

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022 AT HILTON GARDEN INN IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Bohm and Members Clark and Pink

Absent: None

Chairman Bohm declared a quorum present.

Attendees: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson and Trustee Armstrong, Resident Karen Carruthers

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2022

Meeting minutes of May 11, 2022 were reviewed. Member Pink provided some minor edits with no content changes. It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink that the regular meeting minutes be approved with modifications and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON DAVEY TREE EXPERT INVENTORY OF WHIPPOORWILL PARK TREES

Chairman Bohm indicated Davey Tree Expert did a thorough job creating an inventory list and tagging all of the trees at Whippoorwill Park. Tree #32 on the list was dead. Dunlap Tree Service has already removed it. As a result, Whippoorwill Park has 60 trees on site. Please reference the inventory tree list for the different species on site.

Chairman Bohm added Davey Tree Expert also provided a health care proposal for Whippoorwill Park. On the proposal, Chairman Bohm recommends that the herbicide, mulch and fertilization treatments be completed. Chairman Bohm indicated he was not familiar with the first two listed line items, chestnut borer injection and the phosphonate treatment. He will complete some research on these two treatments and discuss them at next month's meeting. Chairman Bohm indicated he will reach out to Chris Dunlap to determine if he can provide a quote for the herbicide, mulch and fertilization treatments. Mulching will be added to all of the trees at the park. Chairman Bohm added the arborist who walked the park indicated, if the ground around an oak tree has not been disturbed it is unlikely to get oak wilt. Member Pink added she would consider approving Davey's proposal of \$12K for the tree treatment to keep our trees growing healthy and protect them. Chairman Bohm added no immediate treatment is required; these trees are not experiencing an exposure such as the emerald ash borer. Member Clark agreed it is important to protect the mature trees at this park.

Resident, Karen Carruthers added she had a few of her unhealthy trees treated with growth regulator. She recommended this treatment for any of the trees at Whippoorwill Park that showed signs of stress.

A recommendation was made to approve herbicide, mulch and fertilization to be completed at Whippoorwill Park not to exceed \$5,700. The motion was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Chairman Bohm. Member Clark abstained from this motion.

E. UPDATE ON WATERING OPTION AT WHIPPOORWILL PARK

Village Engineer Scott Anderson provided two estimates to construct new water service at Whippoorwill Park. The Lake County fee was not included in the estimates received. Please reference the proposals for details. Chairman Bohm indicated permits amounts also need to be added to the proposals. Chairman Bohm asked the Village Engineer to finalize the estimate for the new water service for July’s meeting.

F. UPDATE ON ADDITIONAL PLANTINGS AT WHIPPOORWILL PARK

Chairman Bohm stated the Committee received two planting proposals from James Anderson and Pizzo & Associates, Inc. Chairman Bohm indicated he would like to plant elderberries bushes by the pollinator gardens at Whippoorwill Park. The original request included five bushes but only three are necessary. Member Pink asked for clarification on the James Anderson proposal comment, additional tasks will be charged. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he was not sure what that comment was pertaining too.

A motion was made to approve James Anderson proposal to plant three elderberries’ bushes in the amount not to exceed \$600. The motion was made by Member Pink and seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

Chairman Bohm said the second group of proposals received was for additional ground cover plantings around the patio area. The two proposals consisted of James Anderson in the amount of \$1,100 and Pizzo for \$960. Please reference the proposals for the itemized flowers to be planted. Mrs. Carruthers asked how will the strawberry plants be contained as they tend to spread. Chairman Bohm replied Pizzo and Associates have been contracted to maintain the pollinator gardens.

A motion was made to approve Pizzo & Associates proposal for additional plantings around the patio in the amount not to exceed \$960. The motion was made by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

G. UPDATE ON BOB HARADEN HAY LEASE FOR 701 RIVERWOODS ROAD

Village Clerk Gallo indicated the Bob Haraden mowing lease is on the agenda again this month, as Mr. Haraden’s price increase exceeded the 10% the Committee approved last month. The Committee approved \$5.50 per bale with a 10%. Mr. Haraden increased his price per bale to \$6.50.

A motion was made to approve Mr. Haraden’s increased pricing to \$6.50 per bale. The motion was made by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

H. UPDATE ORDERING NEW SIGN FOR MACLEAN PRESERVE AT OASIS PARK

Chairman Bohm stated the Committee received pricing for the four new park signs last month. However, the Signarama manager indicated the prior employee misquoted the cost of the signs. The prior month’s approval was for \$2,000. The new cost for the four signs will be in the amount of \$3,338.40.

A motion was made to approve the updated pricing for the four new park signs from Signarama. The motion was made by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

I. DISCUSS THE LAKE COUNTY WATER METER FOR THE SUMMER

Chairman Bohm asked the Village Engineer to obtain the water meter for the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park.

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

Member Clark asked if the No Outlet signs were received. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied the new signs are estimated to be delivered in two months. Trustee Armstrong said the signs will be placed on existing poles.

Member Clark asked if the Village had any recourse of asking residents to maintain their property when dead trees should be removed or lawns need to be cut. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied a resident can be asked to mow their property.

Chairman Bohm asked what are the Village's regulation on businesses flying their drowns over Mettawa. Village Administrator Florip indicated she will look into this matter.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Member Clark to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk