

**PARKS COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Otto called the meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Dan Otto, Members Bill Conway, Cheryl Joseph, Jim McNutt, Mike Olencheck, Mike Richardson and Sherri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Public Works Jon Huizinga and Secretary Alison Dal Compo.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS--none

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Nunamaker and introduced Karl Warwick, Village Administrator.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2012 MINUTES

Member McNutt made a motion to approve the October 3, 2012 minutes as presented. Member Conway seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS

Public Works Report--Superintendent Huizinga reviewed the highlights. He reported that many picnic tables and park benches had to be replaced or repaired recently as well as some electrical outlets.

Parks Priority List-- Superintendent Huizinga said that A.D.A. compliant pathways are the top priority. He would also like to see GrubX on the list for park turf areas. Fill from the Algonquin Rd. hill can be used for some flat areas. A second priority would be a gazebo and a band shell for Picnic Grove Park. A third priority would be a skate park.

Stanger Park Playground Status—Member Sepeczi reported that the new equipment is so popular that there are lines to get on the equipment! The smaller spinning pieces are the most popular. Chairman Otto expressed his appreciation for the Public Works' employees' hard work on Stanger. Member Sepeczi commented that the yellow and blue color combination looks good. Additionally, she wondered if some of the older equipment might be able to receive a coat of paint. Superintendent Huizinga said that the aluminum poles require a special primer. Village President Nunamaker observed that most good paints require the temperature to be above 50 degrees in order to take well.

Halloween Haunted Forest Walk—Member Richardson said that his kids took the non-scary route, but they were still pretty scared! Village President Nunamaker reported that \$230 was made the first night, but the second night was better. Superintendent Huizinga said that even though there weren't enough volunteers, the event was still very successful. About 500 people attended, and \$780 was raised for the fireworks. Member Sepeczi

suggested selling glow sticks next year.

OTHER BUSINESS

MCC Foundation Status—Chairman Otto asked if this account had been closed out and the money transferred. Superintendent Huizinga noted that on the last statement, no service fee had been charged. Treasurer Toppel is looking into whether or not the service charge could be permanently waived. If so, the money might stay in the fund.

Parks Fundraiser—Member Sepeczi suggested Saturday March 16, 2013 as the date of the next St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. The members agreed this was a good date. The intent will be to use Brunch Café again. Member Conway asked about using Norge. Member Sepeczi said that at Norge, the set-up and clean-up would have to be done by the members and any volunteers. Village President Nunamaker said that the ambiance is better at Brunch Café. Administrator Warwick said that the content of the newsletter was already complete, but since it had not been sent out yet the event details could likely be added.

Tree Lighting Ceremony—Member Sepeczi reported that Village President Nunamaker will be reading "The Night Before Christmas" at the event. The Cary Grove High School swing choir will perform, and Miss Fox River Grove will play the guitar. While a magician has been hired in the past, the cost for one is \$300 and there is no money for it this year.

Village President Nunamaker noted that Sage Products was bought out by a larger investor, so they may not be donating much to these types of events in the future.

David Dufern from the Zoning Board will be acting as Santa this year.

Member Sepeczi said that red and green ornaments will be hung from the ceiling for decoration.

Possible Unapproved Use of Soccer Fields—Member Conway said that there has been a soccer team using the field at ARS, and wondered if they have permission through the Rec Council. Village President Nunamaker said that the Rec Council had let some smaller kids play, but there have also been 18-19 year olds using the fields. It should be looked into as to whether those teams/individuals are being charged for this. It has been even been causing traffic hassles. The fields are owned by the Village. Chairman Otto doubted that the agreement between the Rec Council and the Village allows the Rec Council to "sub-let" the fields. Additionally, this type of use could cause liability issues as certificates of insurance should be on file for all participating teams.

Member Sepeczi noted that it is possible that people are just showing up to use the fields without the knowledge of the Rec Council.

NEXT MEETING

PARKS COMMISSION NOVEMBER 7, 2012

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member McNutt and seconded by Member Sepeczi to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. All were in favor.

Dan Otto, Chairman

Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

Date Approved