

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

(Final Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

January 17, 2024

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Village Clerk Lussow at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at the Fontana Village Hall.

Members Present: Sarah Lobdell, Susan Olson, Robin Nuzzo, Mary Green

Members Absent: Chairman Trustee Livingston, Cathy Somers, Zina O’Callaghan,

Also Present: Kevin Day, Katherine Kelly (Centennial Committee), Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow, Andy Pearce (Big Foot Lions Club), Margaret Reuland (Centennial Committee)

Elect Chairperson Pro-Tem

Due to the absence of Chairman Trustee Livingston a chairperson pro-tem was appointed. Village Clerk Lussow asked for one of the Commissioners to make a motion to appoint a chairperson pro-tem.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to appoint Commissioner Lobdell as Chairperson Pro-Tem for the meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Approval of Minutes: November 15, 2023

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the November 15, 2023 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

None

Announcements

None

General Business

Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Lobdell reported that there is currently \$77,462.21 in the Park Commission Funds.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Day stated that there is not much to update. He plans to have his staff take down the Christmas decorations once it gets a little warmer. Public Works Director Day also mentioned he was contacted by Commissioner Green regarding some of the sidewalks by Mill street being uplifted by some roots of the trees nearby. He stated that most likely will have to remove the trees since if they cut the roots, it will just kill the tree anyways. Commissioner Green asked if we could potentially level/shave the sidewalk down and instead put some signage up stating that some areas of the sidewalk are uneven and alert residents that way. Public Works Director Day said we could give it a try and bring this back next month as an agenda item to finalize how we should proceed.

Old Business

None

New Business

Park Permit Application Filed by Fontana Centennial Committee for Music in the Park Event at Reid Park Gazebo, Pavilion, and all of Reid Park on June 30, July 7, July 21, August 11, August 25, and September 1, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM with Request for Fees to be Waived

Margaret Reuland and Katherine Kelly on behalf of the Fontana Centennial Committee gave a brief overview of their application for Music in the Park to be held at Reid Park on Sundays on the dates listed in their application. Margaret Reuland stated that Music in the Park was an event that used to be held in Fontana years ago and there has been some discussion about bringing it back. Katherine Kelly mentioned that she is currently working on booking some groups and solo acts for the dates. Mrs. Kelly stated that the event would be free, and attendees would only need to bring lawn chairs. There was some discussion about potential rainout dates or using the pavilion in case of bad weather and Administrator Loomer said it shouldn't be an issue and the event will still need to be approved by the Village Board so it could be brought up then.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the park permit application filed by the Fontana Centennial Committee for Music in the Park Event at Reid Park Gazebo, Pavilion, and all of Reid Park on Sunday, June 30, July 7, July 21, August 11, August 25, and September 1, 2024 from 3:00 PM -5:00 PM with fees to be waived, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Big Foot Lions Club for Big Foot Lions Club Lobster Boil at Reid Park Gazebo, Pavilion, and all of Reid Park on Saturday, July 27, 2024, From Noon to 11:30 PM with Request for Fees to be Waived

Andy Pearce gave a brief background on what to expect at this year's Lobster Boil and said that not much of it is changing. Mr. Pearce then mentioned that the only thing different from this year's event compared to last year was a different date and that this year he is requesting an ice cream truck for the event however he doesn't know if they will have one for sure yet, just wants the option to have one if they can make it work. Mr. Pearce then asked that a fee waiver be granted for the event as well. Mr. Pearce ended his discussion about the event by giving a donation from Big Foot Lions Club to the Park Commission in the amount of \$2,500.

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application Filed by Big Foot Lions Club for Big Foot Lions Club Lobster Boil at Reid Park Gazebo, Pavilion, and all of Reid Park on Saturday, July 27, 2024, From Noon to 11:30 PM With Fees to be Waived, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Big Foot Lions Club for Big Foot Triathlon at Reid Park Gazebo on Saturday, September 21, 2024, From 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM with Request for Fees to be Waived

Andy Pearce stated the application is the same as last year with the exception of the date again being different and stated no beer/wine would be served. Mr. Pearce explained that they are expecting an even higher turnout compared to the 600 attendees from last year and that the event has been going well.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application Filed by Big Foot Lions Club for the Triathlon at Reid Park Gazebo on Saturday, September 21, 2024, From 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM With Fees to be Waived, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

GTS Applications for use of Duck Pond Ball Fields on 5/10/24-5/12/2024, 05/25/24-5/27/24, 5/31/24-6/2/24

Village Clerk Lussow explained that GTS has currently filed one application containing all the tournament dates and practice dates and has suggested filing an application for each event but in the meantime to proceed with bringing it to the Park Commission to review. All fees have been paid regarding the Tournament dates with a discussion of fees for the practices to be discussed as part of the next agenda topic.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the GTS Applications for use of Duck Pond Ball Fields for tournament play on 05/10/24-05/12/24, 05/25/24-05/27/24, and 05/31/24-06/02/24, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on GTS Retal Fees for use of Duck Pond Ball Fields for Practices Held on Monday Nights from April-July

Village Clerk Lussow explained that in his conversations with GTS that they are requesting that some repairs and maintenance be done to the fields. Village Clerk Lussow asked that they provide what they are looking for in writing or an email so that he could pass it along to the Park Commissioners. In the meantime, Clerk Lussow asked the Commissioners if the practice fees needed to be increased due to the costs of repairs and maintenance. After some discussion the Park Commissioners suggested leaving the fees the same as last year for this upcoming season and once, we receive the list from GTS and can properly get an idea of all the maintenance and repair costs reviewing the fees then for next season.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of keeping the practice fees the same as last year and approving the GTS Application for use of Duck Pond Ball Fields for Practices Held on Monday-Fridays Nights From April-July From 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:20 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Drew Lussow, Village Clerk
Approved: 02/21/2024