

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
August 23, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Janice Sisk
Mike Koeshall
Cindy Ducak
Ellen Bathje
Cherri Dory

Also Present: Chief Von Allmen

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Sisk brought the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2011 meeting was made by committee member Cindy Ducak and seconded by committee member Jill McEvoy.

SECURITY CAMERAS

Chief Von Allmen presented the committee with a hand out on security cameras. Chief Von Allmen reported that there have been two major incidents at Hiller Park both of which have been resolved with the help of the security cameras that are in place. The Chief feels that the surveillance system is a deterrent as well as a sense of security for residents. The system that the Chief is looking at is an eight camera wireless system. There is a possibility to expand on this system and perhaps set one up at the boat launch in the future as well at the front of the Village Hall. The life expectance on the system is around five years. The cost would be for the system only with the installation being done in house. Chairman Sisk then reported that the light at Sunnyside Park will be left on at night. Chief Von Allmen asked our committee to consider vandal free picnic tables in the future.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS UPDATE (CELEBRATION IN THE PARK)

Committee member Jill McEvoy reported that Rohm Haas has offered to do all the food for our event, this would include all the paper products, and the people to serve and take care of the food. Rohm Haas does not want any money and would like to offer the food for free. McEvoy suggested that a bucket be placed at the food tent asking for donations that would go 100% towards the fireworks. There was then discussion from the whole committee about putting jugs around town at the different businesses asking for donations for fireworks. Chairman Sisk offered to take the lead on this. After some discussion the decision was made to ask for pork, chicken and hot dogs to be served. McEvoy will ask if they will serve pop and water. Cindy Ducak will take care of popcorn. T Shirts and Sweatshirts will be sold; Janice Sisk will bring a tent to sell the shirts from. Cherri Doryl offered to man the booth for water and T Shirts. Stade

will again provide the corn stalks and we will tie them up with orange and yellow ribbons, everyone agreed that they looked good last year. The signs will be ordered within the next two weeks for publicity, and they will be distributed to all the businesses in town. Flyers will be handed out at the Johnsbury Schools. Cindy Ducak reported on the children's games, She had several ideas and her question was how much money does she have to spend on prizes. There was then discussion about several different types of games and that tickets will be sold at the water and t shirt table for the games. Cindy will bring a list of all the games and the prizes to the next meeting. Parking will be taken care of by the Police Department. We will need more generators for the picnic area and one for the parking lot. Extra generators are needed along with extra gas. The next newsletter will suggest that families can make donations for the fireworks. The band contract is done and mailed out. Waste Management will be contacted about the extra dumpster and garbage bins. Ed Rental will be asked to set up at 12:30. Everyone on the committee will stay for clean-up.

PARK USES

Chairman Sisk reported on the meeting she had with the School District and the Township regarding available space. The results of the meeting were that everyone needs to work very close together, the school, the village and the different leagues. The space is very limited with the Township. There was discussion about scheduling and maintenance. There was some discussion about coming up with a universal software program for scheduling that the High School and the village could both use together. Also talked about was Mustang field and perhaps making that a larger field like Showcase. Mount Hope was talked about, committee member Mike Koeshall stated that it was not a good idea to use those fields as they charge quite a bit for the cutting of the fields. Bush School was also brought up, they have taken out their baseball fields, and this will be discussed with Dan Johnson at a meeting after the start of school along with the use of the space behind where the High School keeps the buses.

It was also brought up that as a committee we will need to discuss a plan for the implementation of a charge for the use of the baseball fields for the year 2011/2012. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Chairman Sisk has put together a letter that will be addressed to all of the boys and girls organizations stating that we would be very interested in their community service and the beautification of the parks. Committee member McEvoy had a resident call and asks if they could help with the up keep of the trees and plantings in the parks. Chairman Sisk was going to check on the liability issue.

DUG OUTS AT HILLER

Bill Schwartloff has given chairman Sisk an updated cost for construction of the dug outs. Committee member Koeshall brought up the design of the storage units behind the dug outs itself, he was concerned about security of the dugouts and would the police be able to see what is going on in the dugout. Chairman Sisk will discuss the security issue with Chief Von Allmen.

FUNDRAISING

Chairman Sisk handed out some information showing different fundraising venues that we might discuss at a later date. The funds would be used for some of the upkeep and new projects for the different parks.

Chairman Sisk will have buckets made up and distributed throughout the village at the different businesses asking for donations towards the fireworks.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sisk handed out a copy of the ordinance that has been made up for use of the parks, she asked for the committee members to read it over. All members agreed that it was good to go. It will be brought up to the board and voted on.

There is "Static Planning" being done at the board level. They have come up with six points. They want to create a shared vision for the village as a whole, they want to launch better community education, develop four distinct marketing and developing areas, they want to meet the expectations of the changing demographics as things change, cultivate a home town spirit, and to address the economy, taxes, and funding. As a board these areas will be worked on, with the help of all the committee.

Another point that has been brought up by the board is the calendar of events on our web site. This area will have to be coordinated and worked on by our committee.

The parks are looking great, the mulching is done, and sand will be delivered for the volleyball courts.

There will be a park dedication at the lift station near the bridge on September 10th at 2:00 PM. This park will be named after Francis Schmitt, the family that donated the land for the lift station. All members of the committee are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting will be September 13th at 7:00 PM and there will be a wrap up meeting for Celebration in the Park scheduled for September 27th at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Sisk announced that Ed Haag will no longer be on this committee and she welcomed Cherri Dory.

ADJOURNMENT

Jill McEvoy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM seconded by Cindy Ducak. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Bathje

