

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 WAS HELD AT HILTON GARDEN INN IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Bohm and Members Clark and Pink

Absent: None

Chairman Bohm declared a quorum present.

Attendees: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson and Trustees Armstrong and Towne

Resident: Tom Heinz

**C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

Meeting minutes of February 9, 2022 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

**D. UPDATE ON THE POLLINATOR GARDEN MAINTENANCE BIDS RECEIVED**

Chairman Bohm stated three contractors submitted proposals for the three-year stewardship and gardens maintenance. Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Forest Builders, Inc. and Mariani Landscape submitted. The stewardship pricing received was the following: Pizzo & Associates, Ltd at \$8,550, Forest Builders, Inc. at \$17,400 and Mariani Landscape at \$24,132. The pricing for the extension of the flower bed by the bench to the main trail at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park with stones was the following: Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. at \$4,970, Forest Builders, Inc. at \$7,600 and Mariani Landscape at \$10,438.17. Chairman Bohm remarked since we have approved other work with Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. for the other parks, I recommend we provide them an opportunity to continue with the gardens. Trustee Clark agreed. Chairman Bohm added he would like to include in Pizzo's agreement a cancellation clause with a 30- or 60-day notice. Chairman Bohm added later in the year, he would like to add informational boards by the gardens to list the plantings and moths that can be found at each location. The information signs would imitate the forest preserves signage.

The motion was made to approve Pizzo & Associates, LTD for the three-year stewardship with the option of cancelling by either party. The motion was made by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

Chairman Bohm added some additional plantings will be added within the gardens once it has been determined which flowers did not survived the winter. Further details about the plantings will be provided at a later meeting.

**E. DISCUSS PICNIC TABLES AND GARBAGE BIN FOR WHIPPOORWILL PARK PATIO**

Chairman Bohm stated the Committee received prices and pictures of a picnic table and garbage bin to be added on the patio of Whippoorwill Park. Member Pink indicated in Lake Forest their bins are placed on a pole to reduce the limitation of trimming around the bins. Member Clark indicated instead of adding a picnic table, benches could be placed instead on the patio. Chairman Bohm replied he has seen people sitting on the wall given no seating is currently available. In addition, Chairman Bohm received requests from a few residents of a table for picnics. Trustee Towne added the businesses within the Village have outdoor seating, he did not know if the patio would have much traffic. Member Pink agreed to one picnic table and a raised waste bin to be purchased. Member Clark added she would also like the raised waste bin.

A motion was made to purchase an 8-foot picnic table and a receptacle bin not to exceed \$3,000. The motion was made by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

**F. DISCUSS OBTAINING AN ARBORIST TO INSPECT ALL VILLAGE OWNED OAK TREES**

Chairman Bohm indicated Trustee Armstrong suggested we obtain an arborist to inspect our mature oak trees to ensure no oak wilt is occurring. Chairman Bohm has scheduled a meeting with an arborist to get a proposal on recommendations or treatments that may be required to protect the trees. Chairman Bohm indicated they might recommend tree trimming or injections to treat the oaks too. Member Pink asked that the residents also receive some communication regarding the oak wilt.

**G. DISCUSS MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ITEMS FOR FY2022-2023 BUDGET**

Chairman Bohm stated he would like to entertain the idea of installing a stockade fence along Route 60 at Whippoorwill Park. Chairman Bohm indicated the fence can provide as a safety measurement for children and dogs along with help reduce some of road noise. The Committee received some cost estimates from Jamie Anderson for a fence. The fence would be 6-feet and is estimated to be 585 feet long. The location of this fence may require a variance. Member Pink asked given the shortage of supply, what would be the estimated timeframe for installation. Village Engineer Scott said the amounts provided to the Committee are not quotes, they are estimates that were received over the phone. Village Administrator Florip indicated she will add \$30K into the budget for a fence.

Chairman Bohm added the miscellaneous budget amount listed will be used to add ground cover plants around the Whippoorwill Park patio area.

Chairman Bohm inquired if the mosquito control was included in the budget. Village Administrator Florip replied their contract is captured under the Administration budget.

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

Trustee Armstrong stated she would like feedback to the idea of adding a flashing light stop signs by the railroad crossings. The immediate concern is if the surrounding residents would disapprove of the flashing lights. Resident Amy Weiland indicated no flashing lights will slowdown cars, law enforcement is the only impact on speeding cars. No new or current signs is improving this issue. Member Pink added even the cyclists riding the trails do not stop at railroad crossing.

Trustee Armstrong asked if 'No Outlet' signs can be placed at Twin Drive and Mettawa Lane. Village Engineer Scott indicated these two roads do not have heavy traffic to warrant a sign.

Trustee Armstrong indicated a resident has requested a red-light camera be installed at the corner of Route 60 and St. Marys Road given the frequency of accidents occurring. This camera would capture license plates and the speed of cars. Trustee Armstrong reached out to Sergeant Briggs to provide her the data on incidents that have occurred at this intersection.

Trustee Armstrong indicated resident Jeannine McCole asked if the shoulder in front of her property could be repaired. Village Engineer Scott replied yes, shoulder repairs are completely annually after the winter.

Trustee Armstrong asked if the St. Marys Road northeast corner berm was going to be reduced as this hill is obstructing drivers view. Village Clerk Gallo replied yes, Lake County has begun their restoration this week and the berm will be reduced.

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Member Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk