

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020 BY TELECONFERENCE

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Bohm, Members Pink and Towne

Absent: None

Chairman Bohm declared a quorum present.

Also, on the call: Village Administrator, Bob Irvin; Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson; Trustee Sheldon

Residents: Carol Armstrong, Karen Carruthers, Jess Ray

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY MEETING

Meeting minutes of May 13, 2020 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink that the meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS MOWING THE LOT AT ROUTE 60 AND ST. MARYS ROAD

Chairman Bohm said he walked this corner lot and determined some clearing could be completed. Member Towne recommended Dunlap perform a one-time mowing the lot. Village Administrator Irvin added this corner every year has tall vegetation obstructing driver's visibility. Village Administrator Irvin recommended Dunlap be hired to clear the corner given IDOT lags in clearing the growth which can be safety issue. Chairman Bohm confirmed that Dunlap should be asked to clear the homesite and the corner of Route 60 and St. Marys Road. Member Pink asked if the proposal could be expediated to be available for the Board meeting to be approved and done quickly. Village Administrator Irvin indicated in 2019 Dunlap's invoice was \$375 to clear this corner.

A recommendation was made to have Dunlap mow the two rights-of-way on Route 60 and St. Marys Road, to include 1 or 2 mowing as needed. The motion was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink. The motion carried.

E. UPDATE ON THE WHIPPOORWILL PARK MOWING

Chairman Bohm said Whippoorwill Park is in dire need of mowing. Chairman Bohm added he spoke to Adrian from Perfect Cut and they are looking to mow the park late this week.

F. DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

Chairman Bohm said an ad hoc Committee should be formed to review the WRD report from 2015 and include the Grainger property. A plan should be formulated to consider each lot's ongoing maintenance. Chairman Bohm indicated he would like to select one Village owned lot each year

and work on clearing its buckthorn during the winter months. Part of the planning would be to prioritize each lot and their required maintenance. Chairman Bohm added the Village could consider asking MOLA to complete an assessment on which lot should be cleared first in order to support the growth of the oak trees. Members Pink and Towne agreed with the plan.

Resident, Karen Carruthers (25220 N. Shagbark Road) said she supported the plan and agreed to provide MOLA's support in participating in the tree audit.

Chairman Bohm indicated the buckthorn was cleared from the conservation easement on Bradley Road across the street from AbbVie. MOLA also cleared some buckthorn from this location. A conservation easement grants the Village approval to maintain the trails and restore the area. The Village Attorney Rhodes reviewed the conservation document and determined a few options on how the Village can work with the HOA to restore this corner. Chairman Bohm said he will provide the Committee a copy of the Village Attorney's comments.

Resident, Jess Ray (351 Little Melody Lane) inquired what the Village Attorney had offered the Committee regarding the conservation easement. Chairman Bohm replied they received two options, to consider purchasing the land from the HOA to control the land or offer the HOA that they extend their easement to allow the Village to maintain the area. Village Administrator Irvin indicated the easement does not impact the HOA.

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

Member Towne said Bob Haraden was grateful that the Board had considered a price reduction.

Member Towne also mentioned Rocco Fiore tree plantings look fantastic at the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park. Member Bohm asked that the Mayor consider sending a thank you card to Rocco Fiore and Drew Johnson for the great work on the tree plantings. Village Administrator Irvin added a gratification for the plantings was included in the Village Newsletter in April.

Member Pink asked if the Village had a regulation against the use of coal tar sealant on driveways. Member Pink mentioned a number of surrounding municipalities have recorded an ordinance banning the product usage. Village Administrator Irvin said we currently do not have an ordinance against this material being used on driveways. Trustee Towne indicated this matter should be handled under Public Works. Chairman Bohm suggested to Trustee Pink that if she was interested in pursuing the matter, she could provide a proposal.

Mrs. Carruthers mentioned an oak tree has been planted at the Korhumel site honoring Larry Falbe's years of service with MOLA.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. The motion was carried. Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk