

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:28 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

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY

Meeting minutes of January 8, 2025 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Armstrong seconded by Member Pelech that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROPOSAL FOR THE TREE INVENTORY AT MACLEAN PRESERVE AT OASIS PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250

Chairman Clark indicated this is the last village parcel that has had a tree inventory completed.

A recommendation was made to approve Davey Tree Expert Company for the tree inventory at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park in the amount of \$250. The motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pelech. The motion was carried.

E. DISCUS THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROPOSAL FOR THE OAK TREE TREATMENTS AT WHIPPOORWILL PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,475

Chairman Clark indicated as part of the preexisting contract, they will inject all the Oak trees at Whippoorwill Park. Trustee Towne questioned if the various Davey Trees proposals should have been bid out. Village Engineer Scott Anderson remarked, the work being done is two different services. Village Administrator Florip remarked she will speak with the Village Attorney to ensure this is not being viewed as bid stringing. Chairman Clark remarked this work is part of an ongoing contract.

A recommendation was made to approve Davey Tree Expert Company for the Oak Tree treatments at Whippoorwill Park in the amount of \$6,475. The motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pelech. The motion was carried.

F. DISCUSS THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROPOSAL FOR THE REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES AT OAK HILL LANE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,750

Chairman Clark stated she tried to get a proposal from Chris Dunlap and a second landscaper regarding this project too. Chairman Clark added she has received various calls from the resident along Oak Hill Lane asking for the village to clean-up this parcel from the dead trees. Chairman Clark stated the resident Collins also asked for additional plantings to be added. However, with the canopy of trees, no new trees will grow with all the shade. Member Armstrong added this parcel needs a few years to rejuvenate from all the clearing that has already occurred.

A recommendation was made to approve Davey Tree Expert Company for the removal of dead trees at Oak Hill Lane in the amount of \$12,750. The motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pelch. The motion was carried.

G. DISCUSS THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROPOSAL FOR THE OAK TREE TREATMENT AT OAK HILL LANE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,324

Chairman Clark stated this proposal will treat the Oaks at Oak Hill Lane.

A recommendation was made to approve Davey Tree Expert Company for the Oak tree treatments at Oak Hill Lane in the amount of \$7,324. The motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pelch. The motion was carried.

H. DISCUSS MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ITEMS FOR FY2025-2026 BUDGET

Chairman Clark indicated the trail maintenance budget was increased to \$80K for the state mandate new trail signs. Village Administrator Florip remarked once we receive the Lake Forest Preserve trail designs, we will order the village signs. The parks maintenance has been increased by \$10K due to additional parcels. Riverside will budget \$25K for the parking pad and remove the gravel. Mettawa Savanna will have \$10K to treat the buckthorn if needed. The Old School Road will require some additional seeding and we have budgeted \$20K.

I. 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 stated ComEd changed their utility pole on Bradley and Old School Road and broke the trailhead of the Tindall trail sign. As a result, a new trail sign is being requested.

A recommendation was made to approve Signarama proposal for a new Tindall trail sign in the amount of \$1,039. The motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pelch. The motion was carried.

Chairman Clark asked the Committee for their consensus on the fence at 15085 W Old School Road. They were in favor of keeping it.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pelech to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk