

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:41 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 and Towne

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY

Meeting minutes of May 10, 2023 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Chairman Clark that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS THE AMENDMENTS FOR THE BERM BEING BUILT ON THE VILLAGE LOT LOCATED ON ROUTE 60 AND ST. MARYS ROAD

Chairman Clark indicated the berm construction was extended from the original date of September 1st 2022 to June 1st. The first extension was an outcome of Altounian Construction Inc. not being granted the development work in which the soil was to be obtained. Altounian Construction, Inc. is now being granted a second amendment with a new completion date of October 1, 2023. The later date was determined to provide adequate time to remove the concrete from the top of berm and add the black top. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said the concrete was removed from the berm but still on the site from his last site visit. Chairman Clark added the new black top and seeding need to be completed later in the fall will provide a greater success for the grass to grow. Removal of buckthorn and some dead trees remain to be completed according to the initial agreement. The amendment is being approved with the two conditions that an updated certificate of liability insurance be received and the bond be renewed for \$20,000.

A motion was made to approve the second amendment ordinance to the agreement for the 2020 berm construction with Altounian Construction, Inc. The motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Chairman Clark. The motion was carried.

E. REVIEW THE INVENTORY TREE LISTING AT OAK HILL LANE

Chairman Clark indicated Davey Tree Experts completed a tree inventory on Oak Hill Lane. Whippoorwill Park has also had a tree inventory completed. Oak Hill Lane has 109 trees on site and only nine trees are dead. Chairman Clark indicated the removal of the dead trees will be considered during the winter tree removal program.

Chairman Clark added resident Rick Vanselow will be submitting an invoice for his equipment use and labor utilized during the delivery of the crabapple bushes from the Davey Tree truck.

F. DISCUSS THE DAVEY TREE EXPERTS WATERING PROGRAM FOR THE NEW PLANTINGS ON OAK HILL LANE

Chairman Clark added the Committee received the watering tree proposal from Davey Tree Experts. This agreement will be approved at the Board meeting as no voting will be occurring at this Committee meeting. The proposal includes nine visits.

G. DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

Chairman Clark stated in 2015 WRD produced a report with recommendations for each of the Village's open lots. This report will be updated with the current work completed at location for next Committee meeting. The report is used for planning and determining which lot will be cleared next. Chairman Clark added we will need to wait to see the outcome of the berm to determine what further actions are required at this location. In addition, once the annexation is complete with the Grainger property, this acreage will need to be cleared of the large asphalt pieces and debris that has been dumped over time. The site will be mowed too.

Chairman Clark indicated the Whippoorwill Park had several plugs planted in the pollinator garden last year. Pizzo & Associates have acknowledged some of the plugs did not survive the winter and will need to be replaced. In addition, the weeds around the patio pavers at Whippoorwill Park will need to be treated. A loose paver stepping off the patio will be adjusted to ensure no one hurts themselves.

Chairman Clark stated a tree inventory will be completed at the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park after the stormwater drainage project.

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 added resident Barry MacLean has asked if he could add some plantings around his bench at the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park. A design plan is being drafted and will be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

Chairman Clark reminded Village Engineer Scott Anderson to provide the Village Clerk 24-hour notification when the weeds are scheduled to be treated along the shoulder and trails.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Chairman Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo,
Village Clerk