

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 IN THE MAPLE ROOM OF HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sheldon called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Sheldon and Member Towne

Absent: Member Bohm

Chairman Sheldon declared a quorum present.

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

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

Meeting minutes of November 14, 2018 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Chairman Sheldon that the meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSSION OF A LANDSCAPING PLAN AND TREE PLANS FOR OASIS PARK

Chairman Sheldon said the planning of plants to be placed along the trail is currently in progress.

Member Towne said when Grainger is rezoned to Mettawa, the standard woods between the hayfield and south to the open farm field could be farmed. Member Towne spoke with Farmer Harden about farming this land. Farmer Harden said the field would need to be sprayed, tilled prior to planting corn seeds. Member Towne said he estimated the area is about 120 acres. Farmer Harden said he would continue to charge the Village \$50 an acre for the hay and \$70 an acre to farm feed corn. Member Towne asked if the Committee would like to seek other farmers.

Village Administrator Irvin asked Member Towne how early in April do you need to spray the field. Village Administrator Irvin noted he was not certain if all of the documents would be completed to commence spraying in April.

Member Towne asked if the Village would be receiving the stake survey indicating where Grainger's land ends and the forest preserve begins. Village Administrator Irvin said he was uncertain and he will follow up.

A motion was made by Chairman Sheldon and Member Towne to send to the Board the request of the potential use of farming the Grainger property. The motion was carried.

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

Village Administrator Irvin said at the February Committee meeting the draft budget numbers will be provided for your review. The V3 second year contract for the Oasis Park will be included in the budget.

Village Administrator Irvin asked the Committee if they would consider cleaning-up the northeast corner of St. Marys Road and Route 60. Member Towne said a study had been completed on this corner to include a berm. The site would be cleared and allow 3-4 trees to remain. Village Administrator Irvin said we had received a proposal 4-5 years ago to clear this corner. It would be beneficial for the Village to clear this corner prior to any residential construction built along Alexandra Drive. Another matter to consider, St. Marys Road and Everett Road will be repaved sometime this year by Lake County. Lake County will be removing the current driveway access off of St. Marys Road and the new access point will be off of Alexandra Drive.

Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he will talk to Homer the contractor to determine if he could provide a proposal to clear the corner of St. Marys Road and Route 60.

A motion was made by Member Towne said Chairman Sheldon to review the bids for removal of buckthorn and trees off of St. Marys and Route 60, along with adding a berm to this location. The motion was carried.

Village Administrator Irvin suggested to provide a report regarding this project at the Village Board to get consensus.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Towne to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk