

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
September 13, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Janice Sisk
Rob Gough
Jill McEvoy
Cindy Ducak
Ellen Bathje
Cherri Dory

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 August 23, 2011 meeting as corrected was made by committee member Jill McEvoy and seconded by committee member Cindy Ducak.

OLD BUSINESS

Social Affairs Update on Celebration in the Park.

Chairman Sisk guided the committee through several points that will need attention before The Celebration in the Park. Each committee member then went over their responsibilities and what they are working on. Members of the C.A.R.E.S. committee from the Johnsburg High School were present and offered their help with the children's games. Final plans will be discussed at the September 27th meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sisk reported that the park shelter ordinance ad a first read at the board meeting last week and will be voted on September 20th.

There were a few questions regarding the liability insurance and liquor license but looks like the ordinance should get a positive vote.

Under Local Clubs Chairman Sis reported that a invitation letter was sent to the local Boys and Girls Organizations and we have already received an interested party. Drew, a local Boy Scout, is looking for an Eagle Project and he is presenting his papers to add a park bench to Sunnyside Park, as well as, possibly refurbishing the ones already at the park.

On Saturday, September 10th the Francis Schmitt Park was dedicated to the Schmitt Family as they donated the land for the lift station. It was a beautiful afternoon and many members of the board and the community were there to celebrate with the Schmitt Family.

Chairman Sisk spoke to Keith VonAllmen briefly about cameras at Sunnyside and Mike Koeshall's concerns regarding the design of the dugouts and possible issues with security. We will have to further discuss this project.

Val Junken was contacted by chairman Sisk; she handles the PTO Calendars for the School District. She is willing to work with the committee on swapping of information for each other's event scheduling on our perspective calendars.

The Board is planning a visionary meeting on September 29th and committee members were encouraged to attend. This meeting will take place at the Village Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Member McEvoy brought up the Christmas Party and though we should reconsider the December 3rd date for this event, she feels that too much goes on in the village on that week end. Chairman Sisk will look into the other dates in December and we will discuss it further at our next meeting on September 27th.

Maria Groves, representing the Johnsbury Jayhawk Football league, was present in the audience and asked if anything has been done further on the field usages. Chairman Sisk explained that there will be a meeting planned in the future and the drainage and field use will be discussed. Bill Molidor, from the JBBL baseball league, was also present and questioned why things are taking so long after meetings that took earlier in January. Mr. Molidor talked about the showcase field and asked if the 80 foot base pegs that were removed during some maintenance will be replaced. Chairman Sisk explained that she has been getting herself up dated since the elections and has met with both Claudett Peters and Dan Johnson at the school District and the Township, trying to get some plans that can be put in place. Chairman Sisk then explained to both Bill Molidor and Maria Groves that the plans will more than likely be a compromise, each team will probably not get everything that they want. One of the first things that has to be looked into is the grant that was given to develop Hiller Park, this is something she will have to meet with Claudett Peters about. Chairman Sisk also agreed that there needs to be a specific plan that will show the needs of the different athletic programs as well as available space within our parks, and that is one of the goals of this committee. A meeting will be set up.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by committee member McEvoy, and seconded by committee member Rob Gough. All committee members present voting aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen M Bathje