

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 IN THE MAPLE ROOM OF HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Member Towne called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Members Bohm and Towne

Absent: Chairman Sheldon

Member Towne declared a quorum present.

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

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING**

Meeting minutes of March 13, 2019 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Towne that the meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

**D. CONSIDERATION FOR THE ILM AGREEMENT FOR WHIPPOORWILL PARK**

Member Towne said ILM has provided a schedule for the next 3-year maintenance program.

A motion was made to approve the 3-year ILM agreement for the Whippoorwill Park maintenance. It was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Towne. The motion carried.

**E. DISCUSS OBTAINING HAY PROPOSAL FOR 701 RIVERWOODS ROAD**

Village Administrator Irvin said Bob Harden usually provides the Committee a proposal for the work to be completed. Once the Committee has reviewed and approved the hay field cutting details, the Board will then receive Bob Harden's proposal at the May meeting for approval.

**F. DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE VILLAGE PROPERTY ON ST. MARYS ROAD AND ROUTE 60**

Village Administrator Irvin said the Committee received sketches from a 2015 berm bidder the Village had received. Member Towne said the objective for the berm is to enhance the Village lot by clearing-up the vernal pond, removing the buckthorn and creating an open space corner. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he will work on a new berm drawing in order to obtain a contractor to build the berm. Member Towne commented the wetlands should also be avoided in the specs.

Village Administrator Irvin said the Village has no development plans for this corner at this time. As a result, the berm will enhance any future development and improve the current entrance to the Riverside Preserve subdivision.

**G. DISCUSS PROJECs FOR POTENTIAL OSLAD GRANT**

Village Administrator Irvin said the Village received communication that OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development) had funding available for communities. However, the information inaccurately stated the funding was available for this year. The reported grant reflected the awarded amount to be granted to 89 communities from last year's applications. As of today, Illinois Department of Resources has indicated no funding has been allocated for 2019-2020 fiscal year starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Village Administrator Irvin said should funding become available during the summer, the Village would need to have a defined project in order to submit an application. This grant requires a defined location that is an active recreational area. However, some passive areas have received funding. As a result, the application will need to include a project need (an inadequacy of the Village), full budget, detail plans and maps. Village Administrator Irvin mentioned should the Village wish to pursue this grant; the location will need to be defined as a single-site project. Village Administrator Irvin mentioned the Oasis Park currently has the WRD Environmental plans that could be considered for this grant application. Member Towne commented that the Grainger acquired land could be considered by adding a small parking lot and making it a fishing area.

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

Member Towne reminded the Committee that MOLA will be hosting their first workday on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Towne to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk