MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026, 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 Members Towne and Witten
Absent: None
Chairman Clark declared a quorum present.

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

Resident: Karen Carruthers

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER

Meeting minutes of September 9, 2026, were reviewed. It was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Witten that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS THE FOREST BUILDERS, INC. PROPOSAL FOR THE OLD SCHOOL ROAD TRAIL DRAINAGE DITCH WORK IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,650

This was an erroneous agenda item.

E. DISCUSS THE RUSTIC WOOD FENCING PROPOSAL FOR THE RIVERSIDE PARCEL IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,383.57

Member Witten indicated Rustic Wood Fencing would be installing the matching fence style that was placed at Whippoorwill Park. Member Witten visited the Riverside parcel and noticed the high level of water surrounding the parking pad. Member Witten addressed his concern of installing wooden posts. Steel posts costs have been provided. The Committee requested the treated wood post be installed with the steel behind. Member Towne also added that the gate be installed 10 inches from the ground to avoid it being soaking in water.

A motion was made to approve Rustic Wood Fencing to install a split open fence at Riverside parcel with wood treated post in the amount to exceed $2,600. The motion was made by Member Towne and seconded by Chairman Clark. The motion was carried. Member Smolic questioned the amount as being too low.

An amended motion was made to approve Rustic Wood Fencing to install a split open fence at Riverside parcel with wood treated post in the amount to exceed $2,800. The motion was made by Member Towne and seconded by Chairman Clark. The motion was carried.

F. DISCUSS THE VILLAGE ENGINEERS PROPOSAL TO INSTALL THE NEW TRAIL SIGNS FOR E-BIKE IN THE AMOUNT $14,280.00

Chairman Clark stated an estimation was received by our Village Engineer to install 27 e-bike signs in the amount of $14,280. Village Administrator Florip added this state mandate is required to be installed by January 1, 2027. The signs have been created by the state.

A motion was made to approve the Village Engineers to install the new trail signs for E-Bikes in the amount of $14,280.00. The motion was made by Member Witten and seconded by Chairman Clark. The motion was carried.

G. DISCUSS THE CHICAGOLAND PAVING CONTRACTOR INC PRICING TO COMPLETE THE OLD SCHOOL ROAD TRAIL DITCH AND NEW SCREENING IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,340.00

Chairman Clark stated Chicagoland Paving Contractors will regrade the trail area along the ditch to avoid runoff. The area will have new screening added prior to new gravel material being added. The ditch digging proposal was received in the amount of $3,440.00. This bid was lower than the Forest Builders bid received which was in the amount of $4,650.00. In addition, the new screening work in the amount of $3,900.00 is part of the credit received from the original $50,000 approved.

A motion was made to approve Chicagoland Paving Contractor Inc pricing to complete the Old School Road Trail ditch and new screening in the amount of $7,340.00. The motion was made by Member Towne and seconded by Member Witten. The motion was carried.

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

Resident, Karen Carruthers indicated various village parcels have buckthorn. The Mettawa Savanna and Everett Pond parcels only utilize half of the land in farming. Mrs. Carruthers asked what the village's plans for the other slice of the property. These two locations, have invasive plants, teasel and large areas of buckthorn. Mrs. Carruthers requested that the unused land be treated for the weeds. Chairman Clark added she will explore the clearing of the land in the spring when the budget is being planned.

Member Towne asked that the gates be closed when Bob Haraden is done farming the parcel. Member Smolic asked if any resident could access or walk the village's open space. This is possible, however there is no parking available for the large parcels.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Witten to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk