

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
MARCH 30, 2010**

A meeting of the Parks Committee was held this date at 7:15 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road, Chairperson McMahon presiding.

Call to Order. The following committee members were present: Chairperson Bob McMahon; Members Jim Anhalt, Mark Eisenberg, Del Houghton, Mike Lee and Pat Mazzanti - 6. Absent: Member Ron Kopke - 1. Also present for the Village were Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk; Judy Olson, Village Treasurer; Matt Wittum, Public Works Crew Leader and Trent Turner, Building and Zoning Officer.

Approval of the February 23, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Member Houghton moved, seconded by Member Mazzanti to approve the February 23, 2010 meeting minutes. All in Favor: Ayes – 6, Nays – none. On voice vote the motion carried.

New Business.

Discuss Thelen Park Grand Opening. The grand opening is scheduled for June 5th with the exact times yet to be determined. RBBA is planning many of the festivities for the daylong event, starting with a parade of athletes which will start at Scot Forge. There may be floats and a contest for best float. There will be official openings of the fields with first pitches on the small and large baseball fields. Mrs. Bunny Thelen will cut the grand opening ribbon and throw a first pitch. Plans also include a band or two, food, skateboarding competitions and possible skate gear vendors. The Richmond Spring Grove Soccer Association will also help out that day. Another meeting about the grand opening will be held on April 7th at the village.

RBBA is building two block dugouts as the cost for the bricks is very reasonable. Any money raised by RBBA at the grand opening will also go towards the cost of the dugouts. Discussion ensued about the placement of the new dugouts. A portion of the fence may have to be moved.

Craig Workinger will design and build a ramp as an addition to the skate park. The Village has about \$2,500 in the account with monies raised by fundraising which can be used for the materials. Mr. Workinger will also be contacting Knoll Steel or Scot Forge about donating ground rails to the skate park.

Member Eisenberg said Mark Godonis has the football goal posts fabricated and will need help with installation. His name will be added to the Wall of Fame.

Public Comment. Randy Vinyard with RBBA said the baseball grass seed mix was delivered and a crew will be working on the fields this Saturday.

Craig Workinger asked about putting a BMX track through the woods at the south end of Thelen Park. The Committee felt that they want to get all current projects finished before starting another project. A BMX track will have to be discussed at a later date.

Other Business. The Committee discussed the probability of foul balls being hit into the stands at Thelen Park as the baseball fields are so close to each other. Overhead netting was also discussed but a decision was made to see how things go before purchasing anything. It was suggested that sometime soon, the fence line along Winn Road should be extended another 30 feet to catch balls before they go into Winn Road but for the time being it might be a good idea to install snow fencing there.

Crew Leader Wittum said Public Works has made great strides in clearing away brush along the banks of some of the ponds at the Fish Hatchery and wanted the Committee's opinion on hiring a firm to cut down several trees that are too large for Public Works to cut down. It was the opinion of the Committee that Public Works should keep clearing away the brush and leave the trees for now.

There being no further business, on voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:42p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk