

VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE

PARK BOARD MEETING

APRIL 13,2021

ATTENDANCE: Mark Lipan, Hank Gulich, Debbie Steel, Jim Newhouse, Bob Barsan, Cynda Zuch, Shelley Jurkiewicz, Dann Nivens, Beth Schluiep, Bernie Hovey

Hank called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes: Corrections for March minutes. Beth Schluiep attended March meeting, Dieterich was misspelled.

Financial: Approved

Mark explained his budget. He said part goes to parks, storm water and buildings. Mark said that some money goes to office supplies, miracle grow, porta pots, tennis instructor, trees etc. Bernie said if you have a request, you need to let Mark know by October. He said that the budget for this year is set. Shelley requested that Mark give everyone a copy of the budget.

REPORTS:

Chairman: Hank reported that with the nice weather, the Village facilities are being used. Hank is planning to walk through the arboretum soon.

Recreation: Jim reported that the baseball field is booked solid through Sept. weekends are open. He said that the field is in great shape. Mark said that the tennis courts and basketball courts will be resurfaced soon. Bernie said that he is receiving calls about people not being able to use tennis courts. Bernie suggested some changes to the sign-up policy so that people can't monopolize the courts. One court could be used for pickle ball and the other for tennis.

Arbor Day: Debbie reported that she and Beth would be working on a ceremony for Arbor Day. The tree will be dedicated to Ryan Calderhead.

Arboretum: Beth reported that there is going to be a meet and greet at the Arboretum on June 5th from 10 am to 12 pm. Donuts and coffee will be served.

Islands: Cynda reported that the gardeners applied soil to the islands, and the plants are ordered. She said that we need a list of memorial trees. Mark got a call about a memorial tree that was cut down. Marcia Mandala is working on a list of memorial trees.

Trees: Beth reported that the Tree Commission met. She said that Ben is going to start planting next week. Beth said that 10 trees were removed this year. Beth encouraged people to visit the Shade Tree web page. She said that there also will be messages on the electronic sign in front of Village Hall. Marcia wrote an article about trees for a Silver Lake publication. Beth reported that there is going to be a meet and greet on June 5th. in the Arboretum between 10 – 12. Donuts and coffee will be served.

Garden Club: Cynda reported that they are planning to have a zoom meeting April 19th.

Special Projects: Bob reported that he is working on Fenwick Park. The pergola is complete, and they are working on plantings. It has been determined that Marcia trail needs more signage. There is a high spot which might need a railing. Mark suggested moving the trail since a railing can introduce liability to the Village. Bob reported that there are two areas for pollinators. Shelley got some seeds donated and is hoping that some volunteers might be willing to help maintain. Ben is working on building some bluebird houses. Bob asked about a budget. This year's budget is complete so he would have to ask next year. Hank volunteered to paint signs. Bob asked about using herbicide. Mark said it would be difficult since it is public land.

Village Garden & Pollinator Committee: Shelley reported that 7 out of 10 species are coming back. Shelley said that Mark is going to be getting some tree saplings. Shelley asked for help planting the trees.

Council: No report.

Service Department: Mark reported that the leaf machine is going back to the manufacturer because of multiple problem. Mark said that there is now mulch available. Council approved paving. Ben sprayed around trees. Shelley asked about the swings. The area under the swings is muddy.

Adjourn: 7:04 pm

Next Meeting: May 11, 2021