

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 2020 BY TELECONFERENCE

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Bohm and Members Pink and Towne

Absent: None

Chairman Bohm declared a quorum present.

Also, on the call: Mayor Urlacher; Village Administrator, Bob Irvin; Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson; Trustee Sheldon

Residents: Carol Armstrong, Karen Carruthers, Jess Ray

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING

Meeting minutes of April 15, 2020 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink that the meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS THE REVISED BOB HARADEN HAY LEASE FOR 701 RIVERWOOD ROAD

Village Administrator Irvin provided a summary memo regarding the revised Bob Haraden proposal. One option, is to reduce the cost of the lease with Bob Haraden which will allow him to donate bays of hay to Equestrian Connection. However, the Village is not aware if Equestrian Connection could handle a large donation of hay all at once. Member Towne added Bob Haraden stores the hay for Equestrian Connection. Member Towne indicated the contract should remain unchanged from the 2019 pricing. Chairman Bohm said he had no issues with reducing the cost per acre to \$25 instead of \$50. Member Pink said she had no issues reducing the price per acre. Member Towne indicated the Village may experience some issues charging a significant lower amount per acre, as the average per acre is \$85. Village Administrator Irvin replied the rate could be set by the Village.

A motion was made to recommend the Bob Haraden proposal at the cost of \$25 per acre to the Board with legal confirmation of the price reduction. The motion was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Member Towne. The motion carried.

E. DISCUSS THE WHIPPOORWILL PARK MOWING SCHEDULE

Chairman Bohm said two proposals were received for the mowing of Whippoorwill Park. One proposal was from Dunlap, they performed some mowing last year but did not clear any of the flower beds. This estimate was received at \$300 per mowing. The second proposal was from Perfect Cut and Trustee Sheldon was happy with their performance last year. Perfect Cut's proposal included spring clean-up for \$850, weeding the beds and edging for \$400 and the biweekly mowing cost for \$300. Chairman Bohm added the two proposals are charging the same

amount for the biweekly mowing. Trustee Towne asked about mowing Route 60 and St. Marys Road Riverside Preserve lot. Chairman Bohm said he will follow-up with Perfect Cut if they can mow this location. Village Administrator Irvin said Route 60 and St. Marys Road would consist of only a few mows per year, as Whippoorwill Park would require mowing twice a month. Village Administrator Irvin said he agreed the spring clean-up at Whippoorwill Park is necessary to help support TruGreen's weed treatments.

Chairman Bohm said he will follow-up with Perfect Cut to determine if they can mow the Route 60 and St. Marys Road corner a few times a year.

A motion was made to approve the Perfect Cut's proposal for Whippoorwill Park mowing. The motion was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink. The motion carried.

Resident, Karen Carruthers (25220 N. Shagbark Road) said the weed and seed being treated by TruGreen is not healthy for the trees. Mrs. Carruthers asked if the Village would consider other providers for treating weeds at the homesite. Village Administrator Irvin replied the Village is under contract with TruGreen for this year, however, the Village could consider a new contractor for next year.

Chairman Bohm added he reviewed the TruGreen contract and it listed 7 treatments per summer. Chairman Bohm indicated he will follow-up with TruGreen to reduce the number of treatments as needed.

F. DISCUSS THE DRIVEWAY REMOVAL ON THE VILLAGE PROPERTY LOCATED AT ST. MARYS ROAD AND ROUTE 60

Village Engineer Scott Anderson said his estimation for the removal of the driveway will cost the Village \$10,000. Member Towne recommended to leave the driveway for an emergency access on the site. Village Administrator Irvin said the Village can leave it for now. Member Pink asked about mowing the Village lot. Chairman Bohm suggested to leave the driveway until Lake County requires the Village to remove it. Village Administrator Irvin added Lake County considers this driveway closed due to their recent road repairs. The Village Administrator indicated he had advised Lake County the Village would remove the driveway after the berm was built. Lake County would have completed the removal of the driveway last year during their re-pavement project of St. Marys Road but the Village had asked them not to. The Committee's consensus was to leave the driveway until further notice.

G. DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

Chairman Bohm stated in 2015 a consultant was hired to review the Village's various owned property lots. The consultant made a report which included recommendations for each Village owned property. Chairman Bohm said he would like to review and discuss the 2015 report and to include the Grainger land.

Chairman Bohm said he would like the Committee to concentrate on one Village lot each year and clear it of buckthorn during the winter months. The Committee agreed to begin reviewing the WRD Environmental report.

Ms. Carruthers commented she agreed on the five-year plan review for future projects and budgeting purposes.

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Member Pink to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk