



# Village of Fox River Grove

## **PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 3, 2014**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Present were Chairman Dan Otto and Members Cheryl Joseph, Jim McNutt, Mike Richardson and Sherri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Reese and Acting Secretary Barb Majkrzak. Member Bill Conway was absent.

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

Village President Nunamaker welcomed new Parks Commission member Diane Phillips. Diane Phillips introduced herself to the members. She is a long time resident of the Village and was one of the founding members of the Special Events Committee.

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

A MOTION was made by Member McNutt to approve the November 5, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Member Sepeczi. Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT**

Superintendent Reese reviewed the highlights. Member McNutt said that he appreciates all the safety training that Public Works employees receive. Supt. Reese explained the situation regarding the dry wells at 515 Algonquin and about the large leaf pile that was in the middle of Route 22. There are new grills at Lion's Park.

*Picnic Grove Park Concrete Slab:* Superintendent Reese reported that he talked to Erik from Ringers Landscaping and he's been very busy getting his equipment ready for winter. He is planning on removing the slab for the Village.

*Picnic Grove Park Shelter Bids:* Superintendent Reese reported that he worked with Derek Soderholm and Stephen Bechler to put together the bid packet. It is ready and the project will be going out for bid in January or February. Shelter will include metal posts, roof and lights inside the shelter. Project should start 6-8 weeks after the bid opening and shelter should be ready by Memorial Day.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*2015 Parks Fundraiser:* Member Sepeczi reported that she has spoken to Village Clerk Donna Brouder and scheduled the fundraiser for April 25<sup>th</sup>. She asked when the Parks Clean Up Day is scheduled. Supt. Reese responded that the date is coordinated with the Rec Council and the high school (as the students help). Member Sepeczi is working on donations for the silent auction. Supt. Reese said he has an owl sculpture, train station sign, planters from the downtown area, old banners

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and wood chips.

*Sled Hill:* The hill is ready – power is on, lights checked, divider is up. Resident Matt Figas will be setting up and maintaining the ice rink at Kids Care Court. He is waiting till after the tree lighting to start.

Member Phillips brought up for discussion having a winter fest at Picnic Grove Park. Residents could donate their Christmas trees for a bonfire. To raise funds, the Commission could sell hot chocolate. Kids would go sledding. Discussion followed. Special Events is working on ideas. It was decided that there is not enough time for this January, possibly next year.

Member Phillips would like to see an ice skating rink at Picnic Grove Park. There was a discussion on rink options/costs/manhours needed. This could be on the list for projects for the new budget year. Possible fundraiser goal.

Member Phillips asked about putting in a dog park. Member Sepeczi responded that the Village has previously discussed it. There is no room. Discussion held on costs and where dog park could be located. President Nunamaker said there are 2 lots on Ski Hill that were donated to the Village but only a half acre. A possibility could be the ComEd right-of-way under the power lines.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Member McNutt and seconded by Member Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. All in favor.

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Chairman Dan Otto

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Barb Majkrzak, Acting Secretary

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Date Approved