

**PARKS COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2013**

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

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS--none

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Nunamaker and Trustee Steve Knar.

Trustee Knar reported that there was a budget meeting Monday night. As previously discussed, \$75,000 has been set aside for parks in the upcoming budget year. These funds are exclusive of any fund raising done by the Parks Commission.

Baxter and Woodman estimated that paving Lion's Park parking lot would run about \$57,000. Trustee Knar said that he would ask if the budgeted amount for parks could be upped to \$80,000 so that there would still be \$23,000 left for other projects.

Trustee Knar further pointed out that the Village is putting \$15,000 towards some new sidewalks.

Village President Nunamaker reported that any fundraising done by the Park Commission will show up as a separate line item and will be over and above what is allocated in the budget. Chairman Otto asked if the \$28,000 cost for the ADA pathways is a part of the \$75,000. Administrator Warwick said no, that was separate. After the Lions Park parking lot paving, there will still be between \$27,000 and \$30,000 in discretionary funds.

Trustee Knar pointed out that the Village is requiring residents with gravel driveways to pave their driveways, so the Lions Park paving project is a positive gesture in conjunction with that requirement. Chairman Otto noted that the parking lot is a good, visible project.

Village President Nunamaker asked if an environmental impact study will have to be done; Superintendent Huizinga did not think so.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2013 MINUTES

Member McNutt made a motion to approve the February 13, 2013 minutes as presented. Member Olencheck seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

PARKS

Public Works Report--Superintendent Huizinga reviewed the highlights. Some minor maintenance was done. An exhaust fan was replaced in the aerator shed at Foxmoor Park. There has only been one incident of vandalism at Picnic Grove Park sled hill so far this year.

OTHER BUSINESS

St. Patrick's Day Parks Fundraiser— The date for the fundraiser is Saturday, March 9, 2013. Member Sepeczi said that Member Conway was bringing the bar loaned from the Lions. Chairman Otto said that set up would start at 3:30.

Superintendent Huizinga reported that Public Works donated two loads of mulch and a Fox River Grove banner for the silent auction. Member Sepeczi said that there had been almost \$7,000 worth of donations so far. The Conway's donated a weekend at a condo. Member Sepeczi asked the members to talk up items for the silent auction, and encourage people to bid in minimum \$5 increments. Chairman Otto asked how many people were expected to come; Member Sepeczi said at least 60. Chairman Otto noted that the Schaumburg Park District donated four passes to the water park. Member Sepeczi said that the Bartlett Golf Course/Park District donated passes, and a two day Harley motorcycle rental was also donated.

Member Sepeczi reported that for every ticket stub turned in at Tinman's (one per drink), they will donate \$1 towards the parks. Member McNutt commented that Member Sepeczi had done a good job organizing the event.

Parks Capital Projects: Chairman Otto listed five potential projects.

- 1) Handicapped accessible pathways
- 2) Asphalt walkway from Picnic Grove to Opatrny St.
- 3) Paving at Lion's Park
- 4) Paving at Picnic Grove Park
- 5) Picnic tables with roofs

Superintendent Huizinga said that the roofed picnic tables would be a really nice idea especially at Picnic Grove. Member Sepeczi noted that a big complaint that residents have is there is not enough shade.

Member Sepeczi asked if trees will be planted around the fencing at Foxmoor Park; she was told that there are no plans to do so.

Member McNutt asked about shoreline replacement. Village President Nunamaker said that the Harbor Team reports they are yards ahead of schedule, but that they will be doing more work this year. Superintendent Huizinga said they do about 50 feet per year. Shoreline stabilization is important.

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Superintendent Huizinga noted that if the Village is able to obtain good prices for the ADA pathways, the pathway from Opatrny to Picnic Grove Park could also be done. For a five foot overlay, and a 180-200 foot excavation the cost would likely be around \$12,000.

Village President Nunamaker asked if there is a path from Victoria Woods to the ski jump property; Chairman Otto said yes and that it comes out by the ski hill parking lot. Village President Nunamaker further asked if the pathway is on public property; Superintendent Huizinga said partly. Some of it belongs to Norge. Member Sepeczi suggested finding out whose property portions of the path run through.

Member McNutt asked about doing a split rail fence at Picnic Grove Park. Superintendent Huizinga said that if paving gets done there, perhaps some type of fence could also be done. He said that the split rail fence might deteriorate too fast, so that possibly another type should be done.

Member Sepeczi asked about a trail system through the Grove, starting at Picnic Grove Park and eventually going under the river at the bridge. She further asked if a grant could be obtained for such a project. Village President Nunamaker said that quotes had been obtained for this in the past, and it was very expensive. Superintendent Huizinga said for an eight foot wide path the cost would be about \$70 per linear foot. It could also be used as a bike path. Administrator Warwick said that this type of project would attract a lot of people. Chairman Otto said that a pathway has been the #1 item on the "attitude and interest" survey for the past 10 years. Superintendent Huizinga said that he would also like to see a path go to Asbury and wrap around the two ponds in Foxmoor.

Village President Nunamaker said that a bid opportunity had recently come through for a pollution mitigation item. Administrator Warwick said that CMAP does an 80/20 plan for that type of connecting pathway system.

Chairman Otto said that some priority items of a smaller nature to put money towards would be:

- Roofed picnic tables
- Foxmoor Park
- Tree planting at Picnic Grove Park

Village President Nunamaker explained that there are trustees who are in favor of a skate park, but they don't want it located at Picnic Grove Park. It might be good to recommend alternate locations. Chairman Otto said that he was under the impression that the direction given was not to do any work on a skate park in this budget year. Superintendent Huizinga said that other possible locations for the skate park were Lexington fields, Foxmoor Park or Old Hunt fields. Administrator Warwick said that the Middle School may also have an available area for it. The school would have to lease the area to the Village. Chairman Otto observed that the skate park would likely appeal to those of middle school age, so this would fit in well. Village President Nunamaker said that at the budget meeting, two

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trustees asked what had happened to the skate park idea.

Chairman Otto said that after Lions Park paving, the next big projects would be Picnic Grove Park paving and then the skate park. Administrator Warwick asked if there might be grants available for a skate park. Chairman Otto said that if the skate park was only one component of a larger park (with possibly something like a basketball court), then a grant opportunity would be more likely.

Member McNutt asked if any money for the new running path that the middle school coach was promoting would have to come out of the parks budget; Superintendent Huizinga said probably not much if any—possibly some money for herbicide.

Superintendent Huizinga said that April 20th will be the annual spring clean up day. Member Sepeczi asked if there was a priority list of items to be worked on that day. She had put up a flyer advertising the clean-up day at the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser.

NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE: Administrator Warwick said that the PEDC is working on a new website design, with a launch date in late May or early June. It will have the capability for mapping and location searches. Member Sepeczi asked if it will be smart phone accessible; she was told yes. Superintendent Huizinga recommended having links to the Rec Council and the Harbor Team.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member McNutt and seconded by Member Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. All were in favor.

Dan Otto, Chairman

Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

Date Approved