



Village of Fox River Grove

PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Otto called the meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Dan Otto and Members Bill Conway, Cheryl Joseph, Jim McNutt, Mike Richardson and Sherri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Reese and Secretary Alison Dal Compo. Member Diane Phillips was absent.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Nunamaker.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2015 MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Member McNutt to approve the February 4, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Member Conway. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

Superintendent Reese reviewed the highlights. Chairman Otto noted that the sled hill lights are now on. Superintendent Reese said that only 400 tons of salt have been used so far this year in snow removal, as opposed to 1,000 tons last year.

Superintendent Reese reported that Eric Ringstrand plans to remove the small concrete pad at Picnic Grove Park within the next few weeks.

Picnic Grove Park Shelter Bids: Superintendent Reese said that the three bids received were \$112,000, \$115,000 and \$118,000. Continental came in with the lowest bid. Chairman Otto said that it would be important to perform due diligence and check reviews on whatever company is chosen. Member McNutt agreed that checking references would be wise.

Chairman Otto asked if the work will start when the weather breaks. He was told yes. Member Sepeczi asked if there were any e-copies of photos that she could post on Facebook in advance of the fundraiser. Superintendent Reese said that he had one that was similar. Member Sepeczi asked if there will be electricity and water running to the shelter. Superintendent Reese explained that there will be a 3 x 5 pad adjacent to a water fountain and a 100 amp service box with outlets on each of the six posts. Member Sepeczi asked if it will be ready for summer rentals, and how much the rental fee would be. She was told that it will likely rent for the same as the shelter at Lion's Park does, and that it should be ready for summer.

Village President Robert Nunamaker

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

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Member Sepeczi asked what will happen with the volleyball pit. Superintendent Reese explained that the installation of the new volleyball pit is included in the package for the shelter.

Parks Clean Up Day: This will be held on April 25th. Superintendent Reese handed out a list of projects to be performed that day. Item #4 is buckthorn removal at Picnic Grove Park. Member McNutt commented that this is a difficult but satisfying job. Another item on the list is sweeping the sidewalk along Route 14. Member Sepeczi asked if wood chips will be added to the playgrounds. Superintendent Reese explained that this task will have to be done after that date, as it is too soon to back semis onto the grass. Wood chips run about \$4,000 for 80 yards. (200 g max critical fall height is a benchmark that needs to be met for safety reasons).

2015 Parks Fundraiser: The fundraiser is scheduled for April 25th. Member Sepeczi reported that she started looking for donations, and 35 couples have expressed interest in attending via Facebook. The goal is to have over 100 people. She further explained that she had tried to get Disney Park hopper passes, but since the Parks commission is not a 501C3 it was not possible for them to verify being tax deductible.

Superintendent Reese showed some pictures of Village related items that might be good for the silent auction, such as banners and a nine foot high eagle carving. The eagle statue is extremely heavy, so it would be best if just a picture was displayed. Public Works will deliver the statue to the winner.

Member Sepeczi said that she would like to see more residents attend from Victoria Woods and Hunter's Farm. She also noted that she would like to look into having people go to King Pin after the event.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Grover's Restaurant: Village President Nunamaker reported that a new restaurant, Grover's, is planning to open some time in March. Village President Nunamaker did not like the idea of having both an HVAC business and a restaurant in the same building. Thus, they decided to go with the restaurant. 60% of their revenue is to come from food, and 40% from liquor sales. Their liquor license may get approved at the next Village meeting. The restaurant will be handicapped accessible, and will feature big screen TV's. It is expected to be similar to Trax.

CGYBA: Village President Nunamaker explained that this association was originally formed because the Rec Council was not getting enough kids participating, and there were not enough fields in Carythus an agreement was formed. Trustee Blohm had issues with the original contract and would like to see it revised. The Rec Council is authorized by the Village to rent out the parks, but some trustees feel that there should be some contributions from parents towards this effort. Additionally, since Hunter's Farm has been underused, that park should possibly be removed from the contract.

Chairman Otto said that he would be in favor of a contribution from parents per child, but is not necessarily in favor of taking any fields out of the contract. Instead, he favors making the fields multi-use. Superintendent Reese noted that the Hunter's Farm field has been used for soccer.

Member Sepeczi said that there needs to be better communication between the three parties involved. Chairman Otto added that a good scheduling person could help work out the coordination and logistics of the different sports. Member Conway suggested limiting the total number of teams.

Village President Nunamaker noted that there have been parking issues. The addendum states that Kids Care Court is being used, people should use the school parking lot. Chairman Otto noted that more "no parking" signs could be added, and then enforced by ticketing or towing.

Superintendent Reese said that he would provide a copy of the current contract at September's meeting.

Superintendent Reese said that the Cub Scout Pack would like to do a spring clean up on April 19th. Member Sepeczi noted that the Girl Scouts do a clean up behind ARS in June.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2015 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