

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022 AT HILTON GARDEN INN IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Trustee Armstrong

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2022

Meeting minutes of April 13, 2022 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink that the regular meeting minutes be approved with modifications and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON AN ARBORIST TO INSPECT ALL VILLAGE OWNED OAK TREES

Chairman Bohm stated he received proposals from ArborSmith LTD and The Davey Tree Expert Company for the cost of inventorying the oaks trees at Whippoorwill Park. Chairman Bohm drove around with both contractors to show them all of the Village's open space trees on site. All of the Village's open space land was discussed. However, the priority became apparent of addressing the trees at Whippoorwill Park. The other Village lots with oak trees will be addressed once the buckthorn was removed, but at this time no actions would be taken. The ArborSmith LTD proposal recommended reaching out to a specific professor at a university to obtain students for them to complete the inventory of the trees. Once the inventory was completed, ArborSmith would provide health assessment of the trees. The Davey Tree Experts Company proposal also included performing a tree inventory at Whippoorwill Park at the cost of \$1,250. Once Davey Tree Experts Company completes the inventory of the trees, they will make a recommendation on treatments based on their health assessment. Chairman Bohm indicated at this time we are looking to approve the inventory process. Member Clark added Lake Forest recently completed a full inventory of their trees. It is ideal to have a log of the Village trees, to be aware of their health and location when they fall. Tagging trees makes it easier to locate a fallen tree. Chairman Bohm added later this year the Committee will discuss clearing out one of the Village lots buckthorn. The Village lot on Riverwoods Blvd near Costco would be a good lot to start given the oak trees on site.

A motion was made to approve The Davey Tree Experts Company to complete inventory of the trees located at Whippoorwill Park and the lone oak tree in the amount not to exceed \$1,250. The motion was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Chairman Bohm. The motion was carried.

E. DISCUSS THE VILLAGE’S OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Chairman Bohm provided the Committee a spreadsheet listing the approved agreements with amounts per year for Whippoorwill Park and MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park. Chairman Bohm added this year’s expenditure amount will be \$81,305 for both parks.

F. DISCUSS THE BOB HARADEN HAY LEASE FOR 701 RIVERWOODS ROAD

Chairman Bohm indicated the Committee was provided a copy of the 2022 mowing contract that was emailed to Bob Haraden to mow 701 Riverwoods Road. Village Clerk Gallo indicated the contract was emailed to Mr. Haraden, but he has not responded if he had an amount change to the cost per bale.

A motion was moved to approve Bob Haraden 2021 pricing with a ten percent increase. The motion was made by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink. The motion was carried.

G. DISCUSS WATERING OPTIONS AT WHIPPOORWILL PARK

Chairman Bohm asked Village Engineer Scott to provide the Committee an update on watering options at Whippoorwill Park. Village Engineer Scott replied he spoke to Lake County and they will not approve an unmetered service. Lake County allows meter pits. This meter pit installation would be estimated at \$8,000 -\$10,000 plus a tapping fee. Lake County will not issue the Village two meters for the two parks. Chairman Bohm asked the Village Engineer Scott to provide a cost estimate to install a meter pit for the next meeting.

H. DISCUSS ADDITIONAL PLANTINGS AT WHIPPOORWILL PARK

Chairman Bohm said he would like to add ground cover and native plants along the patio area and the north area of the park. The additional plantings were anticipated in the budget.

I. DISCUSS NAMING WHIPPOORWILL PARK

Village Administrator Florip indicated she reached out to Bob Irvin on how the Oasis Park was renamed to MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park. The only action required is Committee to make a recommendation to the Board. Village Administrator Florip indicated since this property was donated, she will need to ensure no naming requirements need to be adhered. The Village Attorney Rhodes will be reviewing the recorded documents for this park to ensure the renaming could be approved at the Board meeting.

A motion was made to rename the Korhumel Homesite to Whippoorwill Park. The motion was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

J. DISCUSS ORDERING NEW SIGNS FOR MACLEAN PRESERVE AT OASIS PARK

Chairman Bohm stated he would like to update the Oasis Park trail signs to reflect MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park. Member Clark asked if the Committee could also purchase the Whippoorwill Park trail signs. The Whippoorwill Park signs will be placed by the Deerpath trail and by the large seven evergreens. Village Engineer Scott indicated the sign installation could be estimated at four hours.

A motion was made to approve the Signarama proposal to purchase two Whippoorwill Park and two MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park signs in the amount not to exceed \$2,000. The motion was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

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

L. 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