

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020 VIA ZOOM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

The Village meetings are being conducted in accordance with the recently amended provisions of the Open Meetings Act and the Governor's Disaster Proclamation reissued October 16, 2020 and the Governor's Executive Order 43 and 48. In recognition of Section 12 of the Disaster Proclamation which provides that meetings attended by more than 50 persons are not feasible and the social distancing requirements, an in-person meeting is not practical nor prudent at this time. Therefore, the meeting is being conducted by audio conference.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Bohm and Member Pink

Absent: Member Towne

Chairman Bohm declared a quorum present.

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

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

Meeting minutes of October 14, 2020 were reviewed. Member Pink had a few changes to the minutes. It was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Chairman Bohm that the meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON THE OAK HILL LANE TREE REMOVAL

Chairman Bohm said Dunlap's proposal included three trees to be removed on Oak Hill Lane. Village Administrator Irvin said the work has been completed and the invoice has been approved to be paid. Dunlap has also completed the landscaping restoration. Member Pink added the homeowner sent her a thank you email regarding his contentment for the tree removal.

E. UPDATE ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE HAMILTON ESTATES PROPERTY ON RIVERWOODS BLVD

Chairman Bohm said he spoke to resident, Larry Falbe about this stewardship. Chairman Bohm indicated one option was for Hamilton Estates to amend their conservation easement in order for the Village to complete the stewardship. The Village Attorney Rhodes indicated this action was going to require the vote of 3/4th and 2/3rd from each association. Chairman Bohm said Mr. Falbe offered another option, the Village to be the contractor to provide the stewardship services for this area. Village Administrator Irvin said the concept of the Village being the contractor within their boundaries is being explored by the Village Attorney. Member Pink inquired if the Village would need a different type of insurance as a contractor.

F. UPDATE ON BUILDING BERM ON THE VILLAGE LOT LOCATED ON ROUTE 60 AND ST. MARY’S ROAD

Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he spoke to DiTomasso Excavating, LTD. owner. Mr. DiTomasso has been provided the major items from the original specification contract that will need to be included in his contract. Village Engineer and Mr. DiTomasso will be meeting on the site to further discuss the project in greater details. Member Pink asked is Lima Contractor the original lowest bidder for this project was contacted. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said yes, he called them and left a voicemail. Village Administrator Irvin reminded the Committee if the berm project moves forward a wetland delineation will need to be completed in the western edge of the lot.

G. DISCUSSION ON MACLEAN PRESERVE AT THE OASIS PARK CONVERSATION PROTECTION

Village Administrator Irvin said the Village currently has protection of their land from being sold. The state statue protection indicates 6 out of the 7 Board members to vote on the sale, therefore a super majority is needed to sell public property. Another protection this land has is, it has been zoned for open space. Chairman Bohm said he would like to avoid this land to be developed after all of the restoration that has occurred. Village Administrator Irvin mentioned another matter to consider is that we have entered into a contract with Pizzo & Associates for the next 5-years. Chairman Bohm said at this time the land is protected with the super majority vote and the requirement to change its open space zoning would require a public hearing to occur.

Chairman Bohm stated at this time he would like table this agenda item.

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

Chairman Bohm requested that Whippoorwill Park maintenance plans be listed as an agenda item in January’s meeting.

A motion was made to cancel the December Committee meeting. The motion was moved by Member Pink and seconded Chairman Bohm. The motion was carried.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Bohm and seconded by Member Pink to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk