

Village Policy: VB-20

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POLICY TITLE: Resolution for a Park Watch Program

AUTHORIZATION: Village Board Resolution #2004-30

POLICY STATEMENT:

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Park Watch Program to be placed within the Village of Howard to prevent vandalism, ordinance violations and crimes that have been occurring in the Howard Park System. The extent of vandalism this summer has exceeded replacement costs of \$13,000.

WHEREAS, various residing neighbors have called and placed complaints regarding ongoing events occurring within the parks; the Village finds that these issues of park damage and discontent amongst the park neighborhoods necessitates the need to begin a Park Watch Program throughout all parks within the Village of Howard.

WHEREAS, the Village of Howard's goal is to prevent vandalism; and to keep the park system enjoyable and safe for everyone; a Park Watch Program will provide a monetary reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest of any individual who vandalizes property in the Village of Howard parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the all the residents of Howard, desire a Park Watch Program and invoke a reward program of \$500.00 maximum reward to prevent ongoing vandalism, instill safety, and to keep our park systems enjoyable for all.