

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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 7:40 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Chairman Sheldon and Member Bohm

Absent: Member Towne

Chairman Sheldon declared a quorum present.

Also present: Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Bob Irvin, Village Administrator; Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk. Residents: Carol Armstrong, Patricia Cork, Holly- Bollhoffer-Hirsch and Matthew Witten.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY

Meeting minutes of July 12th were reviewed. It was moved by Member Bohm seconded by Chairman Sheldon that the meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON TRAIL DRAINAGE – LIPHARDT, WHIPPOORWILL PARK & BRADLEY/RIVERWOODS PROPERTY

Chairman Sheldon stated the following trails were discussed within Public Works Committee meeting. Chairman Sheldon discussed with Village Engineer Anderson Whippoorwill Park's blacktop was dug-up and requires several loads to be hauled away. Chairman Sheldon and Village Engineer Anderson agreed Forest Builders will remove the debris the next day. No estimated costs were determined for the job.

Village Engineer Anderson stated the Liphardt trail repairs will commence once the details have been discussed and approved by Mr. Liphardt.

E. UPDATE ON STATUS OF OASIS PARK STEWARDSHIP RFP DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Sheldon asked Village Administrator Irvin to discuss Huff & Huff's Oasis Park stewardship plans. Village Administrator Irvin said Huff & Huff drafted a RFP program to seek contractors for the 12 visits over the next 3 years treatment program. The program will be posted as a public notice for the lowest bidders. Chairman Sheldon said given the timing of Huff & Huff's proposed program and approval period, Chairman Sheldon would like to continue treating the Oasis Park and would like to receive approval for the Tallgrass proposal for \$8,820. Chairman Sheldon said she would like the park to continue to be restored as the parks future plans are discussed and established.

A motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon for a one time stewardship for Tallgrass invoice to be approved and continue Oasis Park restoration in the amount of \$8,820. The motion was moved Member Bohm and seconded by Chairman Sheldon.

F. DISCUSS STATUS OF TAKE OVER OF METTAWA TRAIL IN THE DEERPATH FARM SUBDIVISION

Chairman Sheldon asked Rick Philips of the Deerpath HOA to send a letter to the Village regarding the trail through Deerpath Farm. Mr. Philips will continue to mow and maintain each side of the trail on Route 60 east of Bennett Road. Chairman Sheldon said on Route 60 going east to Whippoorwill Park, this area needs a mow path. Chairman Sheldon asked if Lake County could maintain this area. Village Administrator Irvin said Lake County inquired the frequency on the Village's needs on having this area to be mowed. Village Administrator Irvin advised this area should be considered as part of the Villages' mowing paths for the weekly maintenance. Village Administrator Irvin said the trail maintenance is being captured within SSA#9; including snow removal and trail maintenance. Village Administrator Irvin recommended this trail can be added to the list of trails maintained by the Village.

G. DISCUSS COMMUNICATION FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING LAKE FOREST OASIS

Member Bohm said the items listed on the petition cannot be controlled by Village. Village Administrator Irvin said the Tollway Representatives has responded to a prior request of shielding the light fixtures and posting No Parking signs in the parking lot. State patrols have been asked to enforce the no parking on the Oasis ramps. Village Administrator recommended the residents also contact their State Representative or State Senator to enforce the laws at the Oasis.

Resident, Carol Armstrong (765 N. Bradley Road) said a sound study for the Oasis noise was completed over 15 years ago. Ms. Armstrong stated the Tollway had indicated when the lanes would increase the Village would receive a sound barriers. No further actions occurred due to the lack of density within the Village.

Resident, Holly Bollhoffer-Hirsch (707 N. Bradley Road) said she found an article that stated the tollway has never done a sound study. The article stated the results of a computer simulation indicating the decibels would be increasing with the next 15-20 years.

Village Administrator Irvin said adding a sound wall would also create a sound wave to the surrounding resident's due to the wall built. Village Administrator Irvin added no sound walls are built around commercial properties. Village Administrator Irvin will follow-up on prior studies completed to provide to the Committee. Member Sheldon asked to email the residents who signed the petition, acknowledging we received their letter.

H. DISCUSS ROUTE 60 ISLAND PROJECT

Chairman Sheldon said the island off of the tollway on Route 60 has been continuously mowed. Chairman Sheldon said she would like to discuss small trees or plant some grasses to beautify the island. Member Bohm said anything planted should not require maintenance.

Chairman Sheldon said she will research the cost of adding grass planting to the island and get an estimate for the following meeting.

I. DISCUSS ADDITIONAL MOWING ON ROUTE 60

Chairman Sheldon said the mowing on Route 60 is currently being completed by Main Landscaping. Village Administrator Irvin has contacted Lake County regarding the mowing on Route 60 various location requiring mowing.

J. DISCUSS THE HERBICIDE SPRAY AT RIVERWOODS AND BRADLEY DONE ANDERSON

The motion was made by Chairman Sheldon to approve Forest Builder to apply the herbicide spray in the amount of \$ 500 at Riverwoods and Bradley Road. The motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Bohm.

K. DISCUSS THE JOHN IRVIN QUOTE FOR WHIPPOORWILL CULTIVATION

Chairman Sheldon stated she would like to table this agenda item and discuss the John Irvin proposal in the September meeting.

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Sheldon to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm, seconded by Member Bohm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk