

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

### **March 3, 2008**

Members Present -- Doug Troast, Bill Zickler, Jan Vanderhoff, Dave Kohle, Rob Jones, Maureen McMahon, Dave Swezey, Dawn Skvarca, Bruce Vitcavich and Joe Jorgansen, Council Liaison. Kevin Boyle, Township Manager was also present to field some questions. Many residents were present with issues about PV Park

Minutes Approved As Written

PV Park Issues -- Bill Zickler opened the meeting by stating some financial facts and figures. Bill had prepared a financial statement for the board and also the Township council. Many of the issues discussed where, compensation, maintenance, overtime and fees. Some problems were also discussed about Swim team. Those include fees, member's families using the beach that are not members, side gate misused. Swim lessons should be members only. Over 430 children had taken the lessons last year. They should also have a substantial increase. Jan questioned us taking in only \$8,700 for Swim Team, why are we paying so much additional out for salaries. Denise explained that the Swim Team coaches were never taken out of the program, but always subsidized by the Township payroll.

PV Park Water quality -- Can we drain the lake to provide for a better quality. Clean all the debris near the bottom. Residents have offered their time and use of their dogs to help with the geese population. Joe Jorgensen asked if the position of the chlorine tank at PV Park could be receiving too much sunlight. He explained that it could possibly weaken the chlorine's effectiveness.

Badge Use -- The system of wearing the badges and checking them have gone by the way side. We need a better way of controlling non member usage. Some suggested that when the life guards are not in the chairs, they should check badges. Guard issues also came up. Many felt that there was too much down time. Could we reduce some guards or hours for better efficiency? People also commented on how well the guards reacted in an emergency situation. It is a large lake and if there is a child missing, many guards are needed.

Daily use at PV Park has always done well and continues to be strong. Losses over the years for operating expenses and annual membership are as follows: 2005 - \$15,000  
2006 - \$30,000  
2007 - \$40,000

Council decided on an across the board increase of 30 % on membership fees for PV Park and Woodland Lake.

Questions for Kevin included possibilities to apply for Grants or bonding for the proper repair of PV Park's dam. Kevin responded by saying bonding will cost the tax payers money in the long run. Grants are given to inner cities and poorer communities. This community does not fall into that description.

Council Report – A.T.V. for the Rangers was turned down. Although there were benefits to having it, the council was concerned with injury to Rangers and juveniles. Skateboard park is in limbo. More money needs to be raised. Pledges are in question.

Director's Report – Nothing to add.

Old Business – Master plan comments. Greenview Park will be the vocal point. We will be working on enhancing ever aspect of the park. Spray park for young children to use.

New Business – Environmental Committee cleanup on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Aquatic Park. Spring Guide is out. Greenview Park field will be ready to use in the Fall.

Individual Board Input- Dave Swezey mentioned that the Dog park is very muddy. Denise explained that Pea gravel is going down.

No Coorespondence

Adjourned – 9:50 pm