

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 BY TELECONFERENCE

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 7:26 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

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY MEETING

Meeting minutes of July 8, 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 PIZZO & ASSOCIATES LTD. PROGRESS AT MACLEAN PRESERVE AT OASIS PARK

Chairman Bohm said Pizzo & Associates provided the Committee the soil test results and provided two options. Please see the proposal for details. Chairman Bohm recommends option 2 which is two fertilization treatments and see the whole site in the amount of \$14,800. Member Towne indicated the proposed amount seemed rather costly and he also asked if the area would be mowed prior to the treatment. Chairman Bohm said he will confirm if the location will be mowed prior to the fertilizer. Member Pink commented the proposal was also high. Chairman Bohm asked the Committee if they thought a second proposal was needed to fertilize the park. Village Administrator Irvin indicated Pizzo was selected due to their performance, experience and they did indicate after the soil was tested some fertilization would be needed. This process can't be split. Trustee Sheldon said she supported Pizzo's proposal. Chairman Bohm indicated he will follow-up with which section of the park is being seeded and he ensure Pizzo is achieving their levels of performance.

A motion was made to approve the Pizzo & Associates proposal option 2 dated July 16, 2020 in the amount of \$14,800. The motion was made by Member Pink and seconded by Member Bohm. The motion was carried.

E. UPDATE ON THE POLLINATOR GARDENS FOR WHIPPOORWILL PARK

Chairman Bohm said he met with Village Engineer Scott Anderson and David Johansson to discuss the pollinator gardens work. Forest Builders developed the plans for the approved grant. The Village should consider Forest Builders to complete these gardens. During the meeting it was discussed, removing the current turf, preparing the soil this fall for spring planting. Member Towne asked if Pizzo could complete these gardens. Village Administrator Irvin said this grant is

for \$18,000, the Village portion is \$9,000. Member Pink said the current gardens that were planted by David Johannsson have shown some great growth. Member Pink said she was in favor to allow David Johannsson to plant the new gardens. Member Towne asked that the garden maps be improved for clarity of what was being planted. Chairman Bohm said the pollinator gardens are being planted west of the evergreen trees. Chairman Bohm said the soil preparation includes herbicide be spread in the area and the following week the turf would be removed in the next few weeks. Village Administrator Irvin said a formal proposal needs to be submitted and approved by the Board. As I begin to submit for reimbursement, a formal documentation will be needed to support the request for the \$9,000. Village Administrator Irvin said we have plans and estimated work, but we need a formal agreement. Chairman Bohm will follow-up the graphics and plant names with a chart of when they bloom for all seasons.

A motion was made to approve Forest Builders, David Johannsson to formalize a proposal, designs and plantings for the pollinator gardens not to exceed \$18,000. The motion was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

Resident, Karen Carruthers (25220 N. Shagbark Road) mentioned the plantings by the evergreens would not get the morning sun. Chairman Bohm said Mr. Johannsson will take into consideration the lack of the morning sun in this area.

F. WHIPPOORWILL PARK TRUGREEN CONTRACT

Chairman Bohm said a TruGreen contract was obtained for the homesite for a 3-year period since 2018. This contract automatically renews unless its cancelled. Chairman Bohm said he would like to cancel this contract and discuss the homesite maintenance schedule to be completed by one landscaping maintenance. Village Administrator Irvin said the contract requires a positive action by the Village to cancel this contract. The Village Administrator will send out the notification.

A motion was made to provide notification to TruGreen to not renew the Village contract and it be canceled for the next service year. The motion was made by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

G. UPDATE ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE BENCH HONORING BARRY MACLEAN

Chairman Bohm said the Village Engineer Scott Anderson has an update on the bench. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he anticipates excavating and pour the foundation will take about 2 weeks. Village Administrator Irvin said at the last Board meeting Trustee Brennan said she would follow-up with Mr. MacLean to determine if a rock has been found. Chairman Bohm said the bench will be placed by an Oak tree facing west on Bradley Road and the trail, north of the pollinator garden.

H. UPDATE ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE HAMILTON ESTATES PROPERTY ON RIVERWOODS BLVD

Chairman Bohm said he spoke with Larry Falbe about granting the Village responsibility of this area. Mr. Falbe indicated he did not foresee any issues with the Homeowners Associates for Hamilton Estates turning stewardship over to the Village. Chairman Bohm said he received the conservation easement from the Village Administrator. Chairman Bohm said he will follow-up with the Village Attorney about modifying this document.

Mrs. Carruthers stated she had reviewed that same easement document, if this document is endorsed other usages will also be allowed. Village Administrator Irvin said he did not suggest to use the whole document just the language around verbiage regarding the trails.

I. UPDATE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BRADLEY ROAD AND RIVERWOOD BLVD

Chairman Bohm said he spoke to Kelly Blake from ILM, she will be visiting this location and will provide a report if they can add this corner to their maintenance schedule.

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

Chairman Bohm said he received an email from Pouls Nursery and they looked at last years trees and shrubs that they planted at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park. They will be replacing a few items at no charge.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk