



# Village of Fox River Grove

## **PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2014**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dan Otto called the meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present were Chairman Dan Otto, Members, Jim McNutt, Mike Olencheck, Mike Richardson and Sherri Sepeczi Also in attendance were Superintendent of Public Works Jon Huizinga and Secretary Alison Dal Compo. Members Bill Conway and Cheryl Joseph were absent.

### **RESIDENT'S COMMENTS--none**

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Nunamaker.

### **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2013 MINUTES**

Member McNutt made a motion to approve the December 4, 2013 minutes as presented. Member Sepeczi seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **PARKS**

***Public Works Report***--Superintendent Huizinga reviewed the highlights. He said that much work was done on the sled hill, removing jumps. There has also been a lot of plowing!

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

***2014 Fund Raiser***—Chairman Otto said that March 8, 2014 is the date of the next fundraiser. Member Sepeczi said that Brunch Café has been booked for the event. The consensus is that everyone was happy with last year's menu so it will remain much the same. It will again be all you can eat plus two drinks for \$30 per person.

Member Richardson reported that he saw a performer at Village Squire that he thought might be a good choice to provide some entertainment. He charges \$50 per hour and has a mainly classic rock set list. Chairman Otto said that background music would be ok, as long as it is not overbearing. Member Sepeczi said that some residents have suggested having someone go around to tables performing card tricks. Village President Nunamaker said that just having someone's IPOD playing music might suffice. Superintendent Huizinga said he would rather see the money go towards the fund raiser instead of hiring a performer. Member Sepeczi said that Alex and Buddy performed for free last year.

Member Sepeczi asked if the signs from the old Metra station could be put up for the raffle; she was told yes. She further asked if there may be other vintage Village signs in the attic of the old Village hall. Superintendent Huizinga said that he would have to talk with the Rutledge's, who own that building currently. Village President Nunamaker said he would look into it. Member Sepeczi asked if there were any Fox River Grove flags available; she was told yes.

**Village President** Robert Nunamaker

**Trustees** Thomas Anderson / Suzanne Blohm / Joanna Colletti / Steve Knar / Andrew Migdal / Michael Schiestel

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Village President Nunamaker said that he has been trying to convince the trustees to put some sort of mural on the wall behind the member's seating area in the meeting room.

Member Sepeczi asked what the money had from last year's fundraiser had gone towards. Superintendent Huizinga said that any Parks funds had gone towards handicapped accessible pathways and some had gone towards the parking lot.

***Update on 2014 Financials:*** Village President Nunamaker said that there is about \$45,000 in funds available for this fiscal year. Superintendent Huizinga stated that the Hunters Farm pathway still needs to be done. Chairman Otto said that the Picnic Grove parking lot should be a priority as well. Superintendent Huizinga said that this should be done in conjunction with the road program. Member Sepeczi asked if an access path would be done to River Road; she was told not at this time.

Chairman Otto asked if the parking lot paving at Picnic Grove Park is outside of the Parks budget, he was told yes.

Superintendent Huizinga asked about providing some type of shade for people visiting Picnic Grove Park. Member Sepeczi asked if it should be in the form of a shelter or roof top picnic tables. Village President Nunamaker asked if the members felt that all the money should be spent on one park. Member McNutt said that perhaps it should be split between some different projects. Chairman Otto observed that it might be nice to use it all at Picnic Grove Park and finish the projects there first. Village President Nunamaker suggested doing a small band shell.

Chairman Otto noted that it should be decided what to do with the concrete slabs before the new parking lot goes in. Member Sepeczi asked Superintendent Huizinga what he would recommend be done with the funds. He said that he would start with shoreline stabilization. Next, he would recommend screening by the port o lets and LED or solar lighting for the flag. He would also suggest parking lot lights. Member Sepeczi added that the parking lot lights would be a nice touch for events on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, etc. Village President Nunamaker mentioned the boardwalk idea or the Hunters Farm access path. He further noted that the Village has hired a contractor to look at downtown re-development. It had been mentioned that a cantilevered walk way would cost about \$1.2 million.

Member Sepeczi summarized the ideas given"

- 1) Fix shoreline
- 2) Build a small shelter, 20'x30'=approximately \$35,000
- 3) Parking lot lighting @\$5,000 per pole
- 4) Boardwalk, \$20,000 for materials and \$15,000 for labor=approximately \$35,000
- 5) Hunters Farm path paving, \$2,000

Chairman Otto estimated that shoreline stabilization would cost about \$300/foot, and that the shoreline area is about 4,000 feet. Further, he reiterated that he wanted to know what would be done with the concrete slabs.

Superintendent Huizinga felt that a shelter, if built, should be put near the playground area. Member Sepeczi asked if that location would be a problem for the fireworks display; she was told no. Superintendent Huizinga further suggested that the small concrete slab be removed, and that the larger one be capped off. Chairman Otto agreed. He further mentioned that an accessibility path to a shelter and to the volleyball court would be needed. Eventually, a seating area could be put on the capped off slab.

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**A MOTION was made by Member Sepeczi to prioritize the following projects for the 2014 budget: 1) Handicapped accessible path to Hunters Farm Park. 2) Build a shelter at Picnic Grove Park and pave a handicapped accessible path to it. 3) Remove the small slab at Picnic Grove Park and do restoration of that area 4) Add a boardwalk 5) Add lighting at Picnic Grove Park. Seconded by Member Richardson. Motion Carried.**

Member Sepeczi reminded the members that donations are still needed for the silent auction. She also will need someone to volunteer to write about 100 thank you notes after the event. Superintendent Huizinga suggested doing a certificate of appreciation.

Member Sepeczi asked what had happened to the McHenry County Foundation. She was told that the money was spent and the fund closed.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member McNutt and seconded by Member Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. All were in favor.

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Dan Otto, Chairman

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Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

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Date Approved