

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 VIA ZOOM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Member Clark called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Members Clark and Pink

Absent: Chairman Bohm

Member Clark declared a quorum present.

Attendees: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY

Meeting minutes of July 13, 2022 were reviewed. Member Pink had a word change on page 2. It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink that the regular meeting minutes be approved with the edit and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON THE TRAIL SIGNS

Member Clark painted a few of the trail signs that required the paint to be refreshed. Thank you, Member Clark.

Member Clark asked Village Clerk Gallo if the remaining two signs for the trails have been installed. Village Clerk Gallo confirmed all four purchased trail signs have been installed.

E. UPDATE ON THE WHIPPOORWILL PARK WATER CONNECTION

Member Clark asked the Village Engineer Scott Anderson for an update on the water connection. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied as they were exploring the area, no existing water service was discovered for a connection. As a result, a new line would need to be installed 80 feet from the water main. The goal is to have the connection at the center of the park. Member Clark asked if the proposal was a fixed price. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied yes, the connecting and tapping fees would be paid by the Village. The tapping fee is dictated by Lake County, estimated in the amount of \$5,000. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated he is researching if this fee could be waved as this property may have already paid for this service. Member Clark asked if the ARPA funds could be utilized for the tapping fee. Village Administrator Florip replied she does not see this expense as being applicable.

F. UPDATE ON A COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM AT WHIPPOORWILL PARK

Member Clark indicated a commemorative program was explored after resident Adriene Tindall inquired if a tree planting could be done at one of the village's parks. Member Clark added Mettawa is a small village and no commemorative program is necessary to have in place. Member Clark added when a resident asks if they could donate a tree, it will be discussed as they are received. Member Clark asked Village Clerk Gallo to follow-up with Mrs. Tindall with the Committee's outcome.

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 Clark added she spoke with Nick Pizzo from Pizzo & Associates on when they were scheduled to plant the plugs at Whippoorwill Park. Mr. Pizzo indicated the plugs are estimated to be planted the second week of October. In addition, a prescribed burn will occur at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park this fall. Mr. Pizzo will notify the Village Clerk of the anticipated date for the burn to ensure all of the residents receive communication.

Member Clark asked Village Engineer Scott Anderson about the approved three elderberry bushes to be planted at Whippoorwill Park. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated he will follow-up with David Johannsen regarding his planting schedule.

Village Clerk Gallo mentioned the trail maintenance invoice was received in the amount of \$15,600. The Committee approved the maintenance work to not exceed \$15,000. Village Clerk Gallo stated the invoice was reduced by \$600 per the approval. Village Engineer Scott Anderson acknowledged the invoice reduction.

Village Clerk Gallo mentioned during the village picnic a resident had asked if a post with dog poop bags could be installed on the trail along Bradley Road to encourage pet owners to clean-up. Member Clark replied this matter would be difficult to enforce as many people walk their pets along the village trails.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo,
Village Clerk