

**PARKS COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 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 Bill Conway, Cheryl Joseph, Jim McNutt, Mike Olencheck, Mike Richardson and Sherri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Public Works Jon Huizinga, Village Administrator Karl Warwick and Secretary Alison Dal Compo.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS--none

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Nunamaker and Trustee Steve Knar.

Trustee Knar reported that there was a special budget planning meeting Monday night. The Village will have over \$1,000,000 in capital spending this year. A big priority for use of this money will be for roads. That being said, the Village still needs to generate sales tax money. The Village has helped to institute TIF's to assist businesses. Consultants have made recommendations as to what infrastructure improvements need to be made. Street lights and new parking areas are among the items needed.

He further reported that \$75,000 has been set aside for parks in the upcoming budget year.

He feels that overall the skate park is a good idea, but is not enamored with the Picnic Grove Park location. Trustee Knar further pointed out that there are three seats to be filled on the Village Board. The Board members will want to have more information as well as more location options for the skate park.

Chairman Otto stated that \$75,000 in the budget is a good "problem" to have! Member Conway said that beautification of the parks is the foremost concern. For example, Picnic Grove Park is very weedy and needs grass.

Trustee Knar acknowledged how the efforts of the parks committee members had resulted in the Hunters Farm playground.

Chairman Otto said that the Parks Commission will work with staff for short range and long range priority lists, and that the new Village board members should give their input.

Member Conway asked if the parks would be in line for any grants. Administrator Warwick and Superintendent Huizinga said possibly an OSLAD grant. Chairman Otto said that it would be possible to get matching funds for amounts as low as \$15,000, but only for

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new items—not renovations.

Trustee Knar pointed out that there are three parks down by the river, and that two of those are essentially “side yards” for the residents that live there. Village President Nunamaker explained that they are likely not buildable areas. Member Conway said that an option might be to offer the land for sale to the adjacent owners. Superintendent Huizinga suggested that it might be possible to sell the areas for access to boat piers.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2, 2013 MINUTES

Member McNutt made a motion to approve the January 2, 2013 minutes as presented. Member Richardson seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

PARKS

Public Works Report--Superintendent Huizinga reviewed the highlights. Part of the ice rink was flooded. There has been a lot of activity on the sled hill, whether or not there has been snow.

There was discussion regarding the old commuter parking lot lights. Chairman Otto suggested using them as security lights for the playgrounds. Superintendent Huizinga said that since the lights are about 14 feet tall, they might work as walkway lights. Member Conway suggested that they could be used at Picnic Grove Park around the playground. He said that there are lots of kids using the park—the younger ones are playing at the playground, and the older ones are using the sled hill. Member McNutt asked if there is electricity available in the playground area. Superintendent Huizinga said that a line would have to be run, but there is a transformer available.

Member Conway asked about how much it would cost to have the concrete removed at PGP. Superintendent Huizinga said it would be expensive, and that it might be better to build something over it if possible. Trustee Knar said that he would like to see it pulled out. Superintendent Huizinga said that a seawall had been put in that area in anticipation of up to sixteen piers in the future. Member Conway suggested land leasing the area to a restaurant.

OTHER BUSINESS

St. Patrick’s Day Parks Fundraiser—The date for the fundraiser is Saturday, March 9, 2013. Member Sepeczi is continuing to arrange for this event. She reported that she had received forty responses through Facebook. The Lions will lend their bar for the event.

Member Joseph had suggested that the Sunshine School could provide babysitting during the event. The school agreed that they would do so for \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child from a family.

Member Sepeczi had chosen to take the spinach appetizer off the menu since it wasn’t very popular last time. Member Conway suggested doing corned beef instead of pulled pork. Member Sepeczi said that donations are still needed for the silent auction. Chairman Otto said that the Schaumburg Park District will again make a donation to the auction. Member Sepeczi explained that for each \$30 ticket, \$10 is profit for the fundraiser. She had talked to Tinman’s Pub about having people come there after the fundraiser as last year.

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Member Sepeczi asked if any information had been gathered about the MCC Foundation. Administrator Warwick said that the only tax deductible part of the event would likely be the items donated for the silent auction. Member Joseph said that she would consult her husband, an accountant, for clarification. Member Sepeczi said that Orchard Prime meats donated ground beef patties.

There were sixty-seven people who attended the event last year. Trustee Knar noted that the café can hold up to 100 people.

Trustee Knar said that there are signs on the three roofs of the train station that will be taken down once the new station/warming centers are built. He suggested that the Fox River Grove signs could be donated for the silent auction.

Parks Capital Projects: Superintendent Huizinga had sent a 10 year capital improvement list in e-mail, as well as a streets and parks future consideration list. Chairman Otto suggested that perhaps the parking lot projects for Picnic Grove and Lion's Parks could piggy back on the streets project for the Village. Administrator Warwick said that the streets project will be starting soon. A budget workshop will be held on March 4th, and authorization to go out for bids will be asked for at that time. Chairman Otto said that the Village may get a better unit price for the asphalt if the parking lots are done in conjunction with the streets. Lions Park would be the smaller project so perhaps it should be done first. Village President Nunamaker said that bids had been obtained for the parks lots two years ago. Administrator Warwick said that the lots could possibly be put as an addendum.

Chairman Otto asked if a Northwest Water Reclamation District permit would be needed. Superintendent Huizinga said that one had been obtained for Picnic Grove Park in the past.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member McNutt and seconded by Member Conway to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. All were in favor.

Dan Otto, Chairman

Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

Date Approved