



# Village of Fox River Grove

## **PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

### **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 Cheryl Joseph, Jim McNutt, Mike Richardson and Sherri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Reese and Secretary Alison Dal Compo. Members Bill Conway and Diane Phillips were absent.

### **RESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Nunamaker.

### **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 6, 2016 MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Member McNutt to approve the January 6, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Member Richardson. Motion Carried.

### **PARKS**

*Public Works Monthly Report:* Superintendent Reese commented on item #7 of the report. The Police Department and Village Hall received new signs. Item #9 noted that the soccer goals have been locked up face to face. The Rec Council ordered new soccer goals on wheels. Chairman Otto asked if the new ones have weighted backs, as there are referees who do not feel that the ones on wheels are safe enough without that feature.

*Fox River Grove Welcome Sign Locations:* Chairman Otto suggested placing one at the end of the white fence at Picnic Grove Park, near the playground but relatively centered in the park. Member Sepeczi asked if the intent is for people to see it from boats on the river; she was told yes. She further asked if it would be placed parallel to the river, and what the back of the sign looks like. She was told it is blank.

Superintendent Reese suggested placing it to the left of the port-o-lets as you look at them from the river. He also mentioned putting it on an island of grass in front of the seawall. Bushes could be planted to the back of the sign. He said that there is a transformer at the end of the white fence so placement there would be difficult. Chairman Otto noted that it would have to be placed in a way that no one could hit it sledding down the sled hill. Superintendent Reese passed around a map showing six possible locations. The members felt that locations 4 and 6 (6 is the back side of the volleyball court) were best. Member Joseph said it should boil down to which ever one was most visible from the river. There was a suggestion to put it between the concrete slab and the river, but it was noted that boaters might try to tie to it there.

*Sled Hill Update:* The sled hill was closed after the accident. Sand was put down at the bottom of the hill as suggested at the last meeting by Member Conway. This did help in slowing down the sledders.

**Village President** Robert Nunamaker

**Trustees** Thomas Anderson / Suzanne Blohm / Jennifer Curtiss / Steve Knar / Andrew Migdal / Patrick Wall

Additionally, a news blast was put out. Chairman Otto asked for an update on the condition of the girl who had been injured. Member Sepeczi said that the girl broke two bones in her back and is currently being home schooled. She is expected to recover well.

*Parks Clean Up Day:* Superintendent Reese said this event is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. A list of activities is being put together. Member Sepeczi asked if Rec Council members have been notified; she was told yes.

Village President Nunamaker noted that the Village has spare salt due to the mild winter.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

*2016 Parks Fundraiser:* This event is planned for March 12, 2016. Member Sepeczi reported that she has been following up on a solicitation list, which was distributed to the members for review. She noted that \$6,500 has been made in the past from the silent auction of donated items.

Member McNutt said that a flyer for the event could be posted on McDonald's community bulletin board. Member Sepeczi said that a cookie display will be donated by Cary Bakery. Chairman Otto is putting together a basket of golfing related items, and his wife is working on a basket for auction as well. Member McNutt thanked Member Sepeczi for her hard work for this event.

*Miscellaneous Village Updates:* Superintendent Reese reported that there have only been 8 snow events so far this winter. Last year, there had been 22 by this date. The previous year, there were 52. The average in a winter is 20-30. Normally about 600 or 700 tons of salt are used in a year.

The Village is going out to bid for sidewalks, which are expected to cost \$35,000.

The new public works garage is up for bids as well. The facility is proposed to be 10,000 square feet. Village President Nunamaker said that Lamp is the construction manager for the project. Superintendent Reese reported that the current building was built in 1970. The new building will hold about 450 tons of salt. About 250 tons have been used so far.

Village President Nunamaker said that he had talked to Bob Miller at Algonquin Township, who was inquiring about the status of the new facility.

Superintendent Reese said that the annual ski jump had a good turn out this year. There was a good supply of port-o-potties this time.

Superintendent Reese said that the Village has an agreement with Grayhill Manufacturing to use their parking lot for overflow in the downtown area.

Superintendent Reese reported that the Village Board will agree on a dollar amount for replacement trees in Hunter's Farm, Lions Park, Victoria Woods, and for Foxmoor/Algonquin Rd soccer fields. About 24 trees will be purchased. Member McNutt asked what variety of tree will be purchased; he was told there will be a variety.

Superintendent Reese reported that the fire hydrant by the ice rink is broken again.

The Village is looking to put up lights by the various monument signs.

Ringers Landscape signed an agreement with the Village for the upcoming year.

Com Ed is changing out their street lights to LED throughout town except for the Village lights in the Maplewood Meadows, Victoria Woods, Hunter's Farm, Picnic Grove and Foxmoor subdivisions.

All new aerators were installed at Foxmoor Pond.

*Eagle Scout Project:* Member Sepeczi said that she was approached by the mothers of seven Boy Scouts who want to be Eagle Scouts. She asked about potential projects for them. A Frisbee golf course had been proposed in the past. Village President Nunamaker said it is possible that the Village could get a \$10,000 Com Ed grant for a walkway bridge over the wetland area. The approximate cost would be \$100 per foot. Chairman Otto said that some gravel areas would have to be tied into it as well. Member McNutt noted that there would be more than seven people participating, because the Scouts are required to engender others to help them.

Superintendent Reese said that there are four shelters at the parks which need staining, and dugouts need painting. He also has 80 garbage cans that need painting. Member Sepeczi said that some lower level Scouts might be able to do these types of maintenance projects.

Superintendent Reese said that while he is in favor of the Scouts putting together a bridge/boardwalk, in the past Eagle Scout projects have been left unfinished. Public Works ends up completing them.

Superintendent Reese also said that the buddy benches which were built have never been installed.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Member McNutt and seconded by Member Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. All were in favor.

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Chairman Dan Otto

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Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

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Date Approved