

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

(Official Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

February 21, 2024

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Village Clerk Lussow at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at the Fontana Village Hall.

Members Present: Sarah Lobdell (arrived at 5:03), Susan Olson, Robin Nuzzo, Mary Green, Zina O’Callaghan

Members Absent: Chairman Trustee Livingston, Cathy Somers

Also Present: Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow, Mike Trainor (Kimkasi)

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

Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2024

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the January 17, 2024 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 \$79,988.64 in the Park Commission Funds.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Day stated that he had nothing new to report.

Old Business

None

New Business

Park Permit Application Filed by Community Church of Fontana for Easter Sunrise Service at Reid Park Gazebo on Sunday, March 31, 2024 from 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM with Request for Fees to be Waived

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the park permit application filed by Community Church of Fontana for Easter Sunrise Service at Reid Park Gazebo on Sunday, March 31, 2024 from 6:30-8:00 AM with fees to be waived, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Fontana Garden Club for Garden Club Meeting at Reid Park Pavilion on Monday, July 8, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM with Request for Fees to be Waived and for Potential Food Truck to be Present

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner O’Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application Filed by Fontana Garden Club for Garden Club

Meeting at Reid Park Pavilion on Monday, July 8, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM with request for Fees to be waived and for a potential food truck to be present at the event, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Fontana Garden Club for Garden Walk Event at Reid Park Pavilion on Sunday, July 14, 2024 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM With Request for Fees to be Waived

It was discussed at the meeting that this event is immediately after the Pig in the Park event and tents might still be up from that event. It was suggested that staff reach out to the Garden Club to confirm if this would be an issue.

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application Filed by Fontana Garden Club for Garden Walk Event at Reid Park Pavilion on Sunday, July 14, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM with request for fees to be waived pending staff reaching out and contacting applicant regarding tents possibly still being up from event the day before, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Request by Mike Trainor / Kimkasi Pub for Irish Road Bowling Event to be Held at Duck Pond Road with Beer and Wine Permit on Sunday, March 17, 2024 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM with Request for Fees to be Waived

Mike Trainor presented his Irish Road Bowling Fundraising Event for the Farm Way. He stated that the track is set up around Duck Pond and Duck Pond Road. The course is approximately two miles long and the concept is to throw a two-pound cannon ball, with the object of completing the course in the fewest throws possible. He anticipates the start time being around 10:00 AM and that anyone is welcome to come and participate upon paying a \$50.00 donation/participation fee.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Request by Mike Trainor / Kimkasi Pub for Irish Road Bowling Event to be held at Duck Pond Road with Beer and Wine Permit on Sunday, March 17, 2024 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Dan Green’s Touch a Life, Heal a Heart Inc. by Mary Kriete-Green for Pig in the Park Event at Reid Park Pavilion & Gazebo with Beer/Wine Permit on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 8:00 AM to Midnight.

Commissioner Green spoke on behalf of the event and stated that it is very much the same as the last few years that the event has been held. She explained that included in the meeting packets details all the plans for the event and that the last few years have had great turn outs.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner O’Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of Park Permit Application Filed by Dan Green’s Touch a Life, Heal a Heart Inc. by Mary Kriete-Green for Pig in the Park Event at Reid Park Pavilion & Gazebo with Beer/Wine Permit on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 8:00 AM to Midnight, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Dan Green’s Touch a Life, Heal a Heart Inc. & The Farm Way by Mary Kriete-Green for Rock-N-2 The Rescue Event at Reid Park Pavilion & Gazebo with Beer/Wine Permit on Saturday, August 31, 2024, From 3:00 pm to Midnight

Commissioner Green also spoke regarding this event and, like the Pig in the Park event, stated that much of the event is staying the same as previous years. Commissioner Green mentioned that a lot of the proceeds to this event also go to the Farm Way which helps with rehabilitating and sheltering horses and farm animals.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application Filed by Dan Green’s Touch a Life, Heal a Heart Inc. & The Farm Way by Mary Kriete-Green for Rock-N-2 The Rescue Event at Reid Park Pavilion & Gazebo with Beer/Wine Permit on Saturday, August 31, 2024, From 3:00 pm to Midnight, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Mill Street Sidewalk

Commissioner Green spoke on this agenda topic regarding some parts of the sidewalk on Mill Street being uplifted due to some tree roots along the path. Public Works Director Day mentioned we could either remove the trees or potentially trim some of the roots to level the sidewalk out. Commissioner Green said she spoke to some of the residents who live near Mill Street and they mentioned they love the trees and wouldn't want to see them go, so she believes it might be a good idea to try trimming the roots down a bit. Public Works Director Day stated they can look into and work with Commissioner Green to accomplish that.

Discussion or Action on Purchase of a New Lawn Mower

Public Works Director Day brought a list of potential new law mowers to purchase for some of the work his staff does in the Village. Public Works Director Day stated that they did budget for a new mower, however some of the prices exceed that budgeted amount by a bit and wanted to take this to the Parks Commission for their approval. The Commission discussed the list provided by Public Works Director Day with the different mowers and the costs and warranties of each offer. Based on their review they thought that the ExMark LZ749 mower offered the best in terms of warranty for the price it was listed at and made a motion to that effect.

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Exmark LZ749 lawn mower purchase, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:24 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Drew Lussow, Village Clerk

Approved: