



RICHFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 5TH , 2018
MINUTES

The Richfield Village Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present were Keppler, Sullivan, Daniels and Stulak. Kovak was excused. Also present were Mayor Beshara, Councilperson Dr. Dominick and Jocek.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made by Keppler and second by Daniels to approve the January 8th , 2018 minutes as read. Motion approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jocek updated the board on how the fitness memberships are continuing to grow. Jocek stated that with the SilverSneakers program she expects membership to grow even more.

Jocek reported on the grant for the Carter/Pedigo Trail. This meeting was an open discussion on the trail proposal to the public.

Project Pride will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2018 along with the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway.

Jocek stated that she is applying for various grants for community gardening and that she also applied for **A Pollinator Partnership/Monarch Wings Across the Eastern Broadleaf Forest**. This will help with future grants on the Eastwood Preserve.

New this year recreation is starting a new camp called Little Sprouts; it is a half day day camp for 4-5 year olds. It will be held at the Eastwood Preserve and run from 9 am until Noon.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Beshara informed everyone that the Tavern of Richfield is closed. She stated that the income tax is up 14% in January but that income tax was done in 2017. The waterline to the Nexan building will go in next week and it will be put in at night. GMS will move in soon.

The Village is applying for a CBDG grant for updating the electrical at the Senior Center.

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COUNCIL REPORT: Dr. Dominick introduced himself and gave a little background. He was involved in RBSA since 1980. He gave his vision on the recreation addition to the school and where he thought Richfield needs to go.

TREE COMMISSION: None

NEW BUSINESS: The board gave their thoughts on where recreation in Richfield should go and that they believe that the residents of Richfield would support a recreation center. They believe that the time is now and that they would like to pursue the idea. One idea would be to have a petition drive. Jocek suggested another open house with the Park Board present to ask and answer questions.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: The next meeting will be March 5th , 2018 at the Richfield Town Hall at 6:30 pm. The Tree and Landscape commission will be held at 5:30 pm. Both meetings will be held in the Mayor's conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Jocek, Director
Richfield Parks and Recreation

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