

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 VIA ZOOM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Clark and Members Armstrong and Pink

Absent: None

Chairman Clark declared a quorum present.

Attendees: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson, Trustee Towne

Residents in Attendance: Karen Carruthers and Chuck Dinklenburg

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY

Meeting minutes of January 11, 2023 were reviewed. Member Pink provided minor edits. It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Pink that the regular meeting minutes be approved with the minor edits and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS MAINTENANCE ON VILLAGE LOT LOCATED AT 27570 OAK HILL LANE

Chairman Clark indicated the village lot located at 27570 Oak Hill Lane requires the removal of buckthorn in order to allow the young ash and maple trees to grow. As a result, Chairman Clark sought proposals for the buckthorn removal. The contractors varied their process in removing the buckthorn either manually or with the use of large equipment. The Eubank Environmental proposal indicated \$5,575 per acre, totaling \$10,704. Davey Tree Experts proposal was received in the amount of \$11,500. Mariani Landscaping in Green Oaks was also approached and they estimated this work to be in the mid \$20K. Eubanks Environmental stated they would clear the dead trees and any leaning ones along with perform a controlled fire on-site. The Committee asked Chairman Clark to obtain additional proposals from ILM and Pizzo & Associates to further discuss this matter next month. Chairman Clark added once this lot has been cleared, trees would be planted to provide screening for the Oak Hill Lane residents. The Committee was in consensus of clearing the buckthorn and planting new trees on this village lot.

Resident Chuck Dinklenburg indicated as a resident residing on Oak Hill Lane, he was concerned on the outcome of the buckthorn clearance. Mr. Dinklenburg added his neighbor to the east cleared the buckthorn from his property and the results look terrible. Mr. Dinklenburg added ILM performed the neighbor's work and they parked on his private road without permission. Member Pink stated the village will be clearing the buckthorn from this lot but will also plant new trees to provide the necessary screening. Chairman Clark commented eight new trees are being considered for this lot to provide adequate screening.

E. DISCUSS MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR FY2023-2024 BUDGET

Village Administrator Florip presented the Committee a copy of their draft budget. The Open Space Maintenance total captures the current agreements and projected work on village property. Village

Administrator Florip also suggested the Committee increase their budgeted amounts from last year's as most projects will be impacted with inflation. This year's budget also includes an amount to clear buckthorn from two village properties.

Resident, Karen Carruthers asked if the budgeted amount to clear a property of buckthorn also included seeding. Mrs. Carruthers indicated she will email Chairman Clark on other projects for consideration during this budgeting period.

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

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Clark and seconded by Member Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo,
Village Clerk