

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

(Final Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

March 15, 2023

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Trustee Chairman Livingston at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Fontana Village Hall.

Members Present: Trustee Chairman Livingston, Sarah Lobdell, Mary Green, Susan Olson

Members Absent: Zina O'Callaghan, Cathy Somers, Robin Nuzzo

Also Present: Carlie Blackman, Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow

Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2023

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

Visitors Heard

None.

Announcements

None.

General Business

Treasurer's Report

Lobdell reported that there is currently \$72,966.21 in the Park Commission Funds.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Day explained that the only thing he wanted to bring up was an issue regarding some downed limbs and an uprooted tree at Triangle Park. He said both the uprooting and downed limbs from a second tree were caused by the ice storm in February. Director Day asked the Commission if they had any thoughts about what to replace the trees with and what direction to go moving forward. Trustee Chairman Livingston stated that the area/park down there needed some landscaping and that we could bring this back on the April agenda for further discussion and direction for landscaping costs and tree replacement.

Old Business

None

New Business

Park Permit Application Filed by Semper Running Foundation, Bigger Than The Trail, & Fontana Elementary by Carlie Blackman for Walk for Wellness Event at Duck Pond Pavilion and Duck Pond Recreation Area on Friday, May 19, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM with Request for Fees to be Waived

Carlie Blackman addressed the Commission and informed them about both of the events she is looking to host at Duck Pond Pavilion and Recreation Area. Ms. Blackman stated the first event is the Walk for Wellness Event that was held last year in the Village and was a big success. She is asking to hold the event again this year but this time at the Duck Pond Pavilion and Recreation Area to accommodate an expected higher turnout of participants as well as to better organize and keep track of those participants since most are grade school aged. She included that the event is typically advertised through the schools and thus will keep it local and not allow it to become too big of an event. Ms. Blackman wrapped up her presentation by stating that a majority of the funds from the event will be donated to charities that support counseling to those who cannot afford or obtain it.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend village board approval of the Park Permit Application Filed by Semper Running Foundation, Bigger Than The Trail, & Fontana Elementary by Carlie Blackman for Walk for Wellness Event at Duck Pond Pavilion and Duck Pond Recreation Area on Friday, May 19, 2023, From, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM with Fees to be Waived, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Semper Running Foundation & Fontana Elementary by Carlie Blackman for Big Foot Middle School XC Classic Event at Duck Pond Pavilion and Duck Pond Recreation Area on Monday, September 18, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Carlie Blackman also gave a brief presentation for this event that she is also looking to host at the Duck Pond Pavilion and Duck Pond Recreation Area. Ms. Blackman explained that last year was the first year that they put on the Middle School XC Classic and that had a lot of positive feedback from the event and are looking to continue that into this year. Ms. Blackman informed the Commission that this is an event that allows for schools in the area to attend and compete with no admission cost to them. The purpose is to show the benefits of running but also be a chance for the younger students to get involved and see if track is something they would like to pursue. Ms. Blackman expects about 15 teams to race, and the students would be bussed to the event. The course is laid out similar to the other running events the high school holds at Duck Pond.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend village board approval of the Park Permit Application Filed by Semper Running Foundation & Fontana Elementary by Carlie Blackman for Big Foot Middle School XC Classic Event at Duck Pond Pavilion and Duck Pond Recreation Area on Monday, September 18, 2023, From 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

2023 Arbor Day Proclamation

Administrator Loomer explained that this is an annual proclamation that is made in order to keep the Village of Fontana's designation as a "tree city".

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend village board approval of the 2023 Arbor Day Proclamation, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Fontana Grade School Arbor Day Program Donation

Administrator Loomer stated that the Fontana Grade School is gearing up for their Arbor Day Program on April 28th. Administrator Loomer is asking the Commission if they would like to donate again to the program like they did last year. The donation amount for last year was made in an amount of \$250.00. Clearview Landscape Co. will donate trees for the school's program as they did last year.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to approve a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to the Fontana Grade School Arbor Day Program, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on 2023 Movies on the Beach Dates: June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25

Administrator Loomer informed the Commission that these are the proposed dates for Big Foot Rec's Movies on the Beach. Administrator Loomer stated the movies have not been decided at this point.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Lobdell 2nd made a MOTION to recommend village board approval of the 2023 Movies on the Beach Dates of: June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fontana Garden Club Request for Annual Plantings for Memorial Garden Not to Exceed \$300.00

Administrator Loomer explained to the Commission that the Fontana Garden Club is looking to purchase annual plantings for the Memorial Garden and hoping that the Village/Park Commission would pay the invoice.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to approve the Fontana Garden Club's Request for Annual Plantings Purchase for Memorial Garden Not to Exceed \$300.00, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fontana Garden Club Request for Annual Plantings for Porter Court Plaza Not to Exceed \$150.00

Administrator Loomer stated similar to the Memorial Garden Request the Fontana Garden Club is also requesting annual plantings for Porter Court Plaza as well.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to approve the Fontana Garden Club's Request for Annual Plantings Purchase for Porter Court Plaza Not to Exceed \$150.00, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Fontana Garden Club Reseeding Plan for Prairie

Administrator Loomer informed the Commission that the Fontana Garden Club inquired about a plan for reseeding for the Prairie. Administrator Loomer asked if the Garden Club had a reseeding plan in place already or if one could be put together. The Garden Club responded that they don't currently have a plan. Administrator Loomer thinks it could be beneficial to reach out again to the Fontana Garden Club and invite them to next month's meeting in April to further discuss working together to come up with a plan and see if they would be interested in handling the reseeding. Commissioner Green also added that maybe they could also work with the schools as a credit opportunity for some classes if any students want to volunteer to help with the project as well. The Commission agreed and liked the ideas brought forth and plans on including the Fontana Garden Club at the next meeting date in April to further pursue this item.

Adjournment

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Green 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:14 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Drew Lussow, Village Clerk
Approved: 04/19/2023