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PARKS, PLAYGROUND & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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The Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee meeting of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Michael ProcuK presiding.

Present at roll call:

Council Members:	Lasky, Presot, Schuckert, Tommer, Walsh
Mayor:	ProcuK
Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
Law Director:	
Engineer:	
Police Chief:	Meade
Fire Chief:	
Assistant Fire Chief:	
Service Director:	Blados
Building Commissioner:	
Assistant Building Official:	
Comm. Service Director:	Guilfoyle
Recreation Director:	
Soccer Commissioner:	

The purpose of the Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee meeting was to discuss Park rules and regulations and the Senior Snow Removal Program.

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Service Director Blados reported that the Park pavilions are now officially available for reservation by permit only and the new signs have been posted at each pavilion and at the entrance to the park.
- Mr. Blados said before he has new signs ordered for the basketball courts, he would like Council to decide whether or not to change the court hours. They had a discussion and chose to keep the hours as is, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Mr. Blados said he also had a sign made for the soccer fields that says field use by permit only. He wants to discourage people from playing on the field while they are trying to restore it, especially when the field is saturated. Council agreed they are putting a lot of work into renovating the soccer fields.
- Mr. Tommer asked about changing the Park hours when the seasons change and it gets dark before 9 p.m., Council discussed the topic and decided to keep the hours as is unless they start to have an issue.
- Mrs. Presot asked if they have had any problems with people taking turns on the Pickle Ball courts and they have not. Mr. Lasky suggested putting in paddle holders and Mr. Blados stated he would look into it. Mr. Schuckert commented he has noticed a woman doing lessons with a Pickle Ball machine. There was some discussion on the topic and Mr. Walsh commented that she did not receive permission from the Village to use our courts

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for that purpose. Mrs. Presot stated that she liked being less restrictive than other communities and it was decided nothing would be done about it unless it became an issue.

SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

- Mr. Blados asked Council to consider bringing the Senior Snow Removal Program in house. He feels confident that the Service Department staff will be capable of the task. He presented Council with prices on equipment the Service Department would need to make this move successful.
- Mr. Walsh asked if this would be stretching the staff too much and also asked if all of the staff knew how to plow. Mr. Blados replied that it is a requirement for the job and explained that it takes much more to do the Senior Lawn Cutting than it would to do Senior Snow Removal. He feels it would not be stretching the staff too much.
- Mr. Lasky asked how many staff members he has on the streets during a snow event and Mr. Blados said four. He has the other three on different projects.
- Mr. Lasky asked if the equipment Mr. Blados is looking at is the same equipment the current company uses and he replied yes. Mr. Lasky asked if the staff is familiar with the equipment and Mr. Blados said yes and he is consistently having them work with the equipment on different projects to be sure they are comfortable with operating it.
- Mayor Procuk asked what they are currently paying their current contractor and a Council Member responded \$25,000. He expressed his concern about the Service Department being able to keep up. They had a discussion about working around schedules and total working hours in the event of a severe snow storm. Mr. Walsh expressed concern about the possible increase of overtime.
- Mr. Schuckert asked if there was a need for a new truck or if they could up-fit current trucks. Mr. Blados said they would need new trucks.
- Mayor Procuk told Council if they decide to purchase the equipment, they will put the staff to work. He explained there are many communities that do their own Senior Snow Removal and some hire part-time employees where snow removal is their only responsibility.
- Council gave their complete support on the Service Department taking over the Senior Snow Removal Program.

There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Presot
Parks, Playgrounds and Community Services Committee Chairperson