

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022 AT HILTON GARDEN INN IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 8:08 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 Resident Karen Carruthers

**C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE**

Meeting minutes of June 8, 2022 were reviewed. Member Pink had one word change. It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink that the regular meeting minutes be approved with the word change and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

**D. DISCUSS THE DAVEY TREE EXPERTS PROPOSAL FOR MULCH, FERTILIZE AND APPLY HERBICIDE TREATMENT AT WHIPPOORWILL PARK**

Chairman Bohm indicated Davey Tree Experts have proposed treatments to care for the oak trees at Whippoorwill Park. Chairman Bohm indicated after reviewing the prescribed treatments, he recommends to approve the full proposal in the amount of \$21,590.

The motion was made to approve the Davey Tree Experts proposal in the amount of \$21,590. The motion was made by Member Pink and seconded by Chairman Bohm. Member Clark abstained from the vote. The motion was carried.

**E. DISCUSS THE PICNIC PLANNING**

Chairman Bohm asked Village Clerk Gallo if any additional planning was needed for the village picnic. Village Clerk Gallo indicated parking on site will need to be determined as the day draws near and weather is permitting. If parking will occur at Whippoorwill Park, signs will be ordered to provide direction to the residents. Village Clerk Gallo stated we will need to identify a resource to assist the residents with parking on site. Chairman Bohm asked the Village Clerk to follow-up with Chris Dunlap that the mowing is completed prior to the picnic. Village Clerk Gallo asked the Committee if the tent should be placed in the shady area this year. The Committee's consensus was to keep the tent in the sunny/open area of the park.

**F. UPDATE ON THE WHIPPOORWILL PARK WATER PROPOSAL**

Village Engineer Scott Anderson commented he met with Chairman Bohm on site and they found the existing water service line. The main was disconnected when the house was removed. Village Engineer Scott Anderson is looking to obtain a contractor to locate the pipe for the main connection. Village Engineer Scott anticipates to have further details next month for the water connection.

**G. DISCUSS PLANTING COMMEMORATIVE TREES AT MACLEAN PRESERVE AT OASIS PARK**

Chairman Bohm stated he received a request from resident Adrienne Tindall asking if commemorative trees can be planted at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park. Chairman Bohm expressed his concern on how the Committee would determine the number of trees and the type of species to be planted. Member Clark asked whom would be maintaining those trees ongoing. Chairman Bohm replied the village. Village Administrator Florip indicated other municipality tree planting programs include, a list of trees predetermined with a plaque that can be purchased. The local government decides the tree planting locations too. Member Clark added she liked the idea of creating a program. Chairman Bohm indicated with the stormwater drainage going into this location, this will also impact the restoration or any future plantings. Village Clerk Gallo suggested a brick program to be placed around Whippoorwill Park patio with the name of commemorated. Member Pink said a commemorative program without planting would be ideal. Member Clark will do some research on a brick or plaque program.

**H. DISCUSS THE FALL TREE PLANTING**

Chairman Bohm mentioned Pizzo & Associates will determine the condition of the six trees planted on the berm of MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park in September. Chairman Bohm asked if any new trees are needed at Whippoorwill Park. Mrs. Carruthers replied this location has a number of mature oak trees. To ensure this park remains rich in tree plantings, the Committee should consider adding new trees besides the mature ones to begin growing. Chairman Bohm indicated this agenda item will be continued at October meeting, once the six tree plantings on the berm have been evaluated.

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

Mrs. Carruthers mentioned she saw teasel at the far end of Whippoorwill Park by Mettawa Woods Drive. Chairman Bohm indicated he will follow-up with Pizzo & Associates to removal the weed.

Member Clark indicated she would like to volunteer to restore the Village's trail signs that are weathered. Village Clerk Gallo indicated she will follow-up with Signarama to obtain the paint names and purchase quart sizes for the signs. Village Clerk Gallo added she will seek approval from Trustee John Maier prior to the purchase.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pink to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo,  
Village Clerk