

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 BY TELECONFERENCE

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 6:49 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 JUNE MEETING

Meeting minutes of June 10, 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. UPDATE ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE BENCH HONORING BARRY MACLEAN

Chairman Bohm said the bench and the plaque are available for installation. Chairman Bohm and Village Engineer Scott Anderson will meet at the park to determine the final installation location. Member Sheldon asked if Barry MacLean is still anticipating donating trees or other plantings for his bench. Chairman Bohm said he did hold a discussion with Mr. MacLean about planting some river birch trees. The Chairman will follow-up with Mr. MacLean regarding his planting donation.

E. REVIEW THE WHIPPOORWILL PARK GRANT

Village Administrator Irvin stated the Village has been granted \$9,000 from the ComEd Green Region Project for the pollinator gardens. The Village has 18 months to utilize the granted amount. The Committee will need to make a recommendation to the Board to accept the funds at their next meeting. Once the resolution has been approved, the next step will be to determine what is the best season to start planting.

Trustee Sheldon asked that Pizzo & Associates be involved in the planting of this project. Chairman Bohm agreed and indicated spring may be the best season to plant these types of plantings which would also allow us to prepare the soil in the fall. After the gardens have been completed, these areas could be registered as pollinator gardens. Village Administrator Irvin added a final report of the plantings will need to be completed by March of 2022. Chairman Bohm indicated for the August Committee meeting, he will provide an update on the soil preparation requirements and when would be the best time to plant these gardens.

A recommendation was made to accept the grant from ComEd Green Region in the amount of \$9,000 and present it to the Board. The motion was made by Member Pink and seconded by Member Towne. The motion was carried.

F. DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BRADLEY ROAD AND RIVERWOODS BLVD

Chairman Bohm said the northeast corner has two retention ponds which are maintained by AbbVie Inc. At the same corner the right-a-way by the trail is requiring some annual maintenance. Chairman Bohm indicated he will speak with ILM to discuss if they can maintain this right-a-way area and request pricing. Village Administrator Irvin said ILM is currently maintaining the southeast corner of Bradley and Riverwoods Blvd. This corner was discussed with ILM and it was an added to the Whippoorwill Park's maintenance contract.

G. DISCUSS THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE HAMILTON ESTATES PROPERTY ON RIVERWOODS BLVD

Chairman Bohm said the area across the AbbVie Inc. building (Riverwoods Blvd), the west area of this lot has had buckthorn removed. At this time, it is unclear if the Village could clear the remaining buckthorn from this lot. With the direction of the Village Attorney indicating some options, Chairman Bohm would like to speak with the HOA to inquire if the Village can legally take over the stewardship of this lot and perform ongoing maintenance. Trustee Towne asked if the planting plans could be considered prior to removing the remaining buckthorn which is currently being used as a screen by the surrounding neighbors. Chairman Bohm said a plan can be created after the legality of the stewardship is determined. Chairman Bohm and Village Administrator Irvin will meet to discuss how to proceed with this matter.

H. DISCUSS THE WHIPPOORWILL HOMESITE MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL

Chairman Bohm said he received a proposal from Perfect Cut which included, mulching around the beds, removing the dead grass areas and treating the weeds around the patio and beds. Member Towne asked what type of mulch was going to be used around the beds. Chairman Bohm replied Perfect Cut is recommending leaf mulch for the beds. Trustee Sheldon recommended the triple blend mulch from a different contractor to prevent the weeds from growing through the leaf mulch. Chairman Bohm and Trustee Sheldon will continue this conversation outside this meeting to determine the best mulch for the flower beds.

A motion was made to approve the Perfect Cut proposal in the amount not to exceed \$3,500. The motion was made by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

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 Towne and seconded by Member Pink to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk