



Village of Fox River Grove

PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MAY 7, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Otto called the meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Otto and Members Bill Conway, Jim McNutt, and Mike Richardson. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Streets and Parks John Reese and Secretary Alison Dal Compo. Members Cheryl Joseph, Mike Olencheck and Sherri Sepeczi were absent.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Bob Nunamaker and PTO President Michelle Tumminaro and PTO member Christie Janka.

Mrs. Tumminaro said that the PTO was working on a walk a thon, with the goal of raising money for the "buddy bench" idea previously discussed at the Parks meeting in April. A buddy bench gives children an opportunity to let others know they need someone to play with and facilitates support. Jerry Bloom built two conversation style benches for this purpose. The PTO is seeking permission to put one at Stanger Park, and is asking where the best location would be for it to be placed.

Member McNutt felt this was a great idea and showed initiative on the part of the kids. Mrs. Tumminaro said that the children had sent notes to the principal asking for this type of bench. Chairman Otto said that the PTO should work along with Village staff to get it installed. Superintendent Reese said that the goal will be to get it anchored properly so that it doesn't get stolen and that it is safe.

He asked where the PTO would like it to be located. Mrs. Tumminaro said that there is an open area near the swings that might work. Superintendent Reese showed a Google map of the area, and said that it would need to be checked for fall zones, etc. Chairman Otto added that it would need to be well clear of the pedway and bicycle path. Member Conway noted that while second graders will probably like the bench, it is doubtful if older kids would use it.

A MOTION was made by Member McNutt to permit the placement of a "buddy bench" at Stanger Park with the location to be determined by Village staff. Seconded by Member Richardson. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Superintendent Reese asked how it should be anchored; others in the parks are cemented in. Mrs. Tumminaro explained that the bench is very heavy. Chairman Otto stated that regardless of how heavy it might be, it would have to be anchored for safety. Village President Nunamaker asked what type of wood the bench is made of. Mrs. Tumminaro said it was made of pre-treated lumber.

Village President Robert Nunamaker

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

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2, 2014 MINUTES

Member McNutt made a motion to approve the April 2, 2014 minutes as presented. Member Conway seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

PARKS

Public Works Report—Superintendent Reese reviewed the highlights. Member McNutt commended the public works crew for their great job with plowing this year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Recap: Spring Parks Clean Up Day: Superintendent Reese reported that the parks clean up day was one of the best ever! There were 40 volunteers from the Rec Council and from the Cary Grove High School track team. The volunteers collected 45 bags of trash, cut down buckthorn, and removed 4 tons of gravel from the Metra commuter lot.

2014/2015 Budget Capital Projects: Three projects that have been prioritized are the shelter at Picnic Grove Park, landscaping and paving.

Chairman Otto said that Eric from Ringers Landscaping had volunteered to remove the small concrete pad at Picnic Grove Park as a “give back” to the community. Superintendent Reese said that there is an issue with removing it, because Melrose Fireworks launches the annual fireworks displays from there. They can be launched from the grass, but the concrete is preferable.

Member Conway asked what size pad is needed for the fireworks. He was told either 10’ x 12’ or 12’ x 12’. Village President Nunamaker asked if, (after the parking lot is paved), some of that area could be used. Superintendent Reese said that the fire department needs the circle access of the parking lot. Member Conway noted that on the river side of the road there is asphalt. Superintendent Reese said that there will be 300 feet of shoreline parking added along with the parking lot paving. Chairman Otto asked if the fireworks could be launched from the shoreline area. Superintendent Reese said that the fireworks have to be launched at least 400 feet back from where the crowd stands.

Village President Nunamaker stated that since the fireworks display is on July 12th, maybe the smaller concrete pad shouldn’t be removed until after that date. Chairman Otto asked when the asphalt is scheduled to be put in; he was told mid July. Member Conway suggested doing a temporary dura-rock pad for the fireworks.

Superintendent Reese noted that if Ringers does remove the pad, then dirt and grass seed will have to be put down immediately. Chairman Otto reiterated that the Parks Commission is still in favor of removing the concrete pad.

Member Conway suggested that when the retaining wall from Algonquin on the west side is completed, brick pavers could be put in along with a railing to make a nice picnic area.

Member Conway asked if the basketball hoops could be put in after the paving work is done at Picnic Grove Park. Superintendent Reese said that he had priced some “gooseneck” style basketball poles/hoops; they would cost about \$750 a piece. The concrete pads would cost about \$1,000 each.

Superintendent Reese said that he got two quotes for a 16’ x 28’ shelter. One quote was \$49,306, the other was \$30,552. Chairman Otto said that the \$30,552 quote would be about right for a 20’ x 30’ shelter. He further said that at the Schaumburg Park District, they always put metal roofs on their shelters. Village President Nunamaker observed that the shelter at Lions Park has a metal roof.

Superintendent Reese recommended building the shelter after the fireworks display is over. With Eric from Ringers doing the removal of the small concrete pad, there should be enough money for the Picnic Grove shelter and two basketball hoops with new concrete pads. ’

Superintendent Reese reviewed some items which were recently taken care of or are soon to be done:

- “No guns” signs installed
- Two concrete pads for port-o-lets installed
- 18 new trees planted
- 8 foot high fencing to be installed around the port-o-lets at Picnic Grove Park
- Access path to dugout at Hunters Farm

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member McNutt and seconded by Member Conway to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. All were in favor.

Chairman Dan Otto

Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

Date Approved