

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 5:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 09, 2014, IN THE MAPLE BOARDROOM OF THE HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Towne, Member Armstrong and Member Lane (arrived at 5:35pm)

Absent: None

Also present: Mayor Urlacher; Bob Irvin, Village Administrator; Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Denis Bohm, Tom Hines, Drew Johnson, Rick Phillips, residents; Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk. Chairman Towne declared a quorum present.

C. Approval of minutes from March 12, 2014.

Member Armstrong moved to accept the minutes of March 12, 2014 as presented and Chairman Towne seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

D. REVIEW PLANTING PROPOSALS FROM TESKA & ASSOCIATES FOR WHIPPOORWILL PRESERVE

Chairman Towne presented the bid tally from Teska & Associates that he received that afternoon. The bidders were: Scopelliti Landscape, Tallgrass Restoration, Grundstrom Landscape and McGinty Brothers, all quotes at prevailing wage. According to all bidders involved, he was told that the planting should begin the planting without delay for best results of the native plantings. Chairman Towne acquainted the group with Grundstrom's emergency planting job for the BMW Golf Outing at Conway Park last fall and thought they did a nice job. He asked Denis Bohm for comment, who replied that there was a wide price range between all bidders for the initial landscape, installation, second year guarantee and watering events.

Bob Irvin questioned if they should take the second year guarantee with the low bidder, Grundstrom Landscape. Mayor Urlacher noted that Scopelliti Landscape and Grundstrom Landscape are within \$100 of each other if you include the second year guarantee. Drew Johnson felt the water event price was too low for Grundstrom Landscape.

It was moved by Member Lane and seconded by Member Armstrong, to recommend to the Village Board that they accept the bid from Grundstrom Landscape for the supply and installation of 56 trees and 153 shrubs @ \$18,185; the second year guarantee @ \$4,450 and each watering event @ \$400 at the Whippoorwill Preserve. The motion was carried.

E. UPDATE TRAIL EXTENSION FROM DEERPATH TO ST. MARY’S ROAD

Scott Anderson reported that the State of Illinois would like the trail to be the easement and would like a more complete plan before they commit to the trail on St. Mary’s Road and Route 60 area, specifically needing an easement of 5ft to get across the Stanton Taylor property, which is on the north side of the right-of-way line.

Bob Irvin questioned where the easement was needed, and if they could keep it in the right-of-way. Chairman Towne agreed, stating that they could not go thru the wetlands without an exorbitant cost involvement and would prefer that the trail is kept in the right-of-way. He asked for and received a consensus from committee members regarding this opinion. Scott Anderson suggested that he, Bob Irvin and George Gutterly of IDOT meet in person to discuss. Both Chairman Towne and Member Lane agreed.

F. DISCUSS HAY PROPOSAL SOLICITATION FOR 701 S. RIVERWOODS ROAD

Chairman Towne stated that June would be coming soon and there is a need to consider solicitations for mowing the 19 acres of hay that will be ready at that time. He suggested preselling the hay to the farm and village members and they could haul it from the location.

He also thought the committee should consider Mike Kelly as an interested vendor to cut and haul it all. Rick Phillips suggested Pat Kupke, who is also a farmer and would be interested in cutting the field. Member Lane volunteered to follow up with these two individuals (Kelly & Kupke) if the members would furnish him with the contact information. Denis Bohm made a request to consider cutting the grass after 6/15/14, due to the grassland birds nesting habits.

Chairman Towne stated that it was important to cut the hay when it was mature and not too long after that, as it becomes less nutritious and he anticipated two cuttings, which would yield 3,000 - 4,000 bales of hay.

G. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD

Member Armstrong inquired about the seeding done to the Whippoorwill berm last fall, as he noticed erosion on the south side of the berm. Mayor Urlacher two locations where the silt fence is causing complaints: Leahy & Kurtis properties, who stated they want it removed and Riverside Road west on Route 60. Also, Mayor Urlacher noted the gas cover had flipped over on Little St. Mary’s Road and needs to be fixed. Scott Anderson replied that he would look into all three inquiries of Mayor Urlacher.

Chairman Towne reported that the seed recommended for Oasis Park was spec’d in error, as it is too sunny of a location. He is expecting information from Cleeson Seed Company as to what to use and he would like Denis Bohm to have some input.

Chairman Towne stated that ILM has some spraying to do and it is time to eradicate some invasive growth on the Whippoorwill berm. Also, on the north end of Oasis Park, there are stumps that need to be addressed and it is too wet to bring a grinder in. Scott Anderson suggested painting the stumps with a removal agent and they would rot out.

Denis Bohm noted the buckthorn on the south side of the Whippoorwill berm and it needed to be removed. Chairman Towne agreed and noted that DePaul was supposed to remove it as part of their project and did not do so. He volunteered to give ILM a call to get a bid to remove the buckthorn and thought now was the best time to do so.

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items discussed, it was moved by Member Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 6:03pm, seconded by Member Lane. The motion was carried.

Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Clerk

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