

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017, IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM OF HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sheldon called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll by the Chairman Sheldon, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Sheldon and Members Bohm and Towne

Absent: None

Chairman Sheldon declared a quorum present.

Also present: Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Bob Irvin, Village Administrator; Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY

Meeting minutes of August 9, 2017 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Bohm seconded by Chairman Sheldon that the meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. OASIS PARK BERM FILL IN AND REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES

Chairman Sheldon said she sought to receive feedback from residents and Village Members if the center of the Oasis Park berm should be filled. Member Towne estimates 6,000 to 7,000 truckloads of soil would be needed to fill in this area. Member Bohm said the dead trees should be removed and the berm should remain as is.

Chairman Sheldon said the Village's goal is for the Oasis Park to reveal as a maintained prairie. A proposal will be requested for the removal of the dead trees and it will be presented at the next Village Board meeting as part of the long-term project.

E. DISCUSS COMMUNICATION FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING LAKE FOREST OASIS AND DRAINAGE ISSUES

Village Administrator Irvin said the residents who had signed the petition relating to the Lake Forest Oasis Park drainage issues received an invitation to tonight's meeting to address any outstanding issues. Let the record show, no residents attended the meeting. The same group of residents received an email including a copy of the Huff & Huff sound study report along with a memo from Village Administrator Irvin listing the Tollway's actions taken since the August meeting.

F. UPDATE ON TRAIL DRAINAGE – LIPHARDT, WHIPPOORWILL PARK & BRADLEY/RIVERWOODS PROPERTY

Chairman Sheldon stated that the Bradley and Riverwood property received a recommendation in the Public Works meeting to have James Anderson repair the culvert for

\$23,000. The Whippoorwill Park trail has been completed. We are waiting for a good rainfall to ensure the drainage issues were addressed at this location. The Liphardt resident is currently discussing landscaping options with his own landscaper before the Village moves forward regarding how they will handle the drainage issue.

G. DISCUSS WHIPPOORWILL TREE AND PLANT REPLACEMENT FOR ENHANCEMENT

Member Towne said John Irvin provided a proposal for \$33,000 for over 100 plants and trees to be added to Whippoorwill Park. Member Bohm inquired if John Irvin provided the landscape layout to show the vegetation locations. Member Towne suggested the trees be planted this fall to create a sound wall from Route 60 current noise levels.

A motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon to approve John Irvin's proposal for 33 spruce trees in the amount of \$11,550. The motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Towne. The motion was carried.

H. DISCUSS TRUGREEN BROADLEAF WEED SPRAY IN WHIPPOORWILL PARK

Chairman Sheldon recommends Trugreen to provide two weed sprays within Whippoorwill Park to treat broadleaf weeds throughout the area.

Chairman Sheldon made a recommendation to approve the proposal of \$950 for two spray treatments to be completed by Trugreen. A motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Towne. The motion was carried.

I. DISCUSS ROUTE 60 ISLAND PLANTING

Chairman Sheldon asked Member Towne to provide Teska's prior planting proposal to review what vegetation were suggested for the island.

Member Bohm recommended we should consider doing a soil test prior to planting anything in the island.

J. UPDATE ON STATUS OF OASIS PARK STEWARDSHIP RFP DEVELOPMENT – JAY WOMACK

Jay Womack a representative from Huff and Huff provided a summary of the development report for the Oasis Park Stewardship program. Mr. Womack indicated a few trees on the top of the berm would be an option but not pine trees due to the shade they provide and create unwanted species. Mr. Womack recommends no more mows be completed for 2017. The berm needs a few years to establish a healthy prairie.

Member Bohm questioned the number of visits listed within the Huff & Huff suggested program. Mr. Womack added the monthly mowing are critical in order to prevent the weeds from growing out of control.

Village Administrator Irvin asked what type of supervision we can secure from the contractor during their 3 year period with the Village to ensure they are handling and addressing the prairie for the best outcome. Mr. Womack said Huff & Huff can be utilized as a third party

in the prairies progress. Mr. Womack added the prairie needs a few years to be established prior to any further large changes.

Chairman Sheldon said Tallgrass seeded the berm; however, if we change contractor the one year guarantee will be forfeited. Mr. Womack said Tallgrass can be held responsible for their seed until fall of 2018.

Chairman Sheldon said the Committee has time to receive bids since the next maintenance is not scheduled until April 2018. Member Bohm said we have time to ask Tallgrass to provide details to their proposal and have them reconsider their program total.

Chairman Sheldon said the Committee should consider having a person with expertise to provide guidance on the Oasis program progress.

K. DISCUSS STATUS OF TAKE OVER OF METTAWA TRAIL IN THE DEERPATH FARM SUBDIVISION

Chairman Sheldon said SSA#9 states that the person that handles the trail maintenance would be reimbursed. Village Administrator Irvin said he contacted resident Rick Phillips regarding the takeover. Mr. Philips said he will follow-up with the Village once Deerpath Farm HOA decides on how they would like to handle ongoing trail maintenance.

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Sheldon to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded by Member Bohm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk