

Lawrence Park Recreation board met Sunday January 4. Present were Corey Bartlett, Kathy Maruca, Jean Rodemaker, Tom Roberts and Jim Van Dyne. Chairman Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

Tom Roberts moved to accept the minutes of the December meeting with the amendment that the first street dance of the year is to be June 12. Ms. Maruca seconded and the minutes were accepted unanimously with the correction.

Tom Roberts moved that all the board members remain the same, Ms Maruca seconded and the motion carried unanimously with the only discussion being that Mr. Bartlett unsuccessfully sought a volunteer for Chairman.

Mrs. Maruca asked Mrs. Rodemaker if it would be possible to have a second movie night added to the park programs earlier in the summer. Mrs. Rodemaker and other members of the board pointed out that the sun set so late early in the summer that a movie shown outdoor in the park could not start until much later than desired and would result in running way too late for young children. Additionally, Mrs. Rodemaker pointed out that the township must get the rights to show the movie and, depending on the studio which held the rights, this will cost \$200-plus dollars or more.

Mrs. Rodemaker announced the parks program schedule:

April 25th, Recreation Board does a walk-through the parks beginning at 9am at the Boat Launch. This will also constitute the May meeting.

May 11; Mrs. Rodemaker will begin interviewing for summer staff.

May 25: Memorial Day Services

June 8: Parks and park programs open

June 11: "Halloween Party" for the parks program

June 12: First Street Dance

June 17: First Gazebo Concert

June 26: Campfire at Napier Park

July 1: 2nd Gazebo Concert

July 3: 2nd Street Dance

July 4: Fourth of July festivities--parade & fireworks

July 15: 3rd Gazebo Concert

July 24: campfire at Lake Cliff playground

July 29: 4th Gazebo Concert

July 31: Napier playground campfire

August 7: Final Street dance & possible closing of parks programs; she explained that this depends on several factors as to the timing of closing the parks programs

August 12: last Gazebo Concert.

Mrs. Rodemaker said she hopes to have a movie night but the date is up in the air, August 14 is possible and she is not sure, yet, when school will reopen for the fall sessions. Right now, she said she is looking at August 14.

Tom Roberts motioned adjournment, Mrs. Maruca seconded, vote was unanimous and the meeting closed at 8:07pm

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP

RECREATION BOARD

February 1, 2015

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

## March 1, 2015 Recreation Board Meeting

Richard Hess, Jean Rodemaker, Tom Roberts, Al Gesler, Corey Bartlett and Jim Van Dyne were present. Jim Van Dyne reported that he'd received an email from Tom Brown stating that he'd been working 3rd shift including Sunday nights for some time but that this would be changing and he could again be attending meetings. Others said they'd gotten the same email.

Mr. Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Tom Roberts said the January minutes should be corrected to the extent that his motion about the Recreation Board reorganization was only that the chairmanship should remain the same and that any implication that he had moved that the membership remain the same was beyond his authority. He moved the minutes be amended and so accepted and Al Gesler seconded his motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bartlett said he'd noted the storey in the Times News about the township park program. Mrs. Rodemaker thank him.

Mr. Bartlett said planning for the concerts and dances were mentioned in January. Mrs. Rodemaker said she'd have more information in April.

Mrs. Rodemaker said she sent the July Fouth parade applications out to prosepective participants. She also remarked that for Memorial day, she would like to see a veteran as a speaker or the widow of a veteran.

Tom Roberts moved adjournment and Al Gesler seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

## Lawrence Park Recreation Board annual Spring Park inspection walk-through

April 25, 9am. Corey Bartlett, Tom Roberts and Jim Van Dyne met at the Lawrence Park Boat Ramp . Township maintenance Man, Ron Taylor showed up at the boat ramp but said he had other responsibilities at the ball field and was just checking in with us. He asked us to give him a to-do list and he would get at the issues.

### Boat Ramp--

Before Ron Taylor left, it was discussed that he would cut-back the brush to allow better surveillance of the area by police and to clean up some trash that had accumulated over the winter. Recreation board members noted beach erosion was minimal due to ice-dune formation during the winter.

### Lake Cliff Park--

It was noted that there were no garbage cans for anyone using the park to put their trash into with the result that there was trash in the park. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Bartlett noted a need for more playground equipment as a result of the removal of old, dangerous equipment but a delay in the installation of new equipment. On the oldest remaining pieces of equipment, there remains a damaged tunnel which is about six feet off the ground that was slated for replacement last year and of which we had been informed that we had the replacement section in storage at the township garage. Additionally it was noted that a slide on this piece is now damaged and could be dangerous. It was also noted that the mulch which was used as a cushioning material around the equipment has been weathered away and needs to be replaced. Erosion has occurred under the equipment and landscape fabric is exposed. Board members noted that all picnic tables are intact and present and still chained to the facilities. There is only a few instances of graffiti this year.

### Curtis Park--

Trash is scattered in this park too although there are trash cans here. Board member Tom Roberts noted that the construction on the park renovation program is also halted here. Both Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Roberts noted the deterioration of the two storage sheds in this park but Mr. Bartlett also reflected that the sheds will be unnecessary once the renovation is complete. Curtis park seems loaded with small fallen tree branches as a result of the fierce storms this winter. Landscape fabric is again showing beneath playground equipment and much needs to be replaced around most of the equipment due to erosion. Some graffiti was seen by not much compared to prior years. Board members noted the lack of equipment for younger children due to the halt in the renovation program. As in Lake Cliff Park, the picnic tables were all in place and show no signs of vandalism. Mr. Van Dyne noted that the vandalism seen this year is far less than previous years and Mr. Bartlett said vandalism goes in cycles. Mr. Van Dyne noted that the South side of the metal roof on the Curtis Park building needs repaired before weather related damage occurs.

Recreation Board ended the tour after the review of Curtis Park.

List for Mr. Taylor:

1. Cut back brush on East edge of Boat Ramp parking area and around the grove of trees on the South end of the parking area.
2. remove trash in the boat ramp area.
3. remove trash in Lake Cliff Park and put out trash cans. Remove fallen debris from trees.
4. Obliterate or remove graffiti on playground equipment both in Lake Cliff playground and Curtis Park.
5. place new mulch around playground equipment in both parks and bury landscape fabric.
6. inspect roof of Curtis Park playground building and evaluate as to whether or not you can effect a repair.

## Lawrence Park Recreation Board June 2015 Minutes

Present: Chairman Corey Bartlett, Al Gesler, Tom Roberts, Tom Brown, Jean Rodemaker and Jim Van Dyne and guest Jan Cabaday.

Mr. Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The last regular meeting minutes were from March. Tom Roberts moved and Jim Van Dyne seconded the acceptance of the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Jan Cabaday, police secretary is the volunteer who is organizing the July 4 parade. She will have the charts done before July fourth laying out the parade in the high school parking lot prior to the start of the parade. Discussion included where to put the equestrian participants, the police departments, the registration table, and the use of the front driveway of the school for kids being dropped-off.

Mrs. Rodemaker confirmed that the park program will open June 15 with the exception that the Lake Cliff playground will be closed and that there will be no summer program there because of the construction program on the Lake Cliff park. She said all Lake Cliff children will be welcome to participate at the Curtis Park summer program in the Napier Avenue playground. This may be revisited if the construction at Lake Cliff ends early, she may shift some staff to Lake Cliff. As of now, the construction is expected to last until the end of July. She added that there will be no further construction in Curtis Park this season. She said the bike parade will likely start at the park at the corner of East Lake Road and Joliet Avenue instead of the Lake Cliff playground due to the construction.

Mrs. Rodemaker announced that the first concert will be June 17 with Loose Change playing in the Gazebo. The first Street Dance will be Friday June 12 in the Elementary School parking lot. She announced that she and the DJ are planning a special event at the third and final dance of the summer on August 7--a "color dance" featuring packets of colored corn starch. She confessed that they have not yet planned how to clean-up following the event but that this will be cleaned up.

Tom Roberts moved for adjournment Tom Brown seconded and the meeting ended at 7:57pm.

## **Lawrence Park Recreation Board Minutes**

The Recreation Board met Sunday October 4. Present were Jean Rodemaker, commissioner, Albert Gesler, Tom Brown, Tom Roberts and Jim Van Dyne.

In the absence of Chairman Corey Bartlett, Jim Van Dyne chaired the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:36 pm.

Tom Roberts moved acceptance of June 2015 minutes. This was the most recent of the Recreation Board meetings to have minutes. Tom Brown seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Mrs. Rodemaker reported on the progress with the parks project. The final acceptance of the Lake Cliff trail project by the DCNR is still pending and any further projects must await the final approval. This is due to the fact that grant for the project is still open pending final adjustment.

Mrs. Rodemaker said that final approval will allow the township to move forward with grant applications to make improvements at Napier Park, particularly parking and handicap access as well as additional playground equipment for both Curtis and Lake Cliff parks.

Mrs. Rodemaker also reported that Township committee for Halloween and Christmas have set Trick or Treat night on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>, to begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm with hot dogs to be given out prior to trick or treating after an afternoon Halloween parade.

Tom Roberts moved adjournment and Tom Brown seconded followed by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.



No Minutes for 11/1/2015 Recreation Board: No quorum was achieved. Corey Bartlett, chairman, Tom Roberts and Jim Van Dyne attended. Meeting cancelled by Chairman Bartlett at 7:55 for lack of a quorum.

The Recreation Board met Sunday December 6. Present were Chairman Corey Bartlett, Tom Roberts, Al Gesler, councilwoman Jean Rodemaker and secretary Jim Van Dyne. Mr. Bartlett opened the meeting at 7:36pm.

Tom Roberts moved and Al Gesler seconded the acceptance of the October minutes as written. They were accepted unanimously.

Mr. Bartlett said he had very little on his agenda.

Jim Van Dyne noted that neither of the two Iroquois School District representatives have attended a meeting in six months or more. School Board members have been notified that their representatives have not been attending.

Jean Rodemaker advised that Main Street Holiday decorations are not yet up because Lawrence Park is waiting for Harborcreek's bucket truck to be available to hang the decorations. She also asked if there were anyplace to park the school busses during the fourth of July parade other than in the Elementary School horseshoe-parking lot where they interfere with the dance the night before the Fourth of July. Discussions concluded that the G.E. parking lots on the Lawrence Parkway might be the best place for them.

Ms Rodemaker also advised that, although the summer street dances have been getting more popular, that, due to budgetary cuts, the dances may be reduced to two in 2016. One of the dances will definitely be a color dance as the color dance was so successful last August.

It was noted that there was no meeting in November due to a lack of a quorum. Mr. Bartlett said that meetings every month were really not needed. It was decided that meetings were only needed in January, March, April and a walk through on the last Saturday in April, June, July's meeting being the setting up of the parade the morning of July 4th, a meeting in August and then a recess until the end of the year.

Tom Roberts moved adjournment, Al Gesler seconded, the vote unanimous and Mr. Bartlett closed the meeting at 8:22 pm.