

**MINUTES**  
**Park Board Meeting**  
**August 20, 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, Matt Magoto, representing the Boys Baseball Association, Chris Hecht, representing the Girls Youth Softball 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 July 19, 2018 meeting. Vote: all yeas.

Administrator Hale discussed the swimming pool stating things have been good this season. The new liner has helped significantly with water usage; however, it has created a learning curve for getting the chlorine level correct.

Discussion then turned to the Indian Creek Baseball diamond. Lee Gehret commented he has worked many tons of sand into the diamond. The future plan is to add three truckloads of fine sand and then add two truckloads of Washington Ball Field mix this fall and then next spring put on some crushed brick. Lee stated they are looking for \$5200 this spring from the Village to complete the tiling and dressing of the Indian Creek diamond. Marilyn Griesdorn made motion seconded by Ted Baltes, to recommend to council the Village provide \$5200 this year to help improve the Indian creek diamond.

Chris Hecht stated the plan for the Ward Park diamond #1 is to cut out some turf around the home plate area and possibly add a small catch basin behind home plate and then add some field dressing as needed. At this time the improvements for the Ward Park Diamonds is not expensive but some additional financial help may be needed in 2019.

As a solution to allow both organizations to take responsibility for maintaining the diamonds, it was discussed the Village should make a known amount available each year for diamond maintenance and then the organizations would match the amount and be able to create a budget and maintenance plan for all diamonds. It was discussed that for the Ward Park Diamonds #1 & #2 an amount of \$3000 annually should be appropriated and then invoices would be split as they come in. An amount of \$2000 should be made available annually for the Indian Creek diamond. This money would remain in a Village fund, but be appropriated for the specific purpose of providing funds to help maintain the diamonds. Leftover money from either organization, from year to year, will remain in the fund and be made available to the specific organization that did not use their share of funds. This will allow the groups to accumulate funds to make long range capital improvement plans without losing unspent money each year. The board does not want to create an annual use it or lose it situation.

As a condition of providing the annually budgeted amount, both a spring meeting and a fall meeting between village employees and youth baseball and softball representatives would be required to communicate plans of the diamond maintenance. Additionally, the village would require a three-year capital improvement/diamond maintenance plan to be on file from both organizations. This plan must

be updated annually and submitted to the Village for approval. A continuity plan must be in place within each organization so as coaches move out of the organization an understanding of the future plans are known.

A motion to recommend the above proposal to council was made by Marylin Griesdorn, seconded by Ted Baltes, Vote; all yeas

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

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Chairman

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Village Administrator