

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN
(Official Minutes)
MONTHLY MEETING of the PARK COMMISSION
February 18, 2015

Park Commission Chairman Rick Pappas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Park Commissioners present: Trustee Rick Pappas, Laura Coates, Lynne Frost, Sandra Hibbard, Gail Hibbard

Park Commissioners absent: Sarah Lobdell, Mary Green

Also present: Clerk Theresa Linneman, Administrator Dennis Martin, DPW Manager Brett McCollum, President Arvid Petersen, Lisa Sharpe

Approval of Minutes

Sandra Hibbard/Laura Coates 2nd made a MOTION to approve the meeting minutes for January 21, 2015, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

Lisa Sharpe from Rock Central, a community music school in Lake Geneva, was in attendance to present her request to hold this year's "Rock the Lake" fund-raising concert event in Reid Park. The fundraiser is an effort to raise money for underprivileged children to afford school tuition at Rock Central. Sharpe made contact with Village Hall after the Park Commission meeting agenda had already been posted and Martin suggested she attend the Visitors Heard portion of the meeting to get initial feedback on the proposal since she requested approval by March. The "Rock the Lake" fundraiser is proposed for the Saturday before Father's Day, June 20, 2015, at Reid Park. Last year's fundraiser was held at the Abbey Harbor on a Thursday night in June and brought in a crowd of about 600 people. Martin and Pappas both expressed hesitation to allow the event on a Saturday, which will likely draw a crowd well over 600 people, down by the lake at the busiest time of the year. Martin suggested either changing the date to sometime during the week, holding the fundraiser before Memorial Day or after Labor Day, or using the Duck Pond Recreation Area. Sharpe said her first choice of venues is the Abbey Harbor, second choice is Reid Park, and third choice is Duck Pond. Sharpe also stated they are considering having a shuttle transport people from Duck Pond down to Reid Park so parking would not be an issue as it was last year. According to Sharpe, the Abbey Harbor initially denied the request to hold the fundraiser at the same location as last year, but she spoke with Ed Snyder and they have a meeting on Monday and will reconsider. She said she would be in touch after Monday's meeting.

Announcements

Martin said the Mill House Pavilion dedication to honor Ron Pollitt and David Coates on January 31, 2015 went really smooth and was well attended.

General Business

Park House Use

The Park House was not used in January, 2015.

Treasurer's Report

Lobdell was absent for the meeting so Trustee Pappas presented the Treasurer's reports as of January 31, 2015.

Plan Commission Report

There is a public hearing set for Monday's Plan Commission meeting regarding Accessory Structure Setback Ordinance. Also on the agenda is the review of the Shodeen Construction Company's Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) for their Row Homes of Fontana proposal. John Tracy will be present to request changing the zoning on this Third Avenue and Reid Street parcels from Village

Center and SR-5 zoning districts to MR-12 to accommodate a six-unit condominium development on the three parcels.

Public Works Report & Park Commission Maintenance List

Martin said there were no changes made from last month. Pappas instructed DPW Manager McCollum to monitor the deer fencing in Reid Park and take note of where it was and how well it worked.

Old Business

Native Areas Maintenance Plan Update

Gail Hibbard presented an event she is leading called “Defend the Fen,” an effort designed to protect the Fontana Fen against invasive Buckthorn. The event will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Pappas stated the Native Areas Maintenance Plan proposal is needed by mid-next week in order to have the contract approved at the March Village Board meeting. McCollum suggested spreading native prairie seeds at Headwaters Park in order help stop erosion and Gail Hibbard replied she would bring that up when she meets with Tom Vanderpoel. Martin stated he spoke to Attorney Matt Galvin in the Village attorney’s office regarding the Friends of Fontana 501(3)(c) group, which was discussed when the Native Areas Maintenance Plan was initially proposed by Gail Hibbard and Bill Turner. Galvin indicated the non-profit organization has a three-year window to file the required annual reports and remain active, and that window expires at the end of next year. Original members of the group’s Board of Directors, Sharon O’Brien, Rick Treptow and Micki O’Connell, have agreed to call a meeting to order to authorize an interim administrator of the organization and then resign from the currently inactive group. Martin stated that he offered to be named the interim administrator until new officers can be solicited to take over the administration of the organization. Members of the non-profit group Board of Directors cannot also be members of Village Park Commission.

New Business

Park Permit Application Filed by Fontana Garden Club, Plant Sale, Porter Court Plaza, May 22 to May 24, 2015

The annual application was filed along with a diagram of the Porter Court Plaza area. Martin stated that staff recommends approval of the application.

Sandra Coates/Trustee Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to approve the Park Permit application filed by the Fontana Garden Club to hold their annual plant sale at Porter Court Plaza on May 22 to May 24, 2015, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Dan Green Foundation, Pig in the Park, September 5, 2015

No diagram was submitted with the application but it is assumed to be the same as in past years. Martin said last year’s Pig in the Park event cost the Village more in DPW payroll expenses than was received back in donations from the Foundation and staff has proposed including a cost recovery agreement this year if DPW crew members will be requested to assist with setup and takedown. Martin stated it would be appropriate to discuss the cost recovery and specifics of the agreement when Mary Green is present; however, the Foundation may not require as much assistance from the DPW this year. There was a recommendation made to table the application, but to reserve the date for the event. President Petersen stated that because of buried utility lines and other considerations, only the DPW crew members should drive the fence posts into the ground at Reid Park.

Gail Hibbard/Sandra Hibbard 2nd made a MOTION to table the Park Permit application filed by the Dan Green Foundation for the Pig in the Park event on Saturday, September 5, 2015, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Garbage Can Replacement Proposal

Pictures of a sample steel garbage can containers constructed by DPW employees were passed around for the commissioners to view. The garbage can containers consists of an outer cage that was painted a forest green and the enclosed blue can was also painted forest green. The commissioners agreed it is a great solution to the current undesirable blue plastic cans in Reid Park and at the beach for a fraction of the cost to purchase them new. McCollum said the DPW crew members can make the tops square like in the pictures, or rounded. The steel is currently being sold for \$50 for a 4-by-8-

foot sheet and is anticipated that the price of steel will more than double in the near future. One 4-by-8 sheet of steel can make two caged lids. The commissioners and President Petersen all thought the new garbage can containers were a wonderful idea and agreed on the green color and square tops both shown in the pictures.

Gail Hibbard/Sandra Hibbard 2nd made a MOTION to authorize the purchase of the steel at \$50 per sheet for 10 sheets of steel for garbage cans at the lakefront, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Reschedule March Monthly Meeting

Pappas requested to reschedule the March monthly meeting from March 18 to March 25, 2015. Both Gail Hibbard and Sandra Hibbard said they will be out of town, but as long as there will still be a quorum, Pappas would like to reschedule the meeting. Pappas stated that if a quorum is not available for the March 25, 2015 date, the meeting agenda will be posted for the regular third Wednesday of the month meeting date.

Trustee Pappas/Laura Coates 2nd made a MOTION to reschedule the March 2015 monthly Park Commission meeting from March 18 to March 25, 2015, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Any Other Comments/Concerns

None

Adjournment

Sarah Coates/Gail Hibbard 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

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: 4/15/15