



# Village of Fox River Grove

## **PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2, 2014**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairman Conway called the meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 7:11 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present were Acting Chairman Bill Conway and Members Cheryl Joseph, Jim McNutt, and Sherri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Public Works representative Mitch Rogalski and Secretary Alison Dal Compo. Members Mike Olencheck, Dan Otto and Mike Richardson were absent.

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

Acting Chairman Conway welcomed Village President Bob Nunamaker and Trustee Steve Knar.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 5, 2014 MINUTES**

Member Sepeczi made a motion to approve the March 5, 2014 minutes as presented. Member McNutt seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Village President Nunamaker complimented the Parks commission members on the fantastic job they did with the St. Patty's Day fundraiser. Acting Chairman Conway noted that it was less work to take on than a road rally or car show.

### **PARKS**

**Public Works Report**--Rogalski reviewed the highlights. Volunteers are needed for the annual parks clean up to be held on April 26, 2014. There will be kids from Cary Grove High School helping out. Some of the tasks for the day will be trash pick up, garbage can painting and sweeping the curbs at the Metra lot. Member Sepeczi noted that the Rec Council has 31 volunteers for this. They need four hours of community service. She asked if about seven people should be sent to four different locations; she was told yes. Member McNutt will also volunteer.

Member Sepeczi asked what the volunteers at Picnic Grove Park should focus on. Rogalski said that possibly the beach sand can be pulled back, and trash should be picked up. Member Sepeczi asked if the buckthorn should also be cut down, she was told yes. Village President Nunamaker asked if more sand could be poured in the volleyball pit.

Member Sepeczi asked if the cross country trail needed weeding or mulching. Rogalski said that some volunteers could potentially walk the path and check it out. He said that he appreciated all the suggestions and feedback. He reported that two years ago the buckthorn was done thoroughly, but last year there were weather issues so not as much could be done.

Member Sepeczi summarized the areas to be worked on: Algonquin Road School Park, Foxmoor, Jeff Clark Trail and the Metra Commuter lot. Rogalski said that there is a lot of work to be done in the commuter lot.

**Village President** Robert Nunamaker

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

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**2014 St. Patty's Day Fundraiser:** Member Sepeczi reported that the fundraiser made about \$7,500. Chairman Otto and his wife had agreed to help out with the thank you notes. The old Metra station signs as well as the vintage village banner pulled in a lot of money. Rogalski said that there is a catalpa wood statue of an eagle that could be auctioned off next year. Trustee Knar said that if the village signs get replaced this year, the old ones could be auctioned off next year.

**Budget Capital Projects:** The main project the committee would like to focus on this year is a new shelter at Picnic Grove Park. Trustee Knar said that there is \$49, 162 currently in the budget for Parks. This includes a carry over from last year. Member Sepeczi asked if the \$7,500 from the fundraiser is included in that number. Trustee Knar said no, and that fundraising should be shown in the budget as a separate line item.

Member Sepeczi said that the people who attend the fundraisers like to see the money used for something tangible, for example, maybe new basketball hoops or a skateboard rail. Another idea was for a tennis court back drop wall so that people could play wall ball.

Trustee Knar said that basketball hoops make sense, since the pavement is also being done at Picnic Grove Park. He also mentioned that the concrete pad needs to be taken out. Acting Chairman Conway noted that it will be easier to put landscaping in once the concrete pad is out.

Trustee Knar asked what should be done with the circle area, since people park their cars on it. Acting Chairman Conway suggested that one side of the circle could be trimmed all the way to the road. Village President Nunamaker noted that the cost of the asphalt would be higher due to wetland issues. Trustee Knar estimated that it would be about \$3,000 to tear up the concrete pad and do some simple landscaping there instead.

Member Sepeczi asked what would happen if the shelter costs more than \$50,000. It has been previously included in the Parks master plan. Village President Nunamaker added that the shelter is proposed to be located close to the playground and near the volleyball pit. Rogalski noted that this would be a smaller shelter; Member Sepeczi said that it would be smaller than the one at Lions Park.

The four priorities discussed were 1) a minimum 18' x 18' shelter at Picnic Grove Park 2) the handicapped accessible path at Hunters Farm, 3) basketball nets at Picnic Grove Park, and 4) taking out the concrete pad. Trustee Knar asked if a rectangular shelter would look better. Member Sepeczi added that a large shelter might get rented more often. Trustee Knar suggested looking into a 36' x 18' shelter. Member Sepeczi asked what the cost of one the same size as Jaycee's Park would be.

Village President Nunamaker said that the choices should be items that will be the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

It was decided that the wall ball idea and skate rail ideas might be left for next year.

**NEXT MEETING**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member McNutt and seconded by Member Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. All were in favor.

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Acting Chairman Conway

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Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

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Date Approved