



Village of Fox River Grove

PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES APRIL 6, 2016

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

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Nunamaker.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2, 2016 MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Member Conway to approve the March 2, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Member Richardson. Motion Carried.

PARKS

Public Works Monthly Report: Superintendent Reese covered the highlights. Item #5, ComEd's change out of lights to LED, was completed.

Parks Clean Up Day: This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd from 8 a.m. until noon. There is a task list, and three areas will be the focus: Picnic Grove Park, Foxmoor Park and the commuter lots. Member McNutt is planning to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2016 Parks Fundraiser: Member Sepeczi gave the update. The event was very successful, with 103 in attendance and \$7,700 raised. Mike Schiestel installed a Metra sign for the Lee family. It had sold at the auction for about \$400.

Member Conway suggested that the appetizers should contain less bread next year. Chairman Otto said that Miller Lite ran out during the night so more should be on hand for next year as well. Village President Nunamaker showed the members a sign from the old Village Hall/Police Department. It is a back lit sign so it should be great for the auction next year.

Scoreboard at Hunters Farm: Superintendent Reese reported that Scott Smith from CGYBA is going to put up a scoreboard along the third base line at Hunters Farm. Chairman Otto asked if the local residents were contacted to ask their opinion about it; he was told no. In the past, Jon Huizinga installed a port a potty there without taking a survey in advance, and people got upset.

Village President Robert Nunamaker

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

PGP Concrete Slab Removal: This was put out for bids, and it will likely cost between \$12,000-\$15,000 for removal of the slab and restoration of the area.

Remaining Funds from fundraiser: There will be about \$2,700 left over from the fundraiser after the \$5,000 is given to the Picnic Grove Park shelter fund. Chairman Otto noted that it might be prudent to keep the money on hand in case a repair is needed, such as when the slide needed to be replaced at Kids Care Park a few years ago.

Superintendent Reese reported that the kids who vandalized the new fence at Picnic Grove Park have already paid for the restoration.

OLD BUSINESS:

Batting Cages at Old Hunt: Superintendent Reese said that he got prices from Dave Miller to have the batting cages removed at Old Hunt field. There is nothing really wrong with them. Village President Nunamaker said the matter was presented to the Board as though the cages were run down. He feels that CGYBA should be consulted before going ahead with this.

New Soccer Goals/Hunters Farm Bleachers: Superintendent Reese reported that the new soccer goals for ARS had been delivered, and would be installed on Friday.

He further reported that the bleachers at Hunters Farm were vandalized recently, and that the replacement cost would be about \$3,300. It was decided to just have them re-welded instead.

Superintendent Reese reported that the Village will no longer be mowing the Norge Soccer field or maintaining it.

Bike Race: The annual bike race will be held on May 15, 2016.

Small Shelter at Picnic Grove Park: The Village Board decided to replace the shingles on the smaller shelter at Picnic Grove Park. They will be wood shingles, since the price would only be \$1,800 as opposed to \$5,000 for metal.

Kids Care Court: Superintendent Reese reported that the split rail fence at Kids Care Court is being replaced. There will also be striping and sealing done there. The Foxmoor Park parking lot was also striped and sealed.

Community Gardens: Superintendent Reese said that there will not be community gardens this year due to the work being done on the new Public Works facility.

Cub Scout Troop Clean Up Day: Superintendent Reese reported that Cub Scout Troop #357 has 10 scouts that want to do clean up on the Jeffrey Clark trail on April 24th.

New Public Works Facility: Superintendent Reese showed the members pictures of the new Public Works facility site. Chairman Otto asked what the projected completion date is; he was told September 9th. He further recommended putting up pictures of the facility on the Village website.

Small Parks along the River: Village President Nunamaker said that the person who wants to buy one of the small parks near the river is still interested. This person would also build a boardwalk. Chairman

Otto suggested getting a realtor to appraise the lot. Member Sepeczi suggested giving the immediate neighbors the right of first refusal.

Member Conway said the lot is about 3,500 sq. ft. Chairman Otto also mentioned the possibility of having the interested party put in a "tot lot" on one of the other small lots. Superintendent Reese commented that the issue of the storm drains still needs to be addressed.

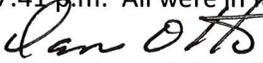
Chairman Otto noted that May will be his last meeting as a commission member, as he is moving!

NEXT MEETING

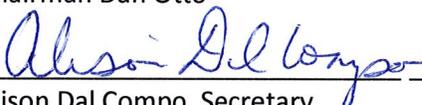
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Member Conway and seconded by Member Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. All were in favor.



Chairman Dan Otto

Alison Dal Compo, Secretary Date Approved