

**ALMONT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peltier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gary D. Peltier	Chairperson	
	Wes Wagester	Vice-Chairperson	
	Oliver Turner	Secretary/Treasurer	
	Cindee Cimaroli	Member	
	Matt Henry	Member	
	Rick Tobias	Member	(Arrived 7:17 p.m.)
Members Absent:	Paula Alfonsi	Member	
	Jean Cryderman	Member	
	Roberta Kudsin	Member	
	Terry Roach	Member	

Guests Present: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Discussion was held by the Board regarding the purchase of operating supplies and the preliminary score issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Board's Recreation Passport Grant application.

Moved by Turner, supported by Wagester, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Letter of Thanks/Almont Vineyard Church

Chairperson Peltier read aloud a thank-you noted received by the Board from Almont Vineyard Church for the Board allowing the church to use the park pavilion for free.

2. Quote for Park Sign

Discussion was held about purchasing a hanging sign to place on the wooden post at Murphy Park to direct commuters to the Community Park. It was the consensus of the Board to postpone action on obtaining a new sign until more quotes had been received.

3. Update of Pavilion Painting

Chairperson Peltier informed the Board that he and Member Roach had finished painting the pavilion and had also highlighted the recognition of the Almont Jaycees on the pavilion, above the bathrooms.

4. Cleaning Deposit Policy

Discussion was held regarding the establishment of a cleaning deposit policy. Secretary/Treasurer Turner informed the Board he would ask the Village Auditor if it would be permissible for the Village to hold a check intended for use as a cleaning deposit and then subsequently destroy the same check if an individual leaves the pavilion in an acceptable condition.

5. Free Rental Policy

Extensive discussion was held regarding the establishment of a policy to determine which groups should be able to reserve the pavilion without charge.

It was the consensus of the Board that the committee established to consider requests for and issue free rentals (consisting of Members Cimaroli, Turner, and Kudsin) should continue to consider and, when appropriate, issue free rentals on a case-by-case basis for those individuals and/or organizations that make a significant contribution to the park.

6. 50/50 Raffle

It was the consensus of the Board to postpone discussion of this item until Member Roach was in attendance at a future meeting.

7. Picnic Table Repairs

Discussion was held by the Board regarding the future repair of picnic tables at the park.

8. Tree Removal

It was the consensus of the Board to postpone discussion of this matter until quotes were received.

9. Discussion of Parking Lot/Tennis Courts

It was the consensus of the Board to approach Southeastern Heatmor about utilizing their property for additional parking and to not remove the tennis courts for additional parking.

It was also the consensus of the Board to seek a quote for the paving of the parking lot for informational purposes.

Additionally, the Board held discussion regarding the winter ice rink

10. Review of Park Ordinance

Discussion was held about the contents of both ordinances affecting the community park.

It was the consensus of the Board that members would review the ordinances and further discuss them at a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Peltier asked Secretary/Treasurer Turner if he could ask the DPW to take down the volley ball net.

Discussion was also held regarding the purchase of a volley ball for individuals/ organizations renting the pavilion.

Moved by Henry, supported by Turner, PASSED, with Peltier dissenting, to approve the purchase of a volley ball in an amount not to exceed \$50.

Chairperson Peltier welcomed Member Henry to the Board and informed the Board that the liner of the ice rink would need to be replaced next year and that a resident had approached him and had offered to pay the \$700 cost that would be associated with replacing the liner.

Chairperson Peltier also requested that the minutes reflect that neither the Park Board nor any of its members had recently removed any wooded debris from the Clinton River near the M-53 overpass bridge.

Finally, Chairperson Peltier acknowledged Member Roach for helping him finish the painting of the park pavilion and also thanked the First Congregational Church for their contributions to painting the pavilion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Oliver Turner
Secretary/Treasurer



Gary D. Peltier
Park Chairperson