



Village of Fox River Grove

PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2, 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 Bill Conway, Cheryl Joseph, Diane Phillips, Mike Richardson and Sherri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Reese and Secretary Alison Dal Compo. Member Jim McNutt was absent.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Nunamaker.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2016 MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Member Sepeczi to approve the February 3, 2016 meeting minutes with two changes. Seconded by Member Joseph. Motion Carried.

PARKS

Public Works Monthly Report: Superintendent Reese covered the highlights. Item #2 noted that Waste Management only recycles Christmas trees in the first two weeks of January. Item #4 reported that three Village banners blew away, previously located at Rt. 22 and 14. One banner is still missing at this time.

Parks Clean Up Day: Some of the locations targeted for this day are Picnic Grove Park, the train commuter lot and Foxmoor Park. The Cary Grove High School track team and some Rec Council members will be assisting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2016 Parks Fundraiser: This event is planned for March 12, 2016. Member Sepeczi reported that donations continue to come in. Chairman Otto will be providing a golfing related basket as well as a basket of miscellaneous items. Member Conway is bringing benches, some tables and the bar set up. Member Richardson will pick up 20 balloons. Member Phillips said they are only a dollar each at the Crystal Lake Dollar Store, and Member Joseph said they are also available at the Lake Zurich store.

Member Sepeczi said that Jewel donated a \$20 gift card. Member Conway is donating a Hawks jersey for the 50/50 raffle. Superintendent Reese brought some Village related items to the meeting that will be donated for the auction. They included miscellaneous street signs, a Victoria Woods sign, and two Fox River Grove banners. An eleven foot long Metra sign is also

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going to be made available.

Member Sepeczi asked what types of beer should be made available for the event. The members felt that it should be Miller Lite and Blue Moon. There will also be wine and mixed drinks. The tickets cost \$30 per person for unlimited appetizers and two drinks.

Member Conway will also provide for a stay at a Florida condo as one of the auction items. Superintendent Reese said that Dave Miller would like to donate a load of good wood chips. The Special Events Committee has some t-shirts from their Rock the Routes event to donate. Eric from Ringers will donate his time to plant a tree.

Member Sepeczi asked about the mulch the Village usually donates. Superintendent Reese said that the mulch from the Village is of a lesser quality, as it is only ground once. The township's mulch is double ground. Member Sepeczi said that even so, the two mulch loads from the Village brought in \$80 and \$85 respectively last year.

Member Sepeczi said that people have donated some craft items this year, which will be good for the silent auction baskets. Member Sepeczi said that Brunch Cafe is continuing to provide a good deal for this event. Chairman Otto asked if people can go over to Grover's afterward. Member Sepeczi will look into it.

Superintendent Reese noted that the total cost of the Picnic Grove Park shelter was \$112,000. \$49,000 came from the 2014/2015 budget, \$25,000 from 2015/2016, and \$25,000 will come from 2016/2017. This leaves \$5,676 still needed.

Vandalism in the Parks: Superintendent Reese reported that there had been damage done at several of the Parks. At Picnic Grove Park, the new fence was damaged and some signs knocked down. Two people were caught and prosecuted for the damage to the fence. They were billed for the repairs. Member Conway noted that someone drove up the Ski Hill three times in a pickup truck.

Member Phillips asked if a chain is put across the entrance at night; she was told no. Superintendent Reese suggested saving up for surveillance cameras at the Parks. Chairman Otto said that they do help act as a deterrent, but they are not a cure all.

Superintendent Reese said that a car went in through the exit at Foxmoor Park and tore up the ground there.

Rec Council/Norge Fields: Superintendent Reese said that he received an email from the Rec Council, saying that they no longer want or need to use the soccer fields at Norge. They had done a lot of work there. They would instead like to use Foxmoor Jaycee field, but there is a lot of waste from geese on the ground.

Member Sepeczi mentioned that the Rec Council may not be running the parking for the ski jump anymore either.

Superintendent Reese said that the Special Events committee will hopefully be running the fireworks display from now on. Village President Nunamaker added that Rock the Routes is usually in June, and the fireworks are only a few weeks later. He suggested that the fireworks could be moved to September. Chairman Otto said that this would be harder for Public Works since they lose their summer help by then. A resident asked if the two events could be held together. Village President Nunamaker said that Rock the Routes needs to be held in the downtown area since it is for the purpose of drawing attention to local businesses.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village President Nunamaker brought up the idea of developing the three small lots that are currently small parks. Member Conway said that the homeowners nearest those parks should be consulted first. Chairman Otto suggested that maybe only one of those park properties could be sold off, and the money put towards a boardwalk. Superintendent Reese said that there are storm pipes going to the river on the properties.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Member Sepeczi 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