

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:29 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 Trustee Towne

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY

Meeting minutes of February 12, 2025 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Pelech seconded by Member Armstrong that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS COMED'S 2025 POWER PLANTING PROGRAM

Chairman Clark indicated she received the ComEd's power planting program from the Village Administrator announcing 25 complementary trees per municipality. The class of trees have not been announced. The trees will be shipped to each municipality during the month of April. The trees will be planted at the 15085 Old School Road parcel. Village Administrator Florip will submit the request form to ComEd as the Committee's consensus was, that they are interested in the trees.

**E. DISCUSS THE 2025 PLANS FOR THE VILLAGE TRAILS ON OLD SCHOOL ROAD AND
BRADLEY ROAD**

Chairman Clark indicated she received a letter from Richard and Pam Fantus along with the support of the Mayor to address the trails. The Fantus' letter indicated, the current condition of the trails do not allow you to ride your bike safely as they are washed away and have loose gravel. They have asked the Village to bring our trails up to trail standards. A copy of the letter can be obtained through the Village Clerk Gallo. Village Administrator Florip indicated the current budget does not include redoing the trails but it can be updated. Chairman Clark stated she has had calls and had an onsite meeting with Facilities Director Frank of Lake County Forest Preserves regarding the trails along Bradley Road and St. Mary Road. Frank's recommendation is to remove 3-inches of limestone screening. He also indicated the shoulders along these trails are higher than the trails which is causing the water to be held on the trail. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated the issue with the certain areas on the trail- is space. The trail has no additional space to have a shoulder or ditch to be built to drain the water. Member Armstrong asked if the trail bases could be rebuilt. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said no, as they will block culverts. Chairman Clark added the goal is to resurface 1.6 miles along Bradley Road and Old School Road of the village trail. This year we can invest in improving the trail with FA21 material. Village Engineer Scott Anderson remarked in prior years; the trails looked better when they raked them 3 to 4 times at the cost of \$7,000 each time. Doing this reduced washed-out areas and weeds on the trails. Chairman Clark stated at the recommendation of the Mayor and the residents the Committee is exploring replacing the trail material only at the Bradley Road and St. Mary's Road trails. The material is being estimated at \$19,000. Chairman Clark stated in the last four years the village spent \$65,000. This year we are aiming to use a different material. Member Pelech agreed to explore other material. The budget has been set at \$50,000 for the 1.6 miles of trails with the new material.

F. DISCUSS THE PIZZO & ASSOCIATES, LTD. 3-YEAR STEWARDSHIP FOR FOUR VILLAGE PARCELS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,400.00

Chairman Clark stated the stewardship proposal was received for a 3-year term. Pizzo will also be treating the Riverside wetland and Old School Road seeding within this stewardship. Village Administrator Florip replied this proposal did not need to go out to bid as it is lawn service.

A recommendation was made to approve Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. 3-year stewardship in the amount of \$170,400.00. The motion was made by Member Pelech and seconded by Member Armstrong. The motion was carried.

G. DISCUSS DUNLAP LAWN SERVICE PROPOSAL FOR THE 2025 PARKS MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,580

Chairman Clark stated Dunlap Lawn Service proposal was received for the annual maintenance. Member Armstrong asked why the flower bed weed treatment was included. Chairman Clark indicated the \$220 will be removed from the service program.

A recommendation was made to approve Dunlap Lawn Service proposal for 2025 Park maintenance in the amount of \$18,360. The motion was made by Member Pelech and seconded by Member Armstrong. The motion was carried.

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

Chairman Clark indicated the only change for this month is to include the new trail project in the amount of \$50,000.

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Clark and seconded by Member Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk