



Village of Fox River Grove

PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES May 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sepeczi called the meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Chairperson Sheri Sepeczi, Members Bill Conway, Katrina McLaughlin, and Lisa Spiek. Also in attendance were Village President Robert Nunamaker, Trustee Tom Anderson, Operations Manager John Reese, and Secretary Gaby Jasovic. Members Heather Bond and Jamie Dimmick were absent.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

President Nunamaker reported that the Middle School students did a fantastic job on cleaning up the parks and planting flowers at the Village Hall and the parks.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 3, 2019 MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Member McLaughlin to approve the April 3, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Member Spiek. All in favor. Motion carried.

PARKS

Public Works Monthly Report: Operations Manager Reese presented the Public Works Monthly Report for March 2019 which consisted of routine maintenance items including patching potholes.

Parks Cleanup Day Update: Operations Manager Reese reported that the Parks Cleanup Day held on April 27, 2019 generated 25 bags of trash by 15 volunteers and 1 ton of debris was swept up at the commuter lots. Operations Manager Reese presented photos of volunteers at both the Picnic Grove and Foxmoor Park locations. Member McLaughlin expressed gratitude for Jewel, Panera Bread and Dunkin Donuts for all their contributions for the Parks Cleanup Day.

Parks Fundraiser Update: Operations Manager Reese presented the total amounts raised by the Parks Fundraiser from 2015 to the present year and reported a net total of \$9,342.44 for the last Parks Fundraiser in March 2019.

Stanger Park Design Colors: Operations Manager Reese presented 3 color scheme options for the refurbishing of the existing sign at the Stanger playground. A motion was made by Chairperson Sepeczi to approve Option #1. Seconded by Member Spiek. All in favor. Motion was carried.

Picnic Grove Shoreline: Operations Manager Reese reported that he met with a contractor that provided a rough cost estimate for 675 feet of shoreline restoration from the existing retaining wall to the tree line. This contractor has extensive experience and is very familiar with the Fox River. The contractor would obtain all the permits required and provide mobilization, delivery of material, installation, and restoration for an estimated \$75,000 (or approx. \$85/LF). Operations Manager Reese reported since

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Trustees Thomas Anderson / Jennifer Curtiss / Jacob Fleischmann / Andrew Migdal / Melissa Schladt / Patrick Wall

this is the start of a new fiscal year, the Parks Commission has \$63,000 available which includes a \$56,000 budget and \$7,000 from donations. Operations Manager Reese explained that the ground surface is graded and the shoreline is re-shaped so that 5-6" jagged rock can be installed piece by piece so the rocks will move down into the ground over time. Member Spiek asked about a warranty for this work, and Operations Manager Reese explained that the rocks will move, but that Public Works can tidy up the shoreline. Chairperson Sepeczi suggested marketing the shoreline restoration project and really showing the public how its deteriorated. Chairperson Sepeczi and Member Conway stated that completing the Shoreline Protection project would be the most responsible thing to do since a lot of fun projects have been accomplished in the past few years. Village President Nunamaker suggested getting a more detailed cost estimate since the contractor only provided a rough estimate. A motion was made by Chairperson Sepeczi to direct Baxter & Woodman to prepare a bid package for the shoreline protection project. Seconded by Member Conway. All in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Memorial Day Parade: Chairperson Sepeczi stated that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 27th, 2019. Village President Nunamaker stated the parade is to be organized by the AmVets so help spread the word.

Historical Baseball Game: Village President Nunamaker stated that the historical baseball game will be held at Algonquin Road School on June 30th and is being organized by the McHenry Historical Society with participants that already know the rules.

Rock the River Fireworks Show: Village President Nunamaker stated that the Special Events Committee will be meeting next Saturday at 10 a.m. at Picnic Grove Park. Village President Nunamaker explained that this year the event will start at 2:30 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. and will include the following: face painting, balloon artist, kid zone, food trucks, 3 bands, and a longer fireworks finale.

Water Fights: Chairperson Sepeczi stated that the Water Fights will be held on July 7, 2019.

Lions Arts & Craft show: Chairperson Sepeczi stated that the Arts & Craft Show will be held on July 14, 2019.

Lions Fest Carnival: Village President Nunamaker stated that the carnival will be held on August 23-25, 2019 with a parade on the 25th and the music band, Sixteen Candles, closing the event.

Concrete Bag Games: Operations Manager Reese reported that the bag games will be located between the volleyball court and the shelter. The \$2,500 concrete bag sets have been ordered and will be delivered at the end of May. However, Public Works will install after the fireworks due to required excavation and installation of the gravel base. Village President Nunamaker asked about the surface type and texture of the concrete bag sets and Operations Manager Reese explained the surface is polished and smooth so bags will be able to slide.

Maintenance of Athletic Fields: Operations Manager Reese reported that he contacted the Cary-Grove Baseball Association, and within a week, the Association had repaired and stained all the benches in Lions Park. The staining of the benches at Foxmoor is delayed due to weather.

Photos at the Parks: Operations Manager Reese presented photos taken at the Hunters Farm playground and Easter Egg Hunt held on April 20th organized by one of the residents in Hunters Farm.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Member McLaughlin and seconded by Member Conway to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor.

Sheri Sepeczi
Chairperson Sheri Sepeczi

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