

MINUTES
Park Board Meeting
July 19, 2018

The Park Board meeting was held at the Conference room of the Administration Building and began at 11:00 a.m.

Those individuals in attendance were Marilyn Griesdorn, Ted Baltes, Chairman Todd Dammeyer, Brian Gehret, Kyle Francis, Lee Gehret, representing the Boys Baseball Association, and Village Administrator Rodd Hale. Connie Apple was absent.

A motion was made by Ted Baltes, seconded by Marilyn Griesdorn, to approve the agenda. Vote: all yeas. A motion was made by Marilyn Griesdorn, seconded by Ted Baltes, to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2018 meeting. Vote: all yeas.

Administrator Hale discussed the Darke County Parks Grant explaining the Village did receive a grant for \$2500 towards the artificial turf around the merry-go-round at Ward Park. While it was less than we had hoped to receive, all agree it still makes sense to complete the project.

Administrator Hale discussed the 2018 pool operations stating the Village will need to purchase a new picnic table because one of the current plastic tables has loos bolts and cannot be tightened correctly. Additionally, Hale commented the weather has been very hot which is good for pool attendance. The Village has noticed less water usage in the pool since adding the liner.

Discussion then turned to the Indian Creek Baseball diamond. Lee Gehret commented he and his father would like to do some work on the diamond and need access. It was agreed Mr. Gehret could get a padlock and we would allow him to hook it to our lock allowing him access. The work he would like to do involves removing the lip of grass around the outside edge of the infield. This should help with water drainage. Additionally, Mr. Gehret provided information and recommended some conditioner sand be added to the diamond to also help drainage. The expected cost would be around \$8500 and he asked if the village would be willing to donate \$5000 towards the project. We will consider the project and Lee will get additional information.

It was also discussed the diamond at Ward Park needs to have some conditioner and possibly a catch basin behind home plate. It was also discussed the turf behind home plate should be removed.

Comments were made regarding pickle ball which continues to grow in popularity.

Discussion regarding the benefit of installing a charcoal grill at Indian Creek Park was held and it was requested Administrator Hale check with Heather Luebke, coordinator of shelter house rentals, to see how often a request for a grill is made.

It was discussed we should not replace the shuffle board sticks when they become missing or broken.

With no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ted Baltes, seconded by Marilyn Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas.

Chairman

Village Administrator