

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 VIA ZOOM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

The Village President has made the determination that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the head of this public body, the Village President has the authority to act on the Board's direction, based on the September 17, 2021, Disaster Declaration made by Governor Pritzker. The Village President has based this determination to ensure the safety of the Village Board members and the residents.

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.

Also, on the call: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip, Trustee Towne

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

Meeting minutes of October 13, 2021 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink that the regular meeting minutes be approved with the edits and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON THE TRAIL SAFETY PROJECT ALONG BRADLEY ROAD AND THE OASIS SERVICE ROAD NORTH CORNER

Chairman Bohm indicated Village Engineer Scott Anderson will work on obtaining a quote for the rumble strip along Bradley Road and the trail. Village Engineer Scott Anderson stated Peter Baker will not be providing a proposal for this work as they do not own the machine that makes the rumble strip. As a result, the Village Engineer has received a listing of subcontractors to which he will provide them the project details to obtain proposals. The strip is 100 feet long. The trail will not be altered and remain 8-feet wide. This corner will also include a fence. Chairman Bohm requested that the whole project cost estimate be provided for the January meeting. Village Engineer Scott Anderson confirmed he would obtain a quote for the rumble strip.

E. UPDATE ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE HAMILTON ESTATES PROPERTY ON RIVERWOODS BLVD

Village Administrator Florip indicated the Village Attorney has not had an opportunity to review the following stewardship. Further information will be provided at a later meeting.

F. UPDATE ON THE WHIPPOORWILL PARK PRESERVE STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT FOR 2022-2024

Chairman Bohm indicated the Village's current contract for Whippoorwill Park is with ILM and it expires December 31, 2021. Another three-year contract will be obtained for the park. Pizzo & Associates Inc., along with ILM will be providing proposals for January's meeting. Chairman Bohm stated the Whippoorwill Park regular maintenance will go out for proposals in February in order to commence the work in April.

G. UPDATE ON THE FOREST BUILDER FINAL REPORT FOR ALL POLLINATOR GARDENS

Chairman Bohm stated Forest Builders have been maintaining the pollinator gardens. Within the final report David Johansson provided, he proposed some plantings for the gardens for spring 2022. A contract will need to be obtained to continue the maintenance of these gardens. Member Clark asked if the garden by the MacLean bench could be less formal by removing the row of bricks that were proposed. Chairman Bohm replied the proposal can be modified and he would like to extend the flower beds by the bench into the main trail.

Chairman Bohm added the MacLean Preserve at the Oasis Park will be seeded this fall. In addition, the two groupings of evergreens and arborvitaes will be planted in the fall too. Chairman Bohm added he will also review the blooming schedule for the proposed plantings to be completed in the spring.

H. DISCUSS THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Chairman Bohm provided a listing of the Committee's responsibilities and their areas to the members. Please reference the listing for details. Chairman Bohm indicated the following areas will need to be determine on whom will handle their details; mosquito control, Lakes Disposal, trail maintenance and the right-of-way mowing.

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

A motion was made to cancel the December Committee meeting. The motion was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

Trustee Towne stated his barn located on Bradley Road has no direct access to get onto the trail when crossing the road on a horse. Trustee Towne asked the Committee to study prior plans that were drafted including a pathway for this barn to cross the road and access the trail. Trustee Towne stated with the present issue of speeding cars along this road it presents a real danger to the horse riders crossing. Member Clark asked for the map to allow the Committee to review and discuss. Chairman Bohm asked Trustee Towne for a written proposal on what his is asking the Committee to consider. Member Clark asked that the road striping be included in the proposal. Member Clark proposed mowing a small grassy area to allow the horse rider to cross at the striped area. Village Administrator Florip asked Trustee Towne to include in his proposal who would be maintaining the area to ensure all parties are in agreement.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.
The motion was carried. Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk