done at the end of September.
 - b. Flag Football will begin in early October.
 - c. The civic center will be hosting a dance class, a kettleball class, and an afterschool program.
5. Mr. Hintz asked about the status of the pool shade for the splash pad at the pool. The shade has been ordered. Larry Pfeffer will install the foundations before the beginning of the pool season.
6. The board discussed whether the Park Master Plan has been published to the website. **Mr. Nielsen will verify publication of the Park Master Plan on the Park Board website.**
7. A discussion was held about Park Improvements from the previous meeting
 - a. Volleyball Court
 - i. It will cost \$600 to remove the gumball tree currently populating the court with gumballs.
 - ii. The Board agreed the most budget conscious action is to remove the tree, keeping the court in its current location and replace the poles holding the net.
 - iii. Further investigation into constructing a perimeter fence around the court is still required.
 - iv. **Ms. Meinhardt will initiate the volleyball court improvements.**
 - b. Swingset
 - i. The swingset has already been removed. Optimistically, a new set will be installed in the Spring.
 - ii. **Mr. Hintz will investigate possible swing sets with 4-6 person capacity with at least one swing able to hold special needs occupants.**
 - c. Pool
 - i. Mr. Hintz took the Board to the pool to show off an idea of installing an awning system off of the pool building proper extending 2-5' to provide additional shade to pool customers. He indicated this task could be performed over a weekend with the proper supervision and coordination by Boy Scouts looking to complete

their Eagle Scout projects. The Board was very receptive to this idea. It was suggested this may be a cumbersome task for one Scout to perform. Maybe teaming with another would be better.

ii. **Mr. Hintz will investigate further details of the Awning idea.**

d. Hockey Rink

i. The interlocking flexible court covering idea was financially unfeasible.

ii. Debate was had over the more pressing upgrade for the hockey rink: upgrading the surface (smoothing it out) or replacing the dasher board system.

iii. **Mr. Nielsen will investigate an epoxy treatment possible to apply over the concrete and fill in the grooves and smooth out the surface.**

iv. **Mr. Nielsen, in conjunction with City Administrator Jimmy Morani, will have the Public Works Department install new boards along the base of the fencing for dasher boards.**

e. Park Benches

i. 2 new benches will be installed by the SE playground.

ii. 2 new benches will be installed by the toddler park area.

iii. 1 new bench will be installed in the toddler park area.

f. Tennis Courts

i. **Mr. Pettibone to provide CADD drawings of the tennis courts with different configurations:**

1. **1 Tennis Court; 1 batting cage; 3 small driving ranges**

2. **2 Tennis Courts; 3 small driving ranges**

3. **Basketball Court**

ii. A call was placed to New Baden Trustee Bob Oster regarding a quote to repair the tennis court crack. A quote was offered at \$85,000. This was deemed unfeasible.

iii. Information regarding fencing ideas for the driving range was unavailable at the time of the meeting – MOVED TO NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA.

8. The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the New Baden Village Hall

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.