

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 5:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014, IN THE MAPLE BOARDROOM OF THE HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Towne and Member Armstrong

Absent: Member Lane

Also present: Mayor Urlacher; Bob Irvin, Village Administrator; Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Tom Hines, Drew Johnson, Rick Phillips, residents; Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk. Chairman Towne declared a quorum present.

C. Approval of minutes from April 09, 2014.

Member Armstrong moved to accept the minutes of April 09, 2014 as presented and Chairman Towne seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

D. WELCOME NEW OPEN SPACE ADVISORY PANEL

Chairman Towne advised those present that the Open Lands Ad Hoc Panel had been established and their committee could expect input from them in the near future. He also informed the group that he would email the Chairman, Denis Bohm about the pending Saturday vendor presentation.

E. DISCUSS HAY PROPOSAL PROPOSALS FOR 701 S. RIVERWOODS ROAD

Chairman Towne stated that Roger Lane reported to him that Mike Kelly who was an interested vendor to cut and haul the 19 acres of hay is no longer interested, as Kelly felt the travel distance made the task not feasible. Chairman Towne suggested Bob Herendon, although he had not yet returned his phone call and Pat Kupke, who was previously suggested by Rick Phillips could not also be reached. Mayor Urlacher suggested Austin Yarc of Yarc Farms as a consideration. Chairman Towne also offered his own contractors to take on the task if he was reimbursed the fuel expended and still selling the bales (300 – 400 @ \$5/bale) to local residents. He stated that he would still prefer Herendon and he will keep trying to reach him.

F. UPDATE ON ROUTE 60 TRAIL EXTENSION WEST TO ST. MARY'S ROAD

Scott Anderson reported that he has attempted contact but not yet heard from George Gutterly of IDOT and he would email him again today. Chairman Towne would like to push the State of Illinois to agree to the desired placement of the trail on St. Mary's Road and Route 60 area. Anderson noted that they would still need an easement of 5ft to get across the Stanton Taylor property, which is on the north side of the right-of-way line. Anderson also reported that the gas cover flipped over on Little St. Mary's Road previously reported by Mayor Urlacher was being looked at by the gas company and would be fixed shortly.

G. UPDATE ON WHIPPOORWILL PLANTING

Chairman Towne reported that due to the abundant rainfall, Gunderson is behind in their work schedule. He estimated that the last week in May as a start in the planting schedule. Drew Johnson voiced concern in the landscaping plan in its current state, noting that he would like it to look more natural and less contrived. Chairman Towne agreed and welcomed his input and help.

H. DISCUSS DEVELOPING AN OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR OASIS PARK

Chairman Towne stated the landscaping plan for this area is part of the Open Lands Management Plan and seed approval for the berm is needed sooner rather than later. He would like the suggestions and approval to come from the Open Lands Ad Hoc Panel no later than the next couple of meetings.

I. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD.

Chairman Towne stated that ILM will submit a price to eradicate buckthorn growth on the on the south side of the Whippoorwill berm. Drew Johnson would like to focus on eradicating the rest of the buckthorn inside the village. Chairman Towne thought they could plan on a Saturday Vendor Meeting for the Open Land Management Plan in July or August.

Chairman Towne noted in regards to Oasis Park that after the trees are planted, the lights on the tollway would be significantly screened. Drew Johnson thought there might be some resistance to non-native planting. Tom Hines noted the same type of planting at the dog park off the tollway a little further south of the village.

Bob Irvin shared that he attended a meeting with the Lake County Forest Preserve, Village of Lake Forest and Conway Park Association regarding the path connection at the Middle Fork Savannah. He estimated that the cost for the bridge would be \$900,000, projected to start in the fall of 2014. He also noted that the Buker property and Lake Forest Academy was agreeable to easements for this path. Member Armstrong inquired about Illinois grants for such projects, to which Irvin replied that the Lake County DOT was working on that.

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items discussed, it was moved by Member Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 5:56pm, seconded by Chairman Towne. The motion was carried.

Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Clerk

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