

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018, IN THE MAPLE ROOM OF HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Member Towne called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Member Bohm and Member Towne

Absent: Chairman Sheldon

Member Towne declared a quorum present.

Also Present: Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Bob Irvin, Village Administrator; Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2018

Meeting minutes of January 10, 2018 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Bohm seconded by Member Towne that the meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR FY2018-19 BUDGET

Village Administrator Irvin said the open space maintenance budget amount of \$80,000 includes the V3 maintenance program for \$31,000, ILM for \$11,200, and the remaining \$20,000 for capital projects such as the island planting of an estimated \$5,000. Member Bohm mentioned that Chairman Sheldon is interested in placing a split rail fence along Route 60 in Whippoorwill Park. Member Towne said another anticipated expense would be the repair of the center of the Oasis Park. Member Bohm said we should also consider the removal of the buckthorn on the east side of Riverwoods Boulevard.

Member Bohm said he found a good prairie nursery that sells inexpensive quality kits of native plant pollinator to create gardens throughout the Village.

E. DISCUSS ILM 2018-2019 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR WHIPPOORWILL

Member Towne said he would like to add into the agreement that the Village has the right to cancel after a year. The Village would like the option to renew for 2019 maintenance.

A motion was made to recommend to the Village Board the ILM 2018-19 maintenance agreement with the option to renew for 2019. The motion was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Bohm. The motion carried.

F. DISCUSS ROUTE 60 ISLAND PLANTING

Member Towne said the Village does not want to plant anything with height within the island to ensure no obstruction is created for the drivers. Member Bohm recommends the soil be checked prior to any plantings being placed.

G. DISCUSS A REQUEST TO VACATE THE TRAIL EASEMENTS IN THE RIVERSIDE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION

Member Towne said Riverside Preserve would like the Village to vacate the trail easement within their subdivision. Member Towne said Riverside Preserve owners need to resolve the barn issue with Lake County.

Village Administrator Irvin said the current trail does not connect with any other county trails. Village Administrator Irvin said when the Riverside Preserve residents close their entrance gate, there is no public access to the trail. The estimated barn repair was stated to be \$75,000. The Committee voted not to vacate the trail easement.

A motion was made to decline the request to vacate the trail easement in the Riverside preserve subdivision. The motion was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Towne. The motion carried.

H. DISCUSS USE OF EQUESTRIAN TRAIL EASEMENT IN THE ROLLING MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Member Towne said the owner of Always Faithful, Mr. Casas would like to cross his horses using the easement lot in Rolling Meadows subdivision which is located across from his parcel. Mr. Casas would like to cross his horses mid-block versus at the 3 ways stop sign located on Bradley and Old School Road. The six lots in Rolling Meadows belong to the following: the Church own lots 1 and 2, the Rojas own lot 3, Corporate Way own lot 4, lot 5 is owned by another person, and lot 6 is open land. Maureen Road is considered a private road which currently has a gravel surface.

Village Administrator Irvin said this was granted in 1979 and the 6 lots were supposed to only have access to the Maureen Road. However, when the first permits were issued they received curb cuts which granted them access to Bradley or Old School Road.

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Bohm to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm, seconded by Member Towne. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk