

Lawrence Park Recreation Board

7:00 p.m.

January 5, 2014

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Corey Bartlett, Tom Roberts, Jean Rodemaker and Jim Van Dyne were present. It was determined that as Tom Brown and Steve Cabaday were not renewed as members of the board and that new members have not been appointed that those present, other than Al Gesler who was in Minnesota, constituted the entirety of the board and, as such, fulfilled a quorum. Corey Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Tom Roberts moved and Jim Van Dyne seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the last Recreation Board meeting of November 2013.

Tom Roberts moved that the Recreation Board structure should remain the same in 2014 as it has been, Jim Van Dyne seconded and the motion was unanimous.

Jean Rodemaker said she understands that there is a school board member who wants to be appointed to the recreation board but the school board has not yet acted on it. Jim Van Dyne, pointed out that there are two seats reserved for the school board and the board will be incomplete until both school board seats are filled. Van Dyne also noted that the school board had a practice in recent years of appointing a student to one of the seats to fulfil a student's public service requirements but that program ended and the school board never filled the second seat after that. The two seats were reserved for the Iroquois school board when the Recreation Board was created because of the involvement of School property in recreation events. Van Dyne suggested that he might attend a school board meeting to broach the subject.

Jean Rodemaker announced that Gazebo concerts are tentatively scheduled for 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6 and 8/25. Bands for the concerts are already scheduled and she said that various bands have already been contacting her to get dates. Three street dances are scheduled with a possibility of scheduling a 4th if there is enough interest. These dates are June 13, July 3rd and August 8.

The board reached a consensus that the parks would open June 9th and close August 9th with the last day being August 8 giving 9 weeks for the parks program. Jean Rodemaker said she wants to try to have a family film night on July 25th at Curtis Park.

The Recreation Board annual park walk through will be April 26 at 9am.

Jim Van Dyne moved adjournment and Tom Roberts seconded. Corey Bartlett closed the meeting at 8:25pm.

Lawrence Park Township Recreation Board

February 2, 2014

No February meeting

## **LAWRENCE PARK RECREATION BOARD**

7:40 p.m.

March 2, 2014

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Chairman Corey Bartlett called the meeting to order 7:40pm due to the late arrival of enough members to constitute a quorum. Present were Mr. Bartlett, Jean Rodemaker, Rick Hess, Al Gesler with Mr. Roberts acting as secretary. Secretary James Van Dyne arrived late at 7:48pm and took over secretary duties.

Motion was entered to approve minutes of January 5 minutes by Mr. Roberts with second by Mr. Gesler, approval was unanimous.

Mr. Rick Hess was introduced as the new representative appointed from the Iroquois School Board. It was also noted that Mr. Gesler and Mr. Brown were also reappointed by the township commissioners.

Ms. Rodemaker announced that bands have been chosen for the 2014 Gazebo concerts:

June, 11 Jesse and the Greyhounds

June 25 R & M

July 9 Doggone Good Band

July 23 Poets & Thieves

August 6 Loose Change

August 20 Generic Grass

Ms Rodemaker also announced that there will definitely be a movie night this summer, date and time to be announced later. She said she will begin to hire staff the second week in May and expressed regret that she cannot possibly hire all the good candidates from the township. She also said the parade applications have been sent out. She announced that the Parade committee has invited the new county sherriff to be the parade marshall and have all his units in the parade.

Mr. Bartlett asked about the progress of the planning for a party on Main Street for the Fourth of July this year, Ms. Rodemaker reported that she had learned that there won't be a party on Main Street this year.

Mr. Bartlett raised the issue of the street dances and Ms. Rodemaker confirmed that there are three planned and the board discussed issues with Mr. Hess concerning having access to restrooms inside the school. Mr. Hess is going to check with the Iroquois administration but expressed his feeling that the new school superintendant may be more open to negotiating use of the school restrooms.

Mr. Bartlett went over the calendar for the next several months and advised of the park walk-through inspection by the board on April 26.

Jim Van Dyne moved to adjourn and Tom Roberts seconded. The meeting closed at 8:38pm

LAWRENCE PARK RECREATION BOARD

April 7, 2014

7:30 p.m.

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Meeting was opened 7:37 pm by Chairman Corey Bartlett. Present were Commissioner Jean Rodemaker, Mr. Bartlett, Tom Roberts, Kathy Maruca and Jim Van Dyne.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Bartlett seconded acceptance of March meeting minutes and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Rodemaker announced that she is hiring playground staff in two weeks from the list of people who contacted her expressing interest. She said she had enough to fill the positions and "still disappoint" some remaining. She also said she is adding a maintenance position to the program. She intends to have a movie night at the end of the season. She said the bands for concerts at the Gazebo are set as well as the D.J.s for the street dances.

It was noted that planning for the Fourth of July Parade is on hold until the replies to invitations to the Parade come back.

The next meeting is 9 am on Saturday April 26 at the Boat Ramp for the walk through of the parks.

Mr. Van Dyne moved adjournment, Mr. Roberts seconded and with unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Lawrence Park Township  
Minutes of Recreation Board meeting 5/4/14

The Board met Sunday night May 4, 2014. Present were Al Gesler, Tom Roberts, Richard Hess, Commissioner Jean Rodemaker, Chairman Corey Bartlett and Secretary Jim Van Dyne. Mr. Bartlett opened the meeting at 7:34.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Gesler seconded a motion to accept the April minutes, the vote was unanimous.

The board briefly discussed the park walk through Saturday April 26th. Tom Roberts, Corey Bartlett, Jean Rodemaker, Al Gesler and Jim Van Dyne attended. The board began at the boat ramp, toured Lake Cliff Park, then Napier Park with Curtis Playground and finished with the tennis courts and volley ball courts off Nagle Road as well as having a look at the ball fields. Notes were made by Jean Rodemaker of repairs needed to various pieces of equipment.

Mrs. Rodemaker also announced that she has put benches and flower pots on Main Street and pointed out that each bench was placed beneath a street lamp. She said they will be bolted to the sidewalks in the near future.

Mrs. Rodemaker said she is on track to opening the Curtis and Lake Cliff playgrounds on time. She has interviewed prospective playground personnel and has a tentative roster in the works. She also noted that the particularly bad winter is necessitating equipment repairs but that these are on schedule as well. All dates for the concerts and street dances were established in April's meeting and all are set.

Mr. Van Dyne moved adjournment and Mr. Roberts seconded; vote was unanimous and the meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

## **Minutes for the Recreation Board meeting Sunday June 1, 2014.**

**Recreation Board members Al Gesler, Tom Roberts, Rich Hess, Tom Brown, Cathy Maruca and Jim Van Dyne arrived before Chairman Corey Bartlett. Also in attendance was Jan Cabaday, Fourth of July planner and resident Will Crotty.**

**Prior to meeting being called to order, Mrs. Cabaday advised that only 15 parade applications have been received to date and that things worked better last year in this respect when we had a hard deadline. She promised the board to have an alphabetical list of all parade units as well as a line-up prepared by July 4th. Since she had other commitments, she left before the arrival of Chairman Bartlett.**

**Corey Bartlett arrived 7:36 pm and opened the meeting.**

**Al Gesler motioned that the minutes of the May meeting be approved and Ms. Maruca seconded, the vote was unanimous.**

**Mr. Gesler announced that there is a free day on June 21st at the Tri-Community pool at the YMCA on Nagle Road in Harborcreek. Those taking advantage of this free day should have I.D. with them showing that they are residents.**

**Ms. Maruca advised that she is starting a "Pick-Up" Volley ball program beginning June 16th, for Monday nights 7pm to 10pm for ninth graders through 19-year-olds at the sand courts off Nagle Road. She asked about reserving the courts and posting a sign so that there would not be problems during that time. She was advised to contact the township office to reserve that night. She also noted that Danny Smith has plans to run a volley ball league play on Wednesday nights.**

**Jean Rodemaker arrived at 7:55 following a meeting regarding playground staff.**

**Tom Roberts asked whether or not the grass mowing contract included the back of the ball fields off Nagle Road, Mrs. Rodemaker said she was certain it did. He advised her that the contractor has not gotten the grass back there, Mrs. Rodemaker said she'd make sure it was taken care-of.**

**Discussion of the July 4th parade ensued. Mr. Gesler asked that Mrs. Rodemaker have the Lawrence Park police notified that during and following**

**the parade that the parking lot in front of the school has to be two-ways in order to allow for dispersing the parade. She said this could be done.**

**Plans for the board's next meeting to actually be setting up the parade in the High School parking lot at 9am the morning of July 4th.**

**Several present asked about movie night at Curtis Park and Mrs. Rodemaker said plans were firm for July 25th at dusk. There was some discussion about hot dogs and popcorn and Mrs. Rodemaker advised that there was no provision for food in the recreation budget this year but a grill can be set up and attendees can bring their own food to grill. She also said that she thinks that several microwave ovens can be set-up for popcorn.**

**Tom Roberts moved adjournment, Rick Hess seconded and the meeting ended at 8:37pm.**

## **Lawrence Park Recreation Board Minutes 8/3/2014**

**Present: Al Gesler, Tom Roberts, Corey Bartlett, Jean Rodemaker and Jim Van Dyne**

**Chairman Corey Bartlett opened the meeting at 7:40pm.**

**Al Gesler moved that the June Minutes be accepted and Tom Roberts seconded, motion was unanimous.**

**Corey Bartlett said that all the comments he hears were that the July Fourth parade and festivities were good. Jean Rodemaker said this was largely true but that she had quite a number of complaints that there was at least one fire truck that violated the instructions to not run their siren a block before and a block after the nursing home. She said there was at least one resident who was extremely outraged over this. Various ideas were discussed to get better compliance in light of the very ill people at Twin Brook.**

**Mrs Rodemaker announced that the final street dance of 2014 will be August 8 and that there has been good attendance this year.**

**Ms Rodemaker noted that attendance at the Wednesday night concerts has nearly tripled and attributes that increase to the difference in the bands being scheduled. She said the bands this year are more up-beat and even some of the nursing home people are dancing to the music.**

**Tom Roberts moved adjournment, Al seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:07pm**



LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION BOARD  
September 6, 2014

Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Lawrence Park Recreation Board  
Sunday October 4, 2014

Al Gesler, Rich Hess, Tom Roberts, Corey Bartlett and Jim Van Dyne attended.

Mr. Bartlett called the meeting to order 7:35.

As there was no September meeting, The minutes of the August meeting were passed. Al Gesler moved their acceptance, Tom Roberts seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bartlett noted Mrs. Rodemaker's absence and said he had little business himself.

Mr. Hess noted there was some discussion in the community about leveling the gas station to make room for some sort of teen club along the lines of the former Parker's Haven. It was noted during the discussion that the gas station is owned by the Circle K.

Al Gesler moved that the meeting adjourn and Mr. Hess seconded. The meeting closed at 7:53 pm.

Lawrence Park Township  
Recreation Board  
December 7, 2014  
7:30 p.m.

Mr. Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Present were Corey Bartlett, Tom Roberts, Al Gesler and Jim Van Dyne.

Tom Roberts moved acceptance of the minutes of the October meeting as there had been no meeting in November when attendance fell short of a quorum. Al Gesler seconded and the minutes were unanimously accepted without discussion.

There was brief discussion of the board's activities of 2014. Tom Roberts noted that the first street dance of 2015 will be held on a Friday night as the Fourth of July falls on a Saturday. The members agreed they were not ready to begin planning for the 2015 parade.

Tom Roberts moved adjournment, Al Gesler seconded and on a unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 7:42.

Jim Van Dyne