

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Clark and Members Armstrong and Pelech

Absent: None

Chairman Clark declared a quorum present.

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

Others in Attendance: Alistair Rogers from Aero Sport RC Club

**C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER**

Meeting minutes of September 13, 2023 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pelech that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

**D. UPDATE THE MOWING OF VILLAGE LOT 24880 N. RIVERWOODS ROAD AND 24881 N. RIVERWOODS ROAD**

Chairman Clark indicated the mowing of these two lots is currently on hold. Unfortunately, Dr. Bob Haraden's tractor is inoperable after it hit a concrete block and broke his blade.

Chairman Clark asked for an update on the bid opening for the asphalt removal on lot 24880 N. Riverwoods Road. Village Administrator Florip replied the bid specification is being finalized. The bid opening will be held the first week of November. The contractor will be granted until April of 2024 to complete the asphalt project. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added he is trying to determine if top soil was removed prior to the asphalt placement. If top soil is needed, an estimated per truck loads will be added to the bid specification. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated he is using the Lake County contour of 2018 the land restoration requirement. Chairman Clark stated this empty lot will look great after the mowing, asphalt and buckthorn removal. Chairman Clark indicated she obtained a contractor to remove the buckthorn from this village lot. The buckthorn proposal will be discussed later in the agenda.

**E. UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE LOT BERM LOCATED ON ROUTE 60 AND ST. MARYS ROAD**

Chairman Clark stated top soil and seeds have been set on the berm. The contractor has a pile of dead trees to burn, two large dead trees to cut down and a small area to clear prior to setting additional top soil and the final seeds by the entrance area. Trustee Towne asked if the buckthorn was removed. Chairman Clark responded the buckthorn in the wetland was not removed. Buckthorn will be an ongoing matter as the surrounding lots within Riverside Preserve have not been cleared.

**F. DISCUSS THE CK CONTRACTOR PROPOSAL TO CLEAR THE METTAWA SAVANNA LOT**

Chairman Clark stated CK Contractor has submitted a proposal to clear the buckthorn from lots 24880 and 24881 N Riverwoods Road. Trustee Towne indicated the CK Proposal did not include their address in the letterhead. Chairman Clark indicated their contact information has been provided to the Village Clerk Gallo. Village Clerk Gallo will obtain a copy of the insurance once the Board approves the proposal. Chairman Clark indicated an hourly rate along with a lump sum of \$24,750 was part of the proposal. The location will require 5 to 7 days, the lump sum would be beneficial to the village given the amount of buckthorn to be removed.

A motion was made to approve the CK Contractor proposal in the amount of \$24,750. The motion was made by Member Pelech and seconded by Member Armstrong. The motion was carried.

**G. DISCUSS THE BOB HARADEN THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE’S LOTS**

Chairman Clark added the Committee received the three-year license agreement being presented to Dr. Bob Haraden for the two village lots to be mowed. The actual number of acres will need to be determined. A copy of Dr. Haraden’s insurance was obtained for the 701 Riverwoods Road hay field he has already mowed in July. The three-year agreement will be a license agreement between Dr. Haraden and the village. All expenditures will be handled by Dr. Haraden. The first step is to mow the two sites. Dr. Haraden will be planting soy beans for the first year to improve the soils condition and minerals. Afterwards, rye grass will be planted. Member Pelech asked if this agreement was reviewed by the Village Attorney. Chairman Clark replied yes, this agreement was drafted by the Village Attorney.

A motion was made to approve the three-year license agreement with Dr. Bob Haraden. The motion was made by Chairman Clark and seconded by member Pelech. The motion was carried.

**H. 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 asked Alistair Rogers if he had any questions for the Committee. Mr. Rogers indicated he had already spoken to the Village Attorney Rhodes and received a copy of the proposed agreement. Mr. Roger indicated he acknowledged some of the village’s listed violations. The Club will address all of the village’s concerns to continue to operate as a club onsite. Mr. Roger stated he will be meeting with the Village Attorney to discuss and address some of matters. Mr. Roger added his next step was to understand the details of the agreement.

Trustee Towne added he received a call from resident Mike Rupp (14310 W Old School Road) asking if the village would consider building a pickle ball court. The Committee indicated their uncertainty of which lot could be built for this type of activity. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added the Village of Lake Bluff recently built a pickle ball court. The surrounding residents have submitted their complaints already of not being happy of the noise the new courts have brought to their neighborhood.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pelech to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk