

Village of Kohler
Recreation Committee
November 22, 2010

Chairperson John Pethan called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Roll call was taken: John Pethan, Kathy Hoekstra, Brian Post, Susie Wandschneider and Lee Benish were present. Laura Drew and Kyle Gebler were excused. Staff members present: Bruce Neerhof and Laurie Lindow.

Public Comment – none.

Approve meeting minutes from September 27, 2010 – Motion by Susie Wandschneider, second by Lee Benish to approve the meeting minutes from September 27, 2010. Motion carried.

Business

1. Review summer recreation programs and take action if necessary:
 - a. Baseball – Kyle Gebler was not available to attend due to basketball practice but provided some ideas to help cover costs of the baseball program. For 2010, revenue was budgeted for \$6,000 and expense of \$9,000. Baseball registrations for the summer totaled 139. Umpire pay is set by the Lakeshore Baseball Association and dues are paid to belong to the association. Fifth through seventh grade baseball is played at Ebben Field with two umpires per game ranging from \$30-\$40 each. Third and fourth grade baseball have one umpire per game. Additional funding options include:
 - i. Increasing fees for the groups generating higher costs
 - ii. Sponsorship for t-shirts, t-ball shirts are sponsored by KPAL
 - iii. Fundraising
 - iv. Volunteer umpires for third and fourth grade home games, would have to be trained to officiate games
 - v. Goal would be to have revenues cover costs, not to make profit
 - b. Tennis – Wendy Tauscheck provided a written summary of the summer recreation tennis program and copy of the brochure which is attached. Tennis revenue was budgeted at \$5,000, expense of \$3,000 and for the last few years has been a popular and profitable program. Tennis registrations for the summer program was 188, sign up was by week. Instructor wages drive most of the expense, but staffing is adjusted during the summer based on the number of registrations by week.
 - c. Cheerleading – Twenty-two girls, grade one through four, participated in the summer only cheerleading program which included performance at the doll buggy parade at the end of July.

- d. Flag football – Twenty-two children signed up to play flag football, lead by two high school students for grades one through four, during the summer only.
- e. Basketball – Girls registrations were 7, Boys registration numbered 15 for grades 1-4, there hasn't been much interest for summer basketball. Junior Bomber basketball held during January and February had approximately 40 kids. Princess camp was attended by 11, adventure camp by 21 and was popular, these camps will be held every other year and more different activities added.
- f. British Soccer Camp held at Lost Woods Park had 140 participates and will be offered again next summer along with Brazilian soccer.
- g. Frisbee Golf – A fun, growing sport in the area which could be expanded in the future to an adult program. Two instructors supervised the summer program with 15 older students.
- h. Summer Swim Team had 40 participants for six-weeks of every weekday practice with three swim meets at a cost of \$55
- i. Swimming lessons & pool usage – 187 registered swim lessons were recorded, lessons are staffed with one instructor for six children plus lifeguards on deck during lesson time. The outside pool is closed at 6:00 and lifeguards are switched every twenty minutes during open swim with the indoor pool open until 8:00 p.m. Kathy Hoekstra asked how we can achieve maximum usage of the pool for future planning. To be accurate, pool usage sheets recording checking in would have to be monitored more closely. Use of the pool outside regular hours would require adult supervision as a Village of Kohler employee, not a parent volunteer and lifeguards on deck. Summer pool usage depends on weather, scheduling of vacations and other activities going on.

The lane lines need to be repaired, discussion followed as to how repairs should be paid for. Lee Benish suggested that if the pool has more use there will be more expense and wear and tear on equipment and the cost should be shared by the school and the Village based on the percentage used. These capital and expense items should be discussed at budget time to allow for funding and Lee Benish and Bruce can work out the cost splitting. Lee Benish is getting quotes for the installation of the timing system to have in place by next summer. It also has been suggested that funding requests to the KPAL should be coordinated through Lee Benish for budgeting and the best spending of dollars available.

Correspondence – Letter from Laura Drew and Village Board meeting minutes from November 8, 2010 when creation of a Recreation Department Ad-Hoc Committee was approved and the following members were appointed to the committee:

Village Board Member/Chairperson	Brian Post
Recreation Committee members	Susie Wandschneider, Kathy Hoekstra
Village Residents	Mary Bogard, Dietmar Wohlgemuth
Kohler School District member	Lee Benish

Adjourn – Motion by John Pethan, second by Brian Post to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Laurie Lindow
Clerk-Treasurer