

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON JULY 20, 2015**

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The Legislation Committee of Council met on July 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Councilmember Angela Kirk presiding as Chair of the Committee.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Kirk called the roll with two members of the Committee present: Mrs. Angela Kirk and Mr. James Wiley. Also present were Mayor D. Greg Scott, Councilmember Bonnie Wiley, E. Rod Davisson, Administrator, Mark Beggrow, Recreation and Parks Director, and Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director.

**DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Kirk stated that the Splash Pad rules have changed many times this year and she wants the rules to be clear this time and not change. Mr. Wiley stated that the rules have to be enforceable and if there are a lot of rules someone will need to be there to enforce them. Currently the facility is self-policing. Mr. Beggrow stated that one person will be needed Monday through Thursday and three people will be needed Friday through Sunday. The approximate staff costs per week would be \$1053, roughly \$16,000 a season.

Mrs. Kirk stated that she went to the Splash Pad on Saturday. People had taken over the shelter for a party. She was concerned that the facility was being overcrowded by non-residents. The Committee discussed the hourly rate of part-time employees. Mrs. Kirk suggested that the facility could be limited to Village residents and their guests. Each resident could get a certain number of passes and residents could give them out. Mr. Wiley stated that he has concerns about restricting access. He stated that he wants the facility open to everyone. He stated that the daycare in Obetz fits the description of a "resident". Mrs. Kirk stated that it is not a bad thing to have the Splash Pad open.

Jerry Benson, a resident, stated that he doesn't have any kids so he is only repeating what he has been told. Nine to ten residents have told him that they were offended that the Splash Pad is for everyone.

Mr. Wiley stated that if you live or work here you have paid for the Splash Pad. Mrs. Kirk stated that she wants the Splash Pad to be free for Obetz residents. She disagreed with the cards used previously. She further stated that not everyone will be happy.

Amber Graham, a resident, stated that she does not like that teens have been excluded from the Splash Pad. She further stated that she does not like that non-residents can use the Splash Pad but her teenager can't. Many teenagers are role models. The Splash Pad should be open to everyone regardless of age.

Mr. Wiley stated that the Splash Pad appeals to everyone. Mrs. Kirk stated that some teenagers created unsafe situations. If teenagers are permitted on the Splash Pad an attendant is needed. Ms. Graham stated that the Splash Pad should be monitored. Brittany Graham stated that non-residents should be charged a small fee to use the facility.

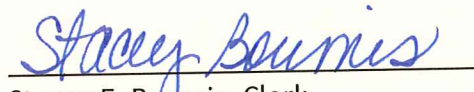
Mayor Scott stated that an adult is needed to enforce the rules. Mr. Wiley stated that there is value to being a resident of Obetz. Mr. Wiley stated that residents can get guest tags and non-residents can be charged a small fee to use the facility.

Mr. Davisson asked if residents would have unlimited passes or if the number of passes would be limited to six, as discussed by Mr. Wiley and Mrs. Kirk. Mrs. Kirk stated that the number of passes would be limited to six. She further stated that residents don't have to attend with their guests. Mr. Davisson stated that he will need approximately \$100,000 a year to make this system work. He further stated that he will put together a plan for Council to see how this would work. Mr. Beggrow stated that the Splash Pad is open approximately 70 hours per week. Mrs. Kirk questioned when the new rules would go into effect. Mr. Beggrow recommended waiting until winter starts. Mrs. Kirk stated that she wants these changes to be the last changes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Kirk adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.

  
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Angela Kirk, Committee Chair

  
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Stacey E. Boumis, Clerk