

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

**Official Minutes**

**Park Commission Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 5:00 pm

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Trustee Scott Vilona on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the Fontana Village Hall.

**Commissioners Present:** Trustee Chair Scott Vilona, Commissioner Susan Olson, Commissioner Stan Livingston, Commissioner Robin Nuzzo, Commissioner Mary Green (5:09pm), Commissioner Sarah Lobdell (5:18pm).

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Zina O'Callaghan, Commissioner Sarah Lobdell.

**Also Present: Department** Village Administrator Loomer, Interim Director Public Works Perepell, Village Clerk Bonnie Liptak, Lobster Boil Representatives Andy and Daniel Pearce, Interim Chamber of Commerce President Marisa Sounde.

**General Business:**

**Treasurer's Report**

Trustee Chair Vilona stated that the funds were rolled into the General fund.

**Public Works Report**

Perepell stated that the decorative memorial bricks project is partially ready for installation. The inventory of bricks is not yet complete. Additional bricks are needed and the previous supplier has left the business. Perepell stated that he is in the process of identifying a new supplier to finish the project in order to complete the memorial brick wall at Little Foot Park. Perepell stated that Porter Court benches and planter will be installed after the Christmas tree is taken down sometime in February.

**Old Business**

**Discussion or Action on 2026 Park and Ball Field Fees - tabled 11/19/2025**

The comparison chart and a new application were distributed. Lobdell shared the new draft application. Loomer suggested that the Board consider charging a nominal fee for non-profit events to cover the cost of collecting the garbage and cleaning the bathrooms. Lobdell and Greene agreed to add a fee for non-profit events that are aligned with neighboring communities that charge non-profits the same fee as residents. Lobdell also recommended an increase in security deposits. Perepell agreed that increasing the security deposit is also a good idea and in line with other communities. Lobdell offered to further refine the application and make an effort at creating a special event application, as well.

**Discussion or Action on Music in the Park**

This was discussed under New Business.

**Discussion or Action on RecDesk Program for Beach Admission**

Information about the RecDesk program was distributed. RecDesk is a digital solution involving a physical and or digital pass that is tied to a specific user with a picture and their name that allows them to gain entry to the Beach. This program was budgeted for in 2026 but was planned to be rolled out in 2027 to allow for a transition year. This solution came about as a response the observation that the ordinance in place does not align with current practice. The ordinance currently reads for "Passes: Upon proper application, passes may be sold to all tax parcel owners in the village and to all pupils who attend Fontana Grade School". And for "Badges: Following the purchase of a season's pass the customer shall be provided with a cloth badge which shall be attached to the applicant's bathing suit. The badge shall be good only as long as it is used by the individual who has been properly registered. The use of any badge

by any other individual shall terminate such pass to whom it was issued, and the attendant shall see that the badge is removed from the bathing suit and turned in. Badges shall only be purchased at the village hall.” Vilona asked if there is a benefit for the Village to abandon the current practice and move to the RecDesk system. Loomer stated that there have been discussions that the Village is losing revenue from short term rentals that offer free beach passes to their guests. Loomer stated that there is a benefit to RecDesk in that when someone enters the beach, there is a record of that person entering the beach if there was an incident at the beach it could come in helpful and it would limit pass abuse. This item will go to the Lakefront Committee too. Lobdell stated that she is concerned that longtime residents who are accustomed to the current practice are required to obtain a RecDesk beach pass, residents will be unhappy that they won’t be able to buy beach tags and send whomever they want family or friend to the beach. Vilona stated he does not want to remove a resident privilege for the sake of preventing people from abusing the current system. Loomer stated that last year a non-resident who had purchased a season pass, lost it and was upset because the policy was to charge the person to buy a new pass and there was no option to replace the pass – as would be possible with a RecDesk program.

#### **Discussion or Action on Vibrant Spaces Grant**

Information about the grant was distributed. Loomer stated that she reviewed the information and nothing in particular comes to mind that aligns with the grant and Vilona agreed.

#### **Discussion or Action on Rain Barrels**

Historically the Geneva Lakes Conservancy has had a rain barrel purchase program and for that program a rain barrel was installed in the Village Hall front area to raise visibility for residents and encourage them to participate in the program. Citizen Peggy Rasmussen previously came before the Parks Commission informing them that the Geneva lakes Conservancy is not able to participate in a rain barrel event this year. Rasmussen asked if the Parks Board wanted to sponsor a rain barrel event and consider purchasing rain barrels for the Village to utilize at key points in the Village. Rasmussen was asked to update a flyer for residents. The absence of a program or information in the Village Hall lobby creates confusion for the residents. Loomer asked what the Park Commission would like to take any action on this. Liptak stated that residents come into the Village looking for staff to provide information on the rain barrel program but there is not any up-to-date information available. Vilona asked if the DPW would be able to utilize a rain barrel if purchased. Perepell stated that since they already have a sprinkler program, there is not a clear and practical application for the rain barrel at this time. Liptak stated that there is support and interest in utilizing the rain barrels, but there is not a clear program at the moment. Loomer stated she would like to see the GLC put together updated information for people to buy the rain barrel. When residents come into the Village Hall and see the rain barrel and ask questions, the staff has printed out order forms for people to take home. Vilona suggested that staff reach back to the GLC and Peggy Rasmussen to determine if there were an updated flyer they would like to display with the rain barrel.

#### **New Business**

##### **Discussion or Action on Park Permit Application filed by Big Foot Lion’s Club and Andy Pearce for the Lobster Boil on Saturday, July 25, 2026, Reid Park, Reid Pavillion and Reid Gazebo from 7am – Midnight - request Fees to be waived**

Information for the event was distributed. Andy Pearce and Daniel presented that they would like to host the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual event.

Commissioner Green/ Commissioner Lobdell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application filed by Big Foot Lion’s Club and Andy Pearce for the Lobster Boil on Saturday, July 25, 2026, Reid Park, Reid Pavillion and Reid Gazebo from 7am – Midnight - request Fees to be waived, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

##### **Discussion or Action on Park Permit Application filed by Big Foot Lion’s Club and Andy Pearce for the Triathlon on Saturday, September 12, 2026, Reid Park Pavillion and Reid Gazebo from 7am – 8pm - request Fees to be waived**

The application was distributed.

Commissioner Lobdell/ Commissioner Nuzzo 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application filed by Big Foot Lion's Club and Andy Pearce for the Triathlon on Saturday, September 12, 2026, Reid Park Pavillion and Reid Gazebo from 7am – 8pm - request Fees to be waived, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

**Discussion or Action on Park Permit Application filed by Dean Adams and the Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce for rental of the Reid Park Gazebo in 2026 from 3-9pm on June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6, August 20<sup>th</sup> request Fees to be waived**

The Park application was distributed. Marissa Sounde presented that the Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce is taking over the Music in the Park event series and would like to lock in the bands with the park permits. They are looking to make it a fun event and partner with local businesses to further expand the event, and they have a committee that has been formed to support the event. They have selected dates to avoid conflicts with other events in the community. They are looking to potentially add the sale of liquor or beer and wine at the events so that effort will be coordinated after their new Chamber Board is elected. Vilona stated that the group has come before the Tourism committee too and Tourism offered to sponsor a couple of events and Vilona was asked to join the group to help advise and guide the events for the summer. Loomer stated that ideally the events would have a complete packet for consideration that includes not only the park permit applications but also the liquor license applications. Commissioner Livingston/ Commissioner Lobdell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Park Permit Application filed by Dean Adams and the Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce for rental of the Reid Park Gazebo in 2026 from 3-9pm on June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6, August 20<sup>th</sup> request Fees to be waived, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

**Discussion or Action on Park Permit Application filed by Melissa McPherson and the Faith Christian School for rental of the Duck Pond baseball diamond in 2026 from 4-7pm on May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

The Park application was distributed.

Commissioner Lobdell/ Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application filed by Melissa McPherson and the Faith Christian School for rental of the Duck Pond baseball diamond in 2026 from 4-7pm on May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

**Discussion or Action on Park Permit Application filed by The Farm Way and Mike Trainor for Irish Road Bowling on Saturday, March 15, 2026, Duck Pond Pavilion from 9am – 1pm.**

The Park application was distributed.

Commissioner Nuzzo/ Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application filed by The Farm Way and Mike Trainor for Irish Road Bowling on Saturday, March 15, 2026, Duck Pond Pavilion from 9am – 1pm and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

**Discussion or Action on Amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the Geneva Lake Conservancy and the Village of Fontana**

The documents with the proposed GLC and Village of Fontana edits to the MOU were distributed.

Vilona presented that the GLC met with President Kenny, Trustee Vilona, and Administrator Loomer and proposed new terms including cadence of meetings with the Village, appropriate property utilization and a minimum amount of money to spend on the property. The new terms were not agreed upon by Village representatives. The Village countered the proposed changes.

Commissioner Nuzzo/ Commissioner Livingston 2<sup>nd</sup>, made a MOTION to recommend approval to the Village Board of the Village edited version of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Geneva Lake Conservancy and the Village of Fontana, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

### **Discussion or Action on Geneva Lake Conservancy Monitoring Report Results**

The report was distributed. Loomer presented the GLC conducted their monitoring walkthrough report. This report resulted in a violation of the agreement in that there was a pile of woodchips in an area not considered by the GLC to be ideal. Perepell stated that the location of the wood chip pile was temporary due to the fact the ground was too wet to get a truck in there.

### **Accept \$1,000 Donation from Dan Green's Touch a Life Heal a Heart**

Commissioner Olson/ Commissioner Nuzzo 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to Accept \$1,000 Donation from Dan Green's Touch a Life Heal a Heart, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

### **Accept \$2,500 donation from Bruce Adreani**

Commissioner Olson/ Commissioner Nuzzo 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to Accept \$2,500 donation from Bruce Adreani, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

### **Accept \$7,500 donation each from Bruce Adreani and Mike Ohalleran for Mohr Road Landscaping**

Commissioner Olson/ Commissioner Nuzzo 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to Accept \$7,500 donation each from Bruce Adreani and Mike Ohalleran for Mohr Road Landscaping invoice, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

### **Discussion or Action on plantings in the median on Hwy 67 south of Fontana Boulevard.**

The report was shared. The protection committee asked for modifications of the plantings at this intersection to improve visibility. The Village has received complaints regarding this intersection, and discussions have taken place requesting stop signs at the intersection. Loomer presented that the most recent discussion is to trim back the plantings that are used at this intersection and that the plantings have matured to the point where they create a bit of a hazard at an intersection.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Livingston / Commissioner Lobdell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to Adjourn at 5:58 pm and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Bonnie Liptak, Village Clerk

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

Approved: February 18, 2026