Newport Township Recreation Board Minutes 3/23/2009

Attending: John Grabowski; Judy Pazgan; Lorri Vandermark; Bob Raineri John Vishnefski (representing township commissioners); Commissioners Czpracki, Wilkes and Zyla were also in attendance as observers.

Re-organization Meeting:

Bob Raineri nominated John Grabowski for chairman, second by Lorri Vandermark. The motion carried and John Grabowski was elected Chairman.

John Grabowski nominated Bob Raineri for Vice-Chairman, second by Lorri Vandermark. The motion carried and Bob Raineri was elected Vice-Chairman.

Bob Raineri nominated Lorri Vandermark for Secretary, second by John Grabowski. The motion carried and Lorri Vandermark was elected Secretary.

Bob Raineri made a motion that the Newport Township recreation board set its meeting dates for the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM, with the exception of the May meeting, which will be held on May 12, due to Election Day falling on the third Tuesday. The motion was second by John Grabowski and was carried with a unanimous vote.

Regular Meeting:

Old Business:

1. Judy Pazgan mentioned that it might be time for another clean up in the parks, similar to the one that she spearheaded last year in the Wanamie Recreation Park. It was mentioned that the Alden Park is in pretty good shape; however, it is in need of mulch. It also has graffiti that needs to be removed and picnic tables that are in need of repair.
2. Judy Pazgan also questioned the status of the practice field in Wanamie. Mr. Wilkes responded that they are currently working on fill and drain pipes etc., and he was unsure if it would be ready this season.
3. Judy Pazgan also submitted a letter on behalf of the South Valley Soft Ball League requesting primary use of the softball field in Wanamie. Bob Raineri made a motion to accept and recommend that it is approved. The motion was second by Lorri Vandermark and was carried on a unanimous vote. The letter will be passed on to the commissioners for approval.

New Business:

1. There was a discussion about a $56,000 grant for Coal Street Playground in Glen Lyon. John Grabowski discussed possible new equipment purchases. It was also decided that the Recreation Board would meet at the park at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 28, for the purpose of evaluating the condition of the park and passing on recommendations to the Commissioners.
2. The board discussed the need to have a member appointed to represent Newport Township Little League. It was decided that if Little League did not respond to the current request, the board would then send a certified letter, which would serve as the final invitation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 6:00 PM.