

Recreation Committee Minutes
Village of Shorewood Hills
Wednesday, July 8, 2015

1. **Called to Order at 7:05 p.m.:** Trustee Anne Readel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

a. **Roll Call:** Committee Members Present: Chair/Village Trustee Anne Readel, Janet McClain, Santhia Brandt, Lori DiPrete Brown

b. **Others Present:** Village Administrator Karl Frantz

2. **Meeting Notice:** K. Frantz confirmed that the meeting had been properly posted in compliance with open meeting laws.

3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The Committee approved draft minutes from the June 10, 2015 Recreation Committee meeting. **Appro**

4. **Discussion of Parent Volunteers for Four Corners and Land Recreation Programs:**
A. Readel reported that the Board of Trustee provided the Recreation Committee permission to develop a policy to provide a fee waiver for volunteers. The Recreation Committee discussed options for a potential policy. **Motion requesting that the Board of Trustees to approve the following policy:**

Each volunteer leader of a Village of Shorewood Hills team or program, in accordance with its structure, will get one free registration for each session for the volunteer leader's child or a child he or she designates. The programs eligible for this policy include the Land Recreation, Four Corners, Tennis, Canoe/Kayak, Basketball, and Soccer programs, and any new programs under the auspice of and upon approval of the Recreation Committee.

The term volunteer leader does not include employees of that recreation program who receive payment for his or her position.

This policy will take effect in 2016.

S. Brandt moved; J. McClain seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Discussion of Recreation Program Seasonal Hires:** A. Readel reported that the Board did not support providing the Committee with hiring approval. The Committee agreed to consider whether there are additional ways to streamline the hiring process within the Committee.

6. **Discussion of Land Recreation and Four Corners Programs:** The programs would like to get a bicycle rack. The Committee discussed whether the programs could use the Shorewood Elementary bicycle racks or whether racks needed to be ordered. Karl agreed to call Shorewood Hill Elementary to determine if one could be moved to the Heiden House for the summer. If not, Karl would identify pricing for bicycle racks.

The Committee also discussed the use of the Firehouse for the Land Recreation program during rainy days. There was concern that the building would need to be set up differently if children would have access. It was also decided that if the Land Recreation program used the Firehouse, that a safety plan would need to be formed for the building. Further, if the program wishes to use the building, rainy day activity plans will also need to be formed. The Committee agreed that Karl should be consulted for a safety plan and that the current chair of the Land Recreation program should be consulted for an activity plan.

7. **Discussion of Potential “Free” Library:** The Committee discussed the potential for a free library but questioned whether there was existing space for it.
8. **Discussion of Heiden House Use Policy:** Due to vandalism, key access to the Heiden House was restricted. The Recreation programs are still able to obtain keys but private groups cannot currently. The Committee acknowledged the need to look at the use of the space more broadly, including review of the lease, issues with usage, enforcement, whether people are honoring their commitments, the key issue, staff monitoring of the building, and the cleaning of bathrooms.
9. **Discussion of Possible New Recreation Programs:** The Committee discussed the following potential new recreation programs:

Middle School Program: No summer program exists for Middle School-age children. It was envisioned that perhaps the program could offer a cluster of activities that children could select each day. It was acknowledged that the Committee should have a listening session with Middle School children to determine what they would be interested in as Middle School-aged children. Alternatively, the Land Recreation counselors could talk with children to determine their interests. S. Brandt, L. DiPrete Brown indicated they were willing to volunteer to sit in on a listening session. The following potential cluster activities were discussed:

- Cooking class: Additional research would need to be done on what is possible to do with food and what facilities would be required.
- Gardening class: Inquiry would be needed whether gardeners would be interested in children helping.
- Yoga class: The possibility for a yoga class for middle school or high school children was discussed. An outdoor space would be needed, perhaps by the docks or at the school yard. An instructor would also be needed.

- Art program: There is a wintertime art program in the community center. However, it might be worth considering a summer art program for children.

Potential New Program Spaces: The Committee discussed the need to look at the available spaces in the Village and what types of activities could be conducted in them. - The Committee could have public listening sessions and pass on that information to board.

10. Identification of Future Agenda Items:

- a. Background checks on people that are not employees but that serve on committees or volunteer.

11. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.