

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
October 11, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Janice Sisk
Jill McEvoy
Cindy Ducak
Ellen Bathje

The Village Engineer – Tim Hartnett

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Sisk brought the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all Committee Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2011 meeting was made by committee member Jill McEvoy and seconded by committee member Cindy Ducak.

OLD BUSINESS

• **FIELD USES**

Tim Hartnett gave a presentation on the field uses and open spaces available within the Village. Tim's presentation included a history, exhibits, costs, schedules and some options that would be available for football, baseball and soccer. The goal of this committee would be to have a recommendation to move forward to the Village Board with. Tim will do a similar presentation at the village board meeting and get the consensus of that board and then move forward with the school district and possibly the township so we can finally give some clear and definitive direction to the organizations. The different organizations would then know where the Village stands and where the funding will come from. This will help all the different groups work together. Tim then went on to explain all of the different meetings that have been going on in the last few months with the school district, township, and village. There was discussion about contracted services that may be necessary to take care of the facilities and fields, and user's fees. It was decided that a packet of information, which would include a proposal, cost, and some type of schedule, would be present to the Board at their November 1st meeting. The recommendations that this committee is planning on bring before the board are as follows:

- Support berm relocation at the Mustang/Bronco Fields
- Support skimming of inside of the baseball fields at Hiller to make for multi age playing
- Support relocation of path for baseball fields at Hiller
- Support seeding of current Youth Football field – working with Dist. 12 and Football Org.
- Support Drainage of Jr. High Soccer and Baseball Fields
- Support a handicap path at Jr. High fields
- Support creating gravel parking lot behind transportation building near Hiller working with Dist. 12 and Sports Organizations

- Support creating an ordinance for field use fees or a maintenance agreement with Dist. 12, Sports Organizations and Village of Johnsburg
- Publish the use of the Concession Stand at Hiller Park
- Long term goal to support the 17 acres parcel to the east of Hiller Park which would support multiple football and soccer fields along with additional baseball fields. Research the possibility of a land swap with the 17 acres on Solon Road.

Social Affairs Re Cap on Celebration in the Park.

All committee members have put forth their recommendations for next year. Committee members agreed that it was one of the best celebrations yet. This was due to all the volunteers, CARES and the high school football team members were greatly appreciated. Some of the suggestions for next year were more lights for games and a time set for the cut off of tickets sales.

Village Holiday Gathering

The date is Friday December 9th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. at the village hall board room. After discussion it was decided that Santa and Mrs. Claus would be in the hall board room and the children would visit with Santa, have a treat and then make an ornament to hang on the tree. There would then be a lighting of the Christmas tree in the park. At next month's meeting committee members will be given their assignments.

NEW BUSINESS

Leads on Projects

Mike Koeshall has told Chairman Sisk that he would be willing to take the lead on the dug outs at Hiller Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by committee member McEvoy, and seconded by committee member Cindy Ducak. All committee members present voting aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen M Bathje