

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:25 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

Residents: Loren Hutter and Stephen & Cindy Blandin

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER

Meeting minutes of November 14, 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'S PARK TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL PROJECT

Chairman Clark indicated she spoke to Chris Dunlap and he has had a delay in the trimming due to equipment repairs. Chris Dunlap anticipates having this project completed by the end of February.

E. UPDATE ON A NEW OPEN FENCE AT WHIPPOORWILL PARK WEST OF THE MAIN DRIVEWAY

Chairman Clark indicated Member Witten is working on obtaining proposals to replace two small fences at Whippoorwill Park. Member Witten responded he has spoken to three fence companies. He will have their proposals for consideration next month. Member Witten mentioned one modification will be to place the new fence 4-5 feet further back from where the chain link is currently located. The fence's new location plus swinging inwardly will allow a car to be parked safely in the park and not along IL Route 60. The fence replacement will be done before the village picnic.

F. DISCUSS FISCAL PROJECTS FOR THE UPCOMING BUDGET

Chairman Clark stated in March or April the Old School Road trail repairs will be discussed. Village Clerk Gallo indicated another project to budget would include, adding dirt at Whippoorwill Park for the parking area used for the picnic. Village Administrator Florip added this month's discussion is to start considering which projects will be done for the new fiscal year. The Committee will have two additional months to make modifications to their budget. Chairman Clark added we already have the tree treatment proposals for Oakhill Lane and Whippoorwill Park. The two proposals will be presented next month. Trustee Smolic asked if the two brick posts at Riverside parcel are going to be repaired. Chairman Clark added the posts will be closed and some blue stones will be spread around them to allow the current roses to grow through.

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

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Towne seconded by Member Witten to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk