

VILLAGE OF GODFREY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes January 12, 2018
Village Hall

Members Present: Chairman Mike Walters, Trustee Eldon Williams, Trustee Karen McAtee, Max Heinz, Rob Hasse, Norma Glazebrook, Mark Lorch, Craig Rathgeb, Ford Green, Director of Maintenance Jim Lewis, Recreation Supervisor Jessica Wiedman, and Administrative Assistant Angela Bosoluke

Members Absent: Jess Woodman

Guests Present: Trustee Joe Springman

Chairman Mike Walters called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and asked for public comments. No public comments.

Chairman Mike Walters asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2017 meeting as written and Rob Hasse made a motion; Karen McAtee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jessica Wiedman distributed a revenue report for the 2017 Maze season with yearly comparisons from 2003 through 2017 and weekend revenue comparisons from 2000 – 2017, noting this year was not the best year, but was also not the worst with a profit of approximately \$24,000. Rob Hasse asked if something in particular was done in 2010 and 2014 which were the best profit years. Jessica Wiedman commented that the themes possibly were a reason for the increase in ticket sales and Angela Bosoluke commented that Jessica Wiedman was the manager of the maze during the 2010 season. Mark Lorch inquired why the Groupon was not used again this year and Jessica stated due to the late start with Groupon last season there was confusion on the expiration dates and Kimberly decided not to use it this year.

Jessica Wiedman reported the PEP Grant will need to be approved by Village Board at the upcoming meeting and she stated Kimberly Caughran had earmarked this grant for the ball field lighting project but upon talking with the Mayor he stated the Village Board is not ready to move forward with the project. She stated the Mayor would like to use this grant for the ADA upgrade of the Homer Adams bathroom facility. Jessica stated the grant is for approximately \$90,000 and the decision would have to be made whether to replace the existing facility or retrofit the existing building to meet the ADA requirements. Jessica stated the grant is due March 1, 2018 and request for bids would need to be requested immediately in order to get the bid submitted on time. Jim Lewis stated the restroom facility at the Glazebrook park playground cost approximately \$40,000 when purchased so the \$90,000 should cover the cost of the facility and possibly signage at Homer Adams and sidewalks. Jessica requested permission from the Park Board to proceed with the PEP grant for the replacement/retrofitting of the Homer Adams restroom facility to meet the current ADA requirements. Mike Walters recommended including a family restroom in this facility replacement. Rob Hasse made a motion to proceed with the PEP grant for the restroom facility to meet ADA requirements and Mark Lorch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Max Heinz inquired how much money has been received from the gaming funds which were set up for park improvements and Jessica stated she was not sure of the exact amount and would report this at the February meeting.

Jim Lewis reported the parks staff has been busy taking down the Christmas decorations, painting the interior of the Sheriff's offices at Homer Adams, cutting brush, and re-building the chassis on the cow train cars. Craig Rathgeb commented the soccer goals at Glazebrook Park always seem to be flipped over and asked if this is due to kids flipping them over or the wind. Jim stated the soccer goals on the west fields have braces to sturdy them and stated ground anchors were purchased for the goals but he was unsure if they had been installed. Craig stated some of the goals look as if they are getting beyond their useful life and if we are due to replace goals in the near future? Jim stated January is the time to look at the budget and Craig suggested replacing a few goals per year and get goals with weighted anchors.

Jessica Wiedman presented the recreation report; she stated the basketball league practices had begun with a break at Christmas. She stated practices will begin on Monday with the clinic held the following week at the Boys & Girls Club in Alton hosted by the Principia College basketball team. She continued the games will begin the week of the 29th with the league concluding at the March Madness Tournament at Lewis & Clark College on Saturday, March 16th from 9 am – 5 pm and encouraged the committee members to come out and watch the tournament. She stated the Cheer Clinic will do a final performance at the tournament and registration for the cheer program will end today. Jessica continued the rookie basketball program started last Saturday with a total of 60 participants, 20 per session and the program will end on February 10, 2018. Jessica stated the youth baseball/softball league registration has begun and she reported the Director of Jerseyville Parks and Recreation had contacted her stating they would not be participating in Little League next year and possibly go to USSSA program. She stated she doesn't know if Godfrey would want to continue in Little League without Jerseyville teams and travel to Carrollton and Meppin. Mark Lorch suggested possibly partnering with Alton, Bethalto or Tri-City teams. Jessica commented that Little League costs a lot of money and we do not use all the benefits of the league and rarely have any teams compete in the final little league tournament. Rob Hasse stated he is a fan of USSSA. Jessica stated she will talk with the other communities and report back at a later date. Jessica reported registrations are being taken for 4X4 Volleyball league and Daddy Daughter dance.

Jessica Wiedman reported Kimberly Caughran resigned and has taken a position in Collinsville and had hoped to come to the meeting to bid all members farewell but was unable to attend. She stated the position is open at this time and she has a meeting with the Mayor on Tuesday to discuss a timeline for a replacement. She stated Jim Lewis has been assigned to be over the Parks area and she and Angela Bosoluke would currently divide any critical items in the Director's job which need completing. She stated she has been busy working on the PEP grant information and will work on maze theme and summer movies. Norma Glazebrook asked when the PEP grant was due and Jessica stated the grant is due on March 1st and she is working on the memo to the Village Board and Jim Lewis and the Engineer are working on the specs for the facility replacement/repair. Norma asked if the Director position has been posted and Jessica stated the position is posted and Jim Lewis commented several applications had been received and the Mayor had assigned Karen McAtee and Twirp Williams to the hiring committee and Norma Glazebrook stated she had asked to sit on the committee as well.

Mike Walters asked for public comments. Joe Springman introduced himself as a Village Trustee and Godfrey resident. He stated he understands the Homer Adams restroom facility must be re-designed and/or replaced to meet the ADA requirements, but asked what items are currently stored in the facility. Jessica Wiedman stated a lot of the haunted maze props are stored at this facility because there is not sufficient storage at the Parks maintenance facility. Joe Springman suggested using the same footprint of the existing bathroom facility to re-design and/or replace the bathroom. Joe stated a year or two ago he had suggested either a lean-to shed roof at the parks facility or a separate storage facility within the locked

gates at the parks facility. Norma Glazebrook commented she would not be in favor of a lean-to because it takes away from the aesthetics of the facility. Mark Lorch commented we may be spending too much money on storage space per square foot if we have to enlarge the bathroom facility to accommodate storage at Homer Adams for parks items and suggested building a separate building just for storage at a better location such as the parks facility. Jessica Wiedman commented that space is also needed for the ball park gator which is currently housed within the Lewis & Clark College storage facility located near the college softball field and that since the Street Department has a shortage of storage they sometimes store items in the parks storage facility. Mark Lorch asked why another 8 foot couldn't just be added onto the existing parks storage facility and Joe Springman stated he had researched this idea and there is currently a run-off behind that facility. Karen McAtee inquired if the grant could be used for storage also and Jessica stated the grant can cover both, however storage would be considered special use and there are different guidelines and timeframe for the special use grant application in which the grant would be due by February. Jessica stated she is concerned if we just get a replacement restroom minus the storage space how long the parks department would go without the necessary storage and where these items would be stored in the interim. Max Heinz commented the Godfrey KC Hall built their small storage facility for approximately \$17,000 but Jim Lewis stated the Village is required to pay prevailing wage and this would triple the cost of the facility. Joe reiterated the need for the Parks department storage and also stated the Street Department is also in need of additional storage to keep their equipment from the weather.

Rob Hasse made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ford Green seconded the motion. At 9:23 am the motion passed and meeting adjourned.