

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017, IN THE MAPLE BOARDROOM OF HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sheldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Upon a call of the roll by the Chairman Sheldon, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Sheldon, Members Bohm and Towne

Absent: None

Chairman Sheldon declared a quorum present.

Also present: Jamie Anderson and Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Bob Irvin, Village Administrator; Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL**

Meeting minutes of April 12, 2017 were reviewed. Member Bohm made a correction to Section F, on how Tallgrass would be spreading the seeds. Member Pink made a word change on page 2. It was moved by Chairman Towne seconded by Member Sheldon that the meeting minutes be approved with the indicated revisions. The motion was carried.

**D. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF BOB HARADEN HAY PROPOSAL FOR 701 RIVERWOODS ROAD**

Member Towne said the residents benefit from Bob Haraden's hay sales, as do the local farms that also purchase from Bob Haraden. Member Towne said Mr. Haraden's prices have been consistent and reasonable.

The motion was moved to approve Bob Haraden hay proposal for 701 Riverwoods Road. The motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Towne. The motion carried.

**E. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF PERFECT CUT TREE SERVICE PROPOSAL FOR THE OASIS PARK FRONT AREA FOR \$3,950**

Chairman Sheldon said Perfect Cut has provided a proposal to remove the marked trees and tree stumps located at the front area of the Oasis Park. This area tree clean-up will also include the buckthorn removal.

The motion was moved to approve Perfect Cut Tree Service to clean-up the front area of the Oasis Park in the amount of \$3,950. The motion was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Towne. The motion carried.

**F. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF PERFECT CUT TREE SERVICE PROPOSAL FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ASPHALT FOR \$750**

Chairman Sheldon said Perfect Cut will be removing the asphalt around the Oasis Park area that is no longer needed. This is all part of the clean-up at the Oasis Park. Member Towne added it will be nice to see the residents walking on these trails along the Oasis Park due to the area being cleaned-up and improved.

The motion was moved to approve Perfect Cut Tree Services for the removal of the asphalt at the Oasis Park in the amount of \$750. The motion was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Towne. The motion carried.

**G. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSAL FROM JOHN IRVIN LANDSCAPING FOR WHIPPOORWILL PARK MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,900**

Chairman Sheldon said the wishing well walls and steps will be power washed by John Irvin. Mr. Irvin will also be removing some of the unnecessary loose stones and reseeding around the patio. Chairman Sheldon added Mr. Irvin will also be leveling out the beds and adding black dirt to the area.

The motion was moved to approve John Irvin Landscaping for Whippoorwill Park maintenance proposal in the amount of \$2,900. The motion was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Bohm. The motion carried.

Chairman Sheldon also requested the John Irvin's proposal approved in October 2016 in the amount of \$7,500, issue a check in the new amount of \$6,000 to reflect the work that has been completed. Administrator Irvin will communicate the payment shortage to the Financial Consultant.

**H. UPDATE ON TRAIL DRAINAGE ISSUES**

Member Towne has begun to look over trail drainage issues with Village Engineer Anderson. A few trails currently experiencing overflow are the corner of Bradley and Riverwoods Blvd and Deerpath to Whippoorwill. Member Bohm added the trail on Mettawa Woods Drive is also experiencing some drainage issues. Member Towne and Village Engineer Anderson will continue their discussion on which trails are undergoing drainage issues around the Village.

**I. DISCUSS LAKE FOREST REQUEST REGARDING ROUTE 60 TRAIL EXTENSION**

Administrator Irvin received a letter from the City of Lake Forest inquiring if Mettawa would be interested in resurrecting the idea of connecting both towns with a trail extension on the north side of Route 60 with a pedestrian bridge. Member Sheldon said this trail would create an additional trail expense for the Village to maintain. Member Towne said given the proposed location of the bridge the majority of Mettawa residents would not benefit from this connection. The consensus was to table this issue at this time.

**J. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION, AND IF APPROVED, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chairman Sheldon said the trails need to be updated with proper signage relating to horse riding. Village Engineer Anderson said the new signs ordered will include the state requirements verbiage pertaining to what is allowed on the trails. Member Towne will follow-up with an email to the Committee regarding the horse trail signs verbiage. Chairman Sheldon said at the June's Committee meeting the location of the signs will be discussed.

Administrator Irvin said the Village would like to place a bench at Whippoorwill Park in honor of Trustee Bill Armstrong service years to the Village. Administrator Irvin added Carol Armstrong has been made aware of this effort and has approved of the bench.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Member Bohm to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, seconded by Member Towne. The motion was carried.

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Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk