

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Clark and Members Witten and Towne

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 and Drew Johnson

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER

Meeting minutes of September 10, 2025 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Towne seconded by Member Witten that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE TRAIL PROJECT

Chairman Clark indicated the Old School Trail project will be deferred to next spring. One of the contractors has had issues with their equipment. This project will go out to bid in the spring.

E. UPDATE ON PIZZO ASSOCIATES STEWARDSHIP MAINTENANCE ON THE PARCELS

Chairman Clark stated the village has a reserved amount of \$5,300 through the stewardship that has not been spent. She will meet with Hannah from Pizzo to discuss the necessary work. Pizzo will be clearing the plantings around Barry MacLean's and seeds to be spread onsite or at the Old School Road property. Boulders at Riverside Preserve will be moved to MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park. Trustee Armstrong added some plantings were added to the Old School Road parcel. Chairman Clark indicated she will be walking the village's parcels with Pizzo to determine what work remains to be done at each location.

F. 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 added the tree inventory listings have been completed for all the parcels. Each location has tagged trees with their health condition is captured on the listing. The village has 363 trees and of those 291 are in good or excellent condition. This year no trees will need to be removed, only trimmed. Most of the trimming will occur at Oak Hill Lane.

Drew Johnson asked if a tree inventory was done on the village lot south of Route 60. Chairman Clark replied no, as that location is very wet. Mr. Johnson asked what the long-term planning for the village lots is specifically what flowers will be planted and what flowers need to be spread. Mr. Johnson asked if the village had a resource to monitor the native plantings. Chairman Clark remarked the village has a stewardship with Pizzo and they visit each parcel to determine what vegetation should be removed and seeds spread in other location throughout the year. Trustee Smolic said the village has 220 acres of property and the Comprehensive Plan will be approved at the next Board meeting. The Board members are all in agreement to restore each parcel with native planting for low maintenance for long term.

Trustee Clark added all two paving areas along the trails was completed. In addition, Riverside Preserve parking pad had an apron added per the Village Attorney's request.

G. 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