

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN
(Official Minutes)

MONTHLY MEETING of the PARK COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Chairperson Treptow called the meeting of the Park Commission to order at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Park Commissioners present: Susan Geye, Sarah Lobdell, Laurie Larson, Rallee Whowell-Chupich, Dawn Sammons, Rick Treptow

Park Commissioners absent: Brent Horvath, Sharon O'Brien

Also present: CDA Executive Director Joseph McHugh, Andy Pearce, Director of Public Works Craig Workman

Approval of Minutes

Geye/Larson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes for the Special Joint Committee Meeting held January 18, 2006, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

Andy Pearce of the Big Foot Lions Club requested that the club be allowed to erect four signs for its annual Lobster Boil/Steak Fry event on Saturday, July 29, 2006. The commission was in unanimous consensus that the signs could be erected; however, the matter was referred to the Wayfinding Committee.

General Business

Plan Commission Report

Larson updated the Park Commission on the pending proposals.

CDA Report

McHugh updated the Park Commission on the pending CDA matters.

Trustee Report

Larson presented an update.

Geye/Larson 2nd made a MOTION that any use of village park land should be approved by the Park Commission, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park House Use

Treptow stated that the Park House was used 14 times in January.

Treasurer's Report

Lobdell presented the Park Commission Financial Report as of January 31, 2005.

Public Works Report

Workman provided an update on the construction schedule, which is still in tact despite the recent delays. The parks should be ready by the summer season.

Old Business

Duck Pond – Final Recap

Treptow presented provided a final report on the Duck Pond projects. A grand opening event for the new wing will be held at the Duck Pond shelter in the spring.

Wayfinding – Committee Meeting Date

Treptow reported that the committee will be meeting Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at 9:00 am to at the Village Hall.

Parks Organizational Status

The commission discussed responsibility and accountability issues with regard to park operations. The commission decided to request a joint session meeting with the Lakefront and Harbor Committee to discuss some plans.

Parks Projects/Completion Dates

Workman updated on the commission on the park projects.

Fontana Signs – Entrance/Parks/Wayfinding

Treptow updated the commission on the project.

New Business

Final Touches - Fen

Treptow stated that the Fontana Fen project is almost complete with the exception of needed trash receptacles, benches, oak trees and repairs to the sign. Approximately \$5,000 of additional items. Treptow/Geye 2nd made a MOTION to approve the purchase of all items with a spending cap of \$5,000, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Landmark Trees

Criteria for being designated a landmark tree will be presented at the next meeting of the Park Commission. Treptow stated that he will begin drafting a list of memorial trees.

Agrecol Maintenance – March Presentation

Treptow stated that representatives of Agrecol will be at the next meeting of the Park Commission.

Spring Walks

Treptow stated that walking tours of all the parks will be scheduled for the spring.

Bills to Pay

The only bill to be approved was for the purchase of bronze plaques form BEK.

Lobdell/Geye 2nd made a MOTION to approve payment of the bill from BEK, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Requests – Reid Park/Gazebo, Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce Changes-Addition

Because of the construction scheduled in Reid Park, the Chamber of Commerce's initial schedule was reduced to two dates in Reid Park – July 26, 2006 and Aug. 12, 2006. Fontana Community Church requested to use the Reid Park Gazebo on April 16, 2006 for its annual Easter Sunrise Service.

Geye/Lobdell 2nd made a MOTION to approve the Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce request to use Reid Park on July 16, 2006 and Aug. 12, 2006, and to approve the request of the Fontana Community Church to hold its annual Easter Sunrise Service in Reid Park. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Any Other Comments or Concerns

It was announced that the annual Village of Fontana Easter Egg Hunt will have to be held at Duck Pond Recreation Area because of the current construction.

Adjournment

Larson/Lobdell 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Rallee Whowell-Chupich & Dennis Martin, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Park Commission the official minutes will be on file at the Fontana Village Hall.

APPROVED: _____