

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
May 14, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Sisk  
Ellen Bathje  
Cynthia Ducak(absent)  
Cheri Dory  
Jill McEvoy  
Mike Koeshall (absent)

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Chairman Sisk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee Member McEvoy moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Dory – All committee members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Chairman's Report:** Chairperson Sisk thanked Committee Member Bathje for her service. She reported that President Hettermann will be making new appointments as Committee Member Gough was also retiring from the committee and she is unsure about Committee Member Koeshall plans.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Running Brook Farms:** Chairperson Sisk reported there is \$47,000 available for park improvements in Running Brook Farms subdivision and the cost of a pavilion and pad is approximately \$23,000. She explained that she spoke with Tim Hartnett regarding the need for excavating and he will get back to her with the cost. Chairman Sisk stated that although there are different types of pavilions available she suggested that we pursue one uniform with the rest of the pavilions owned by the Village. She added that picnic tables will be needed and she would like to go with maintenance free tables instead of wood as wood is more costly long term. Committee Member McEvoy mentioned the other tables were built by public works employees and Chairperson Sisk agreed that is what may need to be done. Mr. Harnett suggested no lights at the park since they are supposed to close at dusk and this will save on electrical cost. The Committee agreed to also make plans for the playground and circuit, come up with a cost, then arrange a meeting with the residents so they can know what moneys will be applied to the pavilion and what will be left for the rest

of the park. Committee Member Sisk stated she would let Mr. Hartnett know to go forward with what has been discussed.

- **User Maintenance Agreement:** Chairperson Sisk reviewed the scheduling issues at Hiller Park concerning soccer and football with the committee. She suggested having all parties come in for a meeting if they cannot work it out between themselves.

Chairperson Sisk reported that she made corrections to the user agreement and will have Claudett and Marikay look it over, rewrite it and get it before the board. She reviewed the maintenance cost analysis and pointed out that Sunnyside Park is designated for all soccer with an annual maintenance cost of \$4,400. The cost of maintenance associated with Hiller Park calculates out as \$86 per event with 105 events scheduled at this time. Based upon the calculation, baseball would be responsible for \$2,580, soft ball for \$2,150, and soccer for \$4,300. The total cost associated with soccer for both Hiller Park and Sunnyside Park would be \$9,700. Chairperson Sisk asked if the committee wants to pursue this given what each team provides already. Committee Members agreed that the fields look great and they do not want the decision to hurt the kids in the sports. Committee Member Bathje suggested the Village pursue only a portion of the cost to minimize the impact on the teams. The Committee recommended that, if approved, the fees would start next season. The Committee discussed starting out slowly with a fee of \$25 per event and increase it as time goes on. The Committee remarked that the School District will also need to charge for field usage. Chairperson Sisk reported the next step is to present to the School District to get them on board with adding a fee. Committee Member Bathje suggested deducting the amount the organizations put into the fields from the fee and put a clause in that says cost of material will be deducted. The Committee expressed support if the School District is agreeable. Chairperson Sisk stated that she would like to get the user agreement in place before the fees.

- **Community sign:** Chairperson Sisk reported that she looked for a hard copy to bring in to show examples of community signs but she didn't have them available at this time. She reported most communities go with the same color lights but she would like to get something in different colors that are LED. Chairperson Sisk reported that ordinance prohibits the use of red lighting.
- **Hiller Park dugouts:** Chairperson Sisk reported that the roofs are on but the flashing needs to be completed.
- **Photo Contest:** Chairperson Sisk reported that the Photo contest will be advertised in the Summer Newsletter.
- **Next Meeting:** The Committee will meet again on June 11<sup>th</sup>. They agreed to begin discussing Meet and Greet Santa and Celebration in the Park. The Lions Club has expressed an interest in the Meet and Greet Santa event and would like to do it on a Sunday afternoon. A meeting will be set up with representatives of the Lions Club for further

discussion. Chairman Sisk reported that the Committee will not meet in July. Committee Member McEvoy agreed to keep in touch with the Lions Club. Chairperson Sisk stated that she will talk to Mad Bomber to get them booked and discuss wind challenges. The Committee discussed having the school put something out regarding the need for parent volunteers for the Meet and Greet Santa event. They would also like it put out an e-blast and include an article in the newsletter.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Committee Member McEvoy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Bathje. All committee members present voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marikay Gebis