

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 IN THE MAPLE ROOM OF HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sheldon called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Sheldon and Members Bohm and Pink

Absent: None

Chairman Sheldon declared a quorum present.

Also, Present: Village Administrator, Bob Irvin; Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson and Trustee Towne

Attendees: Pam Fantus, Adam Lyons, and Tom Heinz

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST MEETING

Meeting minutes of August 14, 2019 were reviewed. It was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Pink that the meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. REVIEW THE POUL’S NURSERY PLANTING PROPOSAL FOR OASIS PARK

Chairman Sheldon said she would like to make a recommendation to send all data and information to the Village Board for next week’s meeting.

A motion was made to send all of Oasis Park plantings data and information to the Village Board for their review. The motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Chairman Sheldon said the Committee has discussed various tree plantings plans and no agreement has been reached. The Board needs to provide their input to move forward with the plantings at Oasis Park.

Member Pink asked Member Bohm to provide his input on the tree planting communications. Member Bohm commented he has not participated in the Poul’s Nursery discussions.

A second motion was made to send the plantings to the Village Board for their review. The motion was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Chairman Sheldon. The motion carried.

Village Administrator Irvin questioned what data should be sent to the Board members. Chairman Sheldon said she will provide all her communications that should include cost,

installation expense and her individual plans. Member Bohm suggested to only submit the final proposals with the plans for the Board.

Trustee Towne said the goal is get a fall tree planting. Trustee Towne asked if the Committee should ask the Board to approve one specific plan in order for the trees to be ordered. Village Administrator Irvin said he will provide a memo to the Board, stating the Committee could not come to an agreement for the Oasis Park tree planting plans.

Member Bohm said a meeting was held between David Johansson and Drew Johnson and an agreeable plan was completed. However, some additional changes were not agreed upon by the Committee.

E. DISCUSS INSTALLATION OF A BENCH HONORING BARRY MACLEAN IN OASIS PARK

Chairman Sheldon said this bench will be handled in the same manner as the Whippoorwill Park bench was placed for Bill Armstrong. The bench will be discussed with Barry Maclean prior to the purchase. Village Administrator Irvin provided a memo listing the expenses related to the installation of the bench in the amount of \$3,700.

Trustee Towne said it would be a great honor for Barry Maclean to be recognized at the Oasis Park especially after all of his participation in purchasing that land.

A motion was made to send the Board the request to approve the installation of a bench in Oasis Park to honor Barry Maclean. The motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Bohm. The motion carried.

F. DISCUSS MOWED PATH IN OASIS PARK

Chairman Sheldon said earlier this month an email was sent to Board for a consensus to mow a path at the park. Trustee Towne has volunteered to mow and maintain a path at the Oasis Park for the rest of this year. In 2020, the maintenance of this mowed path will be added to the budget.

Member Pink asked Chairman Sheldon why the path was needed for this year. Chairman Sheldon added the path will provide equipment access to plant the trees. The path will be outlined to avoid riding over any new seeds or any pollinated gardens.

Member Bohm said he was concerned about mowing over the swale and the Corps of Engineers should be included in this matter. Trustee Towne said the swale ends and it would not be impacted by the mowed area due to the drain tiles.

Chairman Sheldon commented the Board did have a consensus for mowing this path. Village Administrator Irvin said the only issue that was raised by the Board what was the long-term maintenance goal.

A recommendation was made to send the highlighted map document to the Board to approve the mowed path at the Oasis Park. The motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Pink. The motion carried.

Chairman Sheldon added the mowed path will address the residents desire to walk the grassy areas.

Member Bohm commented the park will be muddy to be mowed. The forest preserves trails received additional grass seeds in efforts to avoid mud. Member Bohm added it is not the right time of the year to be mowing this path.

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

Village Engineer Scott Anderson said the contract to build the berm off of Route 60 and St. Marys Road is ready for the Village Attorney's review. Village Engineer Scott Anderson commented that the contract does not contain any reference to prevailing wages. Village Administrator Irvin confirmed the contract should include prevailing wages if this project should ever go out to bid. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he will change the completion date to reflect September 1st for the 8,000 yards. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said the grass seed type has also been included in the contract. Trustee Towne said he would also like to include within the contract that the road should be cleaned-up.

Village Administrator Irvin suggest to the Village Engineer to send the contract to Village Attorney Rhodes with the comment that Jim Ferolo created this document for Oasis Park berm.

Chairman Sheldon said she would like to support MOLA's continuous work of clearing the buckthorn throughout the Village's property and rights-of-way. Chairman Sheldon said she would like receive an approved amount to direct a company to pick-up MOLA's cuttings.

A motion was made to approve \$2,500 as a yearly amount for MOLA's buckthorn pick-up events. The motion was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Bohm. The motion carried.

Member Bohm said he would like Oasis Park to be seeded this fall as part of the restoration process.

Village Administrator Irvin commented V3 will be supplying maps of the areas within Oasis Park that require reseeding.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Sheldon and seconded by Member Bohm to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk