

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Clark and Member Towne and Witten

Absent: None

Chairman Clark declared a quorum present.

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

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY

Meeting minutes of May 14, 2025 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Witten seconded by Member Towne that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON PETERSEN EXCAVATING FOR THE PARKING PAD AT RIVERSIDE

Chairman Clark indicated Petersen Excavating is ready to construct the parking pad. The limitation has been the rain as they don't want to tear up the wet ground. They are expected to start the parking pad next week.

E. 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 Chris Dunlap completed the removal of four stumps and a tree in Riverside.

Chairman Clark indicated Pizzo and Associates has a new contact for the Village, Alicia. Resident, Pam Fantus has asked that Barry's bench area get cleared of the weeds. A call has been made to Alicia to clear the weeds around Barry's bench area. Pizzo and Associates will be mowing around the crabapple trees and some mulch to reduce weeds.

Chairman Clark added lilac plants to the three large pots at Whippoorwill Park in preparation for the picnic.

Chairman Clark provided an update on the trail project. The Committee is looking to use new materials on the village trails. Village Administrator Florip added she spoke to Brothers Asphalt about doing Little Melody Lane and they will be visiting to review the two areas where the village requires asphalt work.

Trustee Armstrong asked if the number of maples on the village parcels could be discussed. Chairman Clark added in March ComEd approached all municipalities with a grant opportunity for new trees, and shipped Mettawa 25 new very small trees. Of the trees received, 10 are Red Maples. The ComEd trees were planted at the Village lot located 0 Old School Road. Resident, Pam Sheldon sent a communication to the village indicating they were in violation of the Mettawa Code of Ordinance as two types of invasive species trees were planted on the property, Red Maple and River Birch. Chairman Clark contacted Davey tree, and these two types are not invasive trees. Trustee Armstrong remarked of the 10 planted Red Maples, we should consider removing five as they grow to be large. No vegetation will grow underneath these trees. Chairman Clark remarked the Committee in the past planted Red Maples at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park. Chairman

Clark added given the size of the donated trees, we should asses which trees survive the season prior to replanting. The Sycamore trees are currently showing the best growth of all the trees.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Towne seconded by Member Witten to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk