

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Clark and Member Armstrong

Absent: Member Pelech

Chairman Clark declared a quorum present.

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

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

Meeting minutes of April 9, 2025 were reviewed. It was moved by Chairman Clark seconded by Member Armstrong that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

**D. DISCUSS THE PETERSEN EXCAVATING PROPOSAL FOR THE PARKING PAD AT RIVERSIDE**

Chairman Clark indicated Petersen will be moving the large stone that is located on St. Marys Road. The black dirt that is located where the parking pad will be constructed will be shifted. The debris will be cleared. The Village Attorney had concern of the parking pad inviting unwanted cars. Chairman Clark added a sign will be placed indicating only authorized vehicles can utilize the parking pad. The recommendation is being made in the amount not to exceed \$24,000 to include additional loads of topsoil and debris. The construction does not include landscaping. Village Engineer Scott Anderson asked how long will this project take to be completed, as if it takes longer than a week a permit will be required. Chairman Clark replied, it will be done in two days.

A motion was made to approve Petersen Excavating proposal for the parking pad at Riverside in the amount not to exceed \$24,000. The motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Chairman Clark. The motion was carried.

**E. DISCUSS DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS PROPOSAL FOR A TREE REMOVAL AT RIVERSIDE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500**

Chairman Clark indicated this proposal presented today is for a horizontal tree and for four stumps to be removed at Riverside.

A motion was made to approve the Dunlap Tree Experts proposal for a tree removal and four stump removal in the amount of \$500. The motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Chairman Clark. The motion was carried.

**F. DISCUSS THE HARADEN FARM AND STABLES, INC AGREEMENT RENEWAL**

Chairman Clark indicated the license renewal is for October expiration period and it is being renewed for a 3-year period.

A motion was made to approve the Haraden Farm and Stables, Inc Agreement renewal. The motion was made by Chairman Clark and seconded by Member Armstrong. The motion was carried.

**G. DISCUSS THE HARADEN FARM AND STABLES, INC LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE 701 RIVERWOODS PARCEL**

Chairman Clark stated this agreement has been modified by the Village Attorney to allow the Committee to determine the type of crop to be planted at 701 Riverwoods parcel. This will remove the need to have to amend the license agreement due to the weather. Trustee Towne agreed corn would be ideal to be planted at this location. Chairman Clark added the crops can also be rotated continuously.

A motion was made to approve the Haraden Farm and Stables, Inc License Agreement for the 701 Riverwoods parcel. The motion was made by Chairman Clark and seconded by Member Armstrong. The motion was carried.

Village Clerk Gallo added the bale cost was also included in the license agreement in the amount of \$6.50.

**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 stated Nick Pizzo is now a General Manager at Pizzo & Associates. Our new contact is Alicia. Chairman Clark added she has planted the 25 trees ComEd donated at 15085 W Old School Road parcel inside the fence.

Trustee Towne asked if 15085 W Old School Road was hydroseeded. Chairman Clark replied no, native seeds were planted instead.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Chairman Clark seconded by Member Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk