

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Clark and Members Armstrong and Pink

Absent: None

Chairman Clark declared a quorum present.

Attendees: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson and Trustee Towne

Residents: Jeff Clark and Karen Carruthers

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH

Meeting minutes of March 8, 2023 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Member Armstrong that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS THE DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS PROPOSAL FOR OAK HILL LANE ADDITIONAL TREES REMOVED

Chairman Clark stated the buckthorn eradication at the village's lot on Oak Hill Lane has been completed. The lot currently has several large branches from a cottonwood tree and a cherry tree that is leaning. A recommendation to improve the lot even further more is to remove these large branches and a cherry tree. Chairman Clark met with Chris Dunlap and received a proposal for this work in the amount of \$2,300. One additional clean-up will be necessary to remove the large debris that were found on site. Several pieces of a chain link fence were tossed into this area along with several empty plastic flower pots. Chairman Clark added she discussed with Village Clerk Gallo about scheduling a garbage pick-up at this location. Village Clerk Gallo will contact LRS to determine if the chain link fence could be scheduled for a pick-up. Chairman Clark mentioned since the buckthorn clearing some ground cover flowers are beginning to sprout nicely.

A motion was made to approve the Dunlap Tree Experts proposal in the amount of \$2,300. The motion was made by Member Pink and seconded by Member Armstrong. The motion was carried.

E. DISCUSS THE ANNUAL TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Chairman Clark indicated the annual trail maintenance proposal was received from Forest Builders Inc. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated this year's proposal is comparable to last year's as the material being applied is limestone. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added the one area that requires to be filled each year is on St. Marys Road by the railroad tracks as it washes out every year. Member Pink asked if any of the trailheads should be asphalted instead. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he will assess the areas as they complete this year's maintenance. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added the

trails along MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park and Route 60 were done with screening which prevents trail areas from being washed off with heavy rains.

Chairman Clark questioned the proposal including four weed treatments for the trails. Village Engineer Scott Anderson responded we can plan for only two treatments around early June or July. Chairman Clark asked that the Village Clerk Gallo be notified 24-hours prior to the herbicide treatment.

A motion was made to approve the Forest Builders Inc annual trail maintenance proposal in the amount of \$14,600. The motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

F. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION, AND IF APPROVED, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman Clark added she left a message with Nick Pizzo to coordinate a visit at Whippoorwill Park. They will meet onsite to discuss the pollinator gardens new plantings from weeds. Chairman Clark stated she will be meeting with Roberta Bohm at Whippoorwill Park to determine where Denis' bench will be placed and a consideration for a memorial date.

Chairman Clark stated Mary Fortmann from Openlands Conserving Nature for Life has asked if the residents could receive communication of their consulting service. Openlands Conserving Nature for Life offers one free hour to each household to discuss removing the buckthorn from their property and the benefits. Village Clerk Gallo will include a communication to the residents in the Friday's email after the Board meeting. Chairman Clark asked whose water tank was located at Whippoorwill Park. Village Clerk Gallo stated she will find out who placed the tank at this location.

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pink to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo,
Village Clerk