

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN
(Official Minutes)
Park Commission Monthly Meeting
March 17, 2021

The virtual Park Commission meeting was called to order by Trustee Livingston at 5:02 pm on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

Members Virtually Present: Trustee Livingston, Sarah Lobdell, Cathy Somers, Zina O’Callaghan

Members Absent: Mary Green, Robin Nuzzo

Also Present: Connor Carynski, Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Chuck Thiesenhusen

Approval of Minutes: February 17, 2021

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner O’Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the February 17, 2021 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

None

Announcements

None

General Business

Treasurer’s Report

There is currently \$47,867.68 in the Park Commission Funds.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Kevin Day stated the picnic tables recommended for purchase at last month’s meeting have been ordered and public works has installed two of the four remaining memorial benches that were ordered in fall and winter. The holes have been drilled for the score board donated by Big Foot High School, however, the soil must dry out before installation. The area for the batting cages is currently being prepped with concrete.

New Business

Park Permit Application Filed By Community Church of Fontana For Reid Park Gazebo on Sunday, April 4, 2021

The church is requesting to use the park for their annual sunrise Easter service.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner O’Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to approve the park permit application filed by the Community Church of Fontana for Reid Park Gazebo on Sunday, April 4, 2021. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed By Katie Ryan For Reid Park Gazebo on Saturday, July 24, 2021 From 10 am – 4:30 pm For Wedding Ceremony

The applicant anticipates having a maximum of 60 guests but predicts an actual number of 40 – 50.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Somers 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the park permit application filed by Katie Ryan for Reid Park Gazebo on Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm for a wedding ceremony. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Big Foot Rec. Dept. Easter Egg Hunt at Duck Pond on April 3, 2021

The commission members discussed the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Duck Pond scheduled for Saturday, April 3, at 10:00 am. Chuck Thiesenhusen from the Big Foot Rec. Dept. asked if the members had any concerns with the proposed event. Since the event is outdoors, and the age groups are separated and spaced out, the commission members did not express any concerns with going forward with the event. Staff will figure out the best way to keep the Easter Bunny either roped off or on the fire engine so there is no large gathering of people in one area. The Doggie Egg Hunt scheduled for the following weekend was previously approved by the Village Board.

Consider options for 10 Crabapple Trees along Fontana Boulevard

Public Works Director Kevin Day stated Clearview Landscape Co. installs Christmas lights on the crabapple trees for the holiday season and the public works department is responsible for removal of the lights; however, the trees are failing, and limbs are breaking off during the removal making it a dangerous situation for the department. Day recommends either not installing the Christmas lights this year or replacing the trees. The committee asked Day to bring back a quote for replacing the trees to next month's meeting.

Consider Repainting Sections of Beach Fence

No maintenance has been performed on the beach fence since its installation and portions of the paint are wearing off. Day stated there are 157 sections and 56 need to be re-powder coated. Since this is not a budgeted item, Day suggested renting a sandblaster to test a few portions of the sections of the fence and then have them powder coated for a cost of about \$200 per section. To outsource the project for the sandblasting and powder coating would cost \$700 per section. The committee asked whether it would be more cost effective to buy rather than rent a sandblaster and Day stated he would prepare a cost comparison. The committee approved removal of five sections of the fence for sandblasting and powder coating for a cost not to exceed \$1,000, and if the results are sufficient, to include the remainder of the sections in next year's budget.

Discuss Attaching Signs to Light Poles along Fontana Boulevard

Public Works has proposed mounting brackets to existing light poles to mount road signs and eliminate some of the standalone signage poles. Doing so will give the boulevard a cleaner appearance. The committee was in favor of starting with Fontana Boulevard and checking back on the results after that road is completed.

Future availability of Memorial Benches and Trees

Accept Resignation of Jill Wegner from Park Commission

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Somers 2nd made a MOTION to reluctantly accept Jill Wegner's resignation from the park commission, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Somers 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:26 PM and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by Theresa Loomer, Administrator/Clerk
Approved: 04/21/2021