

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

(Official Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

June 21, 2017

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Livingston at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Members Present: Robin Nuzzo, Trustee Livingston, Sarah Lobdell, Mary Green, Sandra Hibbard, Gail Hibbard

Member Absent: Jill Wegner

Also Present: Merilee Holst, Clerk Theresa Loomer, Administrator Dennis Martin, Rick Treptow

Approval of Minutes May 17, 2017

Lobdell/Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the May 17, 2017 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

Merilee Holst had questions on the tree replacement plan in Reid Park. She asked how a decision was reached to not do a one-for-one replacement of the trees in Reid Park, how a decision was made to plant the trees at this time of year when it is recommended that trees are planted in either the spring or fall, and stated arborists recommend planting a variety of trees in case a disease moves through the area so that not all trees would be lost. Martin stated the trees will be replaced one-for-one, just not all in Reid Park as they were too crowded in the previous location. The original plan was to have the trees replanted a few days after the old trees were removed last month. The replacement trees are all maples, but three different types of maples. Rick Treptow asked why the removal of the trees occurred so quickly and Martin stated it happened the days following the last Park Commission meeting and acknowledged the information should have been distributed to the public prior to cutting them down. There has been some positive feedback about the removal of the trees including that it opens up the park more. Martin indicated that arborist reports have recommended the removal of the trees for the past 10 years and Treptow requested to see the reports.

Announcements

None

General Business

Park House Use

Martin said the Park House will be used more in the upcoming summer months for Big Foot Recreation District summer programs, but was only used one time in May, 2017.

Treasurer's Report

Lobdell reported there is \$30,920.05 in the Park Commission Fund.

Public Works Report

Martin stated that DPW Director Brett McCollum recommended that the site for a sand volleyball court proposed for the Duck Pond Recreation Area be established adjacent the playground and the first hole on the disc golf course, not across the park on the other side of the road by the compost and dog track areas. The location will be staked out and Martin recommended the commissioners check it out before the next meeting. Martin stated he spoke with Chuck Thiesenhusen, director of the Big Foot Recreation District, and he indicated that the district is planning to install outdoor pickle ball courts at Big Foot High School.

Old Business

Reid Park Christmas Tree Planting and Sign Proposal from Balanced Environments, Inc.

Martin stated that he was recently reminded by former Park Commission Chairman Treptow there is a designated Christmas evergreen tree in Pioneer Park which was planted many years ago. It's being requested that the proposed new evergreen for Reid Park be planted close to the proposed location but moved back from the road a little to the second parking stall in the adjacent lakefront lot. Martin said following last month's meeting the Colorado green spruce was chosen; however, the recommendation is now to go with the Norway spruce because of the tapered pattern and the potential for a better view to the lake. Martin said they could wait to plant the evergreen until fall. Treptow asked about waiting to plant the maples as well.

Lobdell/Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to separate the Evergreen tree from the garden bed around the Reid Park sign, move it about 10-feet back toward the lake, and to direct staff to work with Roy Diblik on selecting new plants for the garden around the Reid Park sign, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Warranty Extension Direction for Reid Park Trees

Martin explained that any local arborist could provide an estimate for an extended warranty on the Reid Park trees. The company that the trees are being purchased from, Balanced Environments, has already provided a \$7,687 quote to provide services for a second year on the one-year warranty that came with the new trees. Martin said staff will bring back more quotes from other arborists at next month's meeting.

Landscaping Proposal Recommendation for New Reid Park Pavilion

There are currently three different types of bushes and shrubs along the Reid Park sidewalk that lead from the new pavilion area to Chucks, including viburnums. The recommendation is to replace the other two types of shrubs with viburnums for consistency. Additional recommended plantings from Balanced Environments, Inc. include Allium Summer Beauty, Hibiscus and Pavement Rose for the Reid Park sign garden bed in the amount of \$2,982. The plan has been reviewed and approved by Roy Diblik.

Gail Hibbard/Sandra Hibbard 2nd made a MOTION to approve the proposal to purchase and plant as soon as possible viburnum bushes to replace the lilac bushes and arborvitae in Reid Park along the sidewalk from Chucks to the new pavilion, and for minimal plantings in the garden beds this first summer season by the Reid Park sign garden and in the planting areas along the pavilion sidewalks, for an amount not to exceed \$2,521 from Harvard Nursery, Inc., and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

New Business

Replacement Street Lights Proposal for Pioneer Park

A proposal for new street lights from ANP Lighting was presented for replacement of lights in Pioneer Park. There was discussion about whether the lights were necessary and Gail Hibbard reminded the commissions about the dark sky initiative through Yerkes Observatory at George Williams College. Treptow recommended looking into bollards to install along the Pioneer Park sidewalk where the light would illuminate the area, but is quite dim and would not affect the dark sky initiative.

Memorial Park Bench Proposal for Micki O'Connell

Martin said there is interest and enough funding to install two memorial park benches for former Trustee Micki O'Connell, who passed away earlier this year. The first bench has already been approved, purchased and installed in Pioneer Park, but there has been a request submitted to replace the current bench at the lakeshore path in Mohr Road Park with another memorial bench for Micki O'Connell.

Lobdell/Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to replace the bench at Mohr Road Park with a bench in memory of Micki O'Connell, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Summer Tick Concerns

There was discussion about the increased amount of ticks in the area this year and possible ways to reduce or eliminate them including bringing in certain species of birds, flowers or spraying. Livingston said his company sprays at the elementary school and it keeps the ticks away for about 30 days and then another application is needed. In the public Village areas, not every area would need to be sprayed, just the park or beach perimeter and areas and where there are children, such as the playgrounds at Reid Park and Duck Pond. Martin said that McCollum will look into it.

Park Permit Application Filed by Robin Walker/Brooke Patterson for Duck Pond Recreation Area & Pavilion for Three on Three Soccer Tournament on Sunday, August 13, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

New Business Items No. 4 through 9 were taken in one motion. There were no concerns or conflicts with any of the applications submitted.

Gail Hibbard/Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit application filed by Robin Walker/Brooke Patterson for Duck Pond Recreation Area & Pavilion for Three on Three Soccer Tournament on Sunday, August 13, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Big Foot Summer Band/Neal Raskin for Reid Park Pavilion for Big Foot Schools Public Band Performance Grades 7-12 on Friday, August 4, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Gail Hibbard/Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit application filed by Big Foot Summer Band/Neal Raskin for Reid Park Pavilion for Big Foot Schools Public Band Performance Grades 7-12 on Friday, August 4, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with the fee waived, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce for Duck Pond Recreation Area with Beer/Wine Permit on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Gail Hibbard/Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit application filed by Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce for Duck Pond Recreation Area with Beer/Wine Permit on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by the Turaka Family for Reid Park Pavilion on Thursday, July 6, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Gail Hibbard/Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit application filed by the Turaka Family for Reid Park Pavilion on Thursday, July 6, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by the Knorr Family for Duck Pond Pavilion on Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Gail Hibbard/Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit application filed by the Knorr Family for Duck Pong Pavilion on Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Big Foot Rec. for Beer/Wine Permit at Duck Pond Recreation Area for 16" Softball League on Monday Evenings between 6:30 pm and Dusk

Gail Hibbard/Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application Filed by Big Foot Rec. for Beer/Wine Permit at Duck Pond Recreation Area for the 16-inch Softball League on Monday evenings between 6:30 pm and dusk, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Any Other Comments/Concerns

None

Adjournment

Livingston/Lobdell 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 6:00 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Village Clerk

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

APPROVED: 07/19/2017