

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

May 8, 2012

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Sisk

Ellen Bathje

Cynthia Ducak

Cheri Dory

Jill McEvoy

Rob Gough (absent)

Mike Koeshall (absent)

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Sisk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee Member Ellen Bathje moved to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Cheri Dory – All committee members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Halloween:** President Ed Hettermann was approached by an individual about the safety of Halloween trick or treating when it falls during the week. President Hettermann asked that the committee discuss the option of moving trick or treating to a weekend day. Chairman Sisk stated that at this time, there is not an ordinance pertaining to Halloween and before any decisions are to be made, it should be discussed with Police Chief Keith Von Allmen. Committee Member Ellen Bathje informed the committee that residents in Dutch Creek Woodlands organized an alternative weekend trick or treating last year. They were cautioned by the Village that if they had trick or treating on a night other than Halloween they may still be approached by children from other subdivisions on Halloween and they may also experience trick or treaters from different subdivisions on their alternate night of trick or treating. She also mentioned if Johnsburg does change their date it may encourage children from different communities to come to Johnsburg. There have been approximately three individuals in the village expressing concerns about safety. In the past, when the question of changing the date for trick or treating had been raised to the Village, it was decided to keep on it on Halloween consistent with the majority of other municipalities. It was acknowledged that most CAC committee members live in areas where there are not many trick or treaters and they are not greatly impacted by the situation. Janice Sisk said there are safety risks either day you do it and stated that if a change were to be made, it would need to be uniform. The last Saturday of the month was suggested and Chairman Sisk agreed that it may be a good idea and would obtain input from Chief Von Allmen.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Running Brook Farms Park:** Chairman Sisk stated she left a message with John Sieck's wife who stated that there may have already been plans for a park when the subdivision was started. Committee Member Bathje suggested going out and looking at the land which consists of about 6 acres.
- **Hiller Park Fields:** Chairman Sisk reported that the field plans are coming along good. She will be meeting with the school district to give a presentation on May 22, 2012. . There will be more information at the next meeting.
- **Hiller Park Dugouts:** Chairman Sisk has obtained some of the costs which will be approximately \$3,400 to 3,500 per field. She stated that both Showcase field and Mustang field may be able to be done at this time. She is trying to work with the Pigtail League but is waiting for an itemized list of costs from Bill Swartzloff . The cost to the Pigtail League may be higher because more fencing is needed. Bill Molidor said he will work on getting volunteers to work on the dugouts. Chairman Sisk will speak with Marikay Gebis to find out what the field schedules are and will coordinate the schedule to have the field worked on with Bill Swartzloff.
- **Concession stand:** There is a need to rewrite the contract for the concession stand so the sports organizations will be able to use it. As it is written now, it's set up so that someone can run it as a business. Member Jill McEvoy recommended having a student who is working towards a degree run the concession stand as an internship the only issue is when that student has to go back to school after summer break. Committee Member Jill McEvoy suggested they advertise a community booster club-purpose to benefit all the sports in the area. The CAC can oversee it and it would be run as a subcommittee. The various sports organizations could set up and run all fundraising through the subcommittee minimizing the amount of different fundraisers.
- **Rescue Squad Park:** The park and parking lot are on hold until roads are done. Utilities being done first.
- **Celebration in the Park:** Committee Member Jill McEvoy asked what the status is with Celebration in the Park. Chairman Sisk stated that it would be handled the same way it was last year. The storage bins will be gone through and it will be determined what is needed for this year. The Johnsbury Men's Club has already been contacted and will be used again this year to provide hotdogs. Celebration in the Park will be held on October 6, 2012 and the Committee will be discussing it on a regular basis going forward. Committee Member Cynthia Ducak suggested inviting a group of special education children from Johnsbury to help with popcorn or games since they love to give back to the community.
- **Eagle Scouts:** Drew is scheduled to do the bench at Sunnyside Memorial Park. He has been coordinating with Bill Swartzloff and it will be taking place on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with a rain date during Memorial Day weekend.

## 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 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marikay Gebis