



Village of Fox River Grove

PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 6, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS--none

Chairman Otto welcomed Trustee Tom Anderson.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 4, 2014 MINUTES

Member Conway made a motion to approve the June 4, 2014 minutes as presented. Member Richardson seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

PARKS

Picnic Grove Park proposed shelter-This meeting was held on location at Picnic Grove Park.

Chairman Otto said that the location and size of the proposed shelter needed to be decided. 20' x 40' was originally proposed. A 30' x 50 shelter would cost more money, but since this may be the only one that is built in the foreseeable future, it may be best to go with the larger one.

Member Olencheck asked if the existing shelter at Lions Park is 30' x 50', he was told yes. Chairman Otto said that the shelter could be as large as 30' x 60'.

Member Conway gave some estimates on various sizes and materials.

30' x 50', 8' x 8' post, 6/12 pitch = \$64,000

30' x 50', all steel, high beam style = \$22,900

Member Sepeczi showed a picture of a log cabin, barn style shelter from a park in Michigan. Public Works representative Mark Stockley observed that the tents for the fireworks are usually 20' x 20'.

As to location, Member Conway observed that if the shelters will be used for weddings and the like, locating it next to the playground is probably not the best. If it will be used primarily for family style events, then it should be put near the playground. Mark asked if the proposed shelter would have electrical access, running water, or bathrooms. Chairman Otto stated that there should definitely be electrical access. Member Conway suggested having a fireplace at the far end of the shelter.

Chairman Otto suggested putting the shelter closer to the parking lot. Mark Stockley noted that it would make it easier for handicapped access. Chairman Otto said that the existing sand volleyball lot is about 30' x 60', but the volleyball lot would have to be moved. Member Olencheck asked if the base would be concrete; he was told yes. The cost would be about \$10,000 to \$12,000 more for a new concrete pad. Chairman Otto said that it might be best for the shelter to be positioned so that the shorter sides would be facing the river and the playground.

Member Conway said that the existing concrete pad near the river is about 50' x 80'. Chairman Otto noted that having the shelter so close to the river would require precautions so that children could not fall into the river unnoticed. Member Conway said that a 36" rail could be put up at the seawall.

Chairman Otto said that the existing concrete would have to be capped as it is currently not durable enough. Trustee Anderson asked if the base had to be concrete; he suggested either pavers or decking could be used. Chairman Otto said that those were possibilities. He further stated that even if the existing concrete were used, there would still be costs involved with improving it. Member Sepeczi asked who could give estimates on different options for improving the concrete pad. Mark Stockley said he would contact the contractor that the Village uses for sidewalks.

Member Conway explained that there a type of hard grout that can be used for the flooring. It would be long lasting and would probably cost about \$2/square foot. Chairman Otto added that he had also envisioned a river walk going up the existing concrete pad. Mark Stockley observed that it would likely cost more to remove the existing concrete than to pour a new pad. Member Olencheck added that digging the concrete pad out might cause damage to the seawall.

Trustee Anderson said that he feels the bigger sized shelter would be best, at least 30' x 50'. He thought that either location being proposed would work. It will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole on Thursday. Chairman Otto said that a 3 foot high ornamental fence could be constructed if the location on the existing concrete pad is decided upon. Member Sepeczi observed that if the shelter is put on the volleyball pit, it may also be good for the beer tent at the fireworks display. Member Olencheck said that the existing concrete pad must be deep as it has not cracked much over the years.

Chairman Otto asked what the relationship of the shelter at Lions Park to the river would be compared to this proposed shelter. He was told that it's about 30 feet farther from the river at Lions. Member Sepeczi said that Mark Stockley should get a quote for topping off the concrete slab.

Member Olencheck commented that the existing concrete slab is an eyesore, and something should be done to it. If it is not used for the shelter, then estimates should be obtained to remove it. Also, if it is capped for the purpose of the shelter, how long is the capping estimated to last? Chairman Otto asked if the concrete could be used for rip rap in the river if it is dug out. Member Olencheck said probably not; the Army Corps of Engineers usually wants rip rap to be clean and free of rebar. Member Conway suggested getting the concrete ground and polished. It would be ground down 1/2' to 3/8" at most.

Chairman Otto asked Mark to get estimates for the concrete to 1) be ground 2) be capped 3) be removed.

Member Conway said he would also like to see round tables with umbrellas lining the river. This would add much beauty to the river front. Chairman Otto said that the ornamental fence could be moved down closer to the river if the umbrella tables were added. Also, there would have to be some stairs built for access.

Chairman Otto recapped the discussion:

- 1) The shelter should be 30' x 50' or longer.
- 2) The shelter should be located on the existing concrete pad.

Member Olencheck asked if it is possible that there is septic underneath. Chairman Otto added that he wondered what had happened to the bathroom facilities that used to be present.

Chairman Otto said that he would also like to see some general clean up of the park itself. Member Conway noted that the park already looks much improved because of the paving work. Chairman Otto said that the fencing has improved the area around the port a potties.

Member Conway said that he would prefer that the shelter was prettier rather than larger. Chairman Otto said that brick could be put around the steel posts so that it would match with a future fireplace. He and Member Olencheck both agreed that it would be a bad idea to completely take out the concrete slab. Mark Stockley wondered if it might be best to dig out the edges of the slab, put in a 2 foot foundation and then cap. Chairman Otto said that a 6" cap should be sufficient. The footings for the shelter can be cored through.

Member Conway noted that the shelter would not be the full length of the existing concrete slab. Chairman Otto said that additional picnic tables could be placed on the side where there is space. Chairman Otto asked if there is a bathroom inside the public works building on site. Mark said yes, and that it is a forced main that could be tapped into for a bathroom facility at or near the shelter. He further suggested having security cameras. Chairman Otto agreed, as there have been a lot of "smash and grabs" at the Schaumburg Park District. They have installed many security cameras on site.

Member Conway volunteered to find out information about concrete grinding.

Mark Stockley asked about the basketball hoops the commission had decided on. Chairman Otto asked if it had been agreed upon to put them up at Picnic Grove Park.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
This is one week later than usual.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Conway and seconded by Member Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor.

Dan Otto, Chairman

Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

Date Approved