

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

**(Official Minutes)**

**Park Commission Monthly Meeting**

April 20, 2022

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Trustee Livingston at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at the Fontana Village Hall.

**Members Present:** Sarah Lobdell, Robin Nuzzo, Trustee Livingston, Susan Olson, Cathy Somers

**Members Absent:** Mary Green, Zina O'Callaghan

**Also Present:** Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow

**Approval of Minutes: March 16, 2022**

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Nuzzo 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the March 16, 2022 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Visitors Heard**

Commissioner Lobdell brought to the attention of the Commission that there are some parking issues by the soccer fields and people are parallel parking by the road instead of parking in the designated overflow lot which could lead to potential accidents. Trustee Livingston said he would work with Public Works Director Day to create some signage to direct cars to the appropriate parking lot and hopefully that would resolve the issue.

**Announcements**

None

**General Business**

**Treasurer's Report**

Lobdell reported that there is currently \$65,996.06 in the Park Commission Funds.

**Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Kevin Day stated Duck Pond bathrooms have been opened and the new playground mulch has been placed at Duck Pond as well. The Reid Park and Beach House bathrooms will be opened within the next week.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Tree Filed by Bob Scaro For Accolade Cherry Tree**

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Tree filed by Bob Scaro For Accolade Cherry Tree, and the MOTION carried without negative vote

**Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Tree Filed by Kimberly Genz For Accolade Cherry Tree**

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Tree filed by Kimberly Genz For Accolade Cherry Tree, and the MOTION carried without negative vote

**Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Tree Filed by Carol Zajimi For Eastern Redbud Tree**

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Tree filed by Carol Zajimi For Eastern Redbud Tree, and the MOTION carried without negative vote

**Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Tree Filed by Richard A. Casciaro For Accolade Cherry Tree**

The agenda item should have read Eastern Redbud and not Accolade Cherry Tree. Commissioner Olson asked why the trees are being replaced. Trustee Livingston informed the committee that the trees are old and dying and it is in the best interest to replace them with new trees that will continue to grow and thrive. Village Administrator Loomer also added that the Village Board approved replacing all the trees at once and the village will continue to promote the memorial trees until funds have been donated for the remaining six trees.

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Tree filed by Richard A. Casciaro For Eastern Redbud Tree, and the MOTION carried without negative vote

**Park Permit Application Filed by Kelly Hayden for Duck Pond Pavilion with Beer/Wine Permit on Saturday June 11, 2022, From 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

Administrator Loomer stated that this application is for Landre Staggs who is the Assistant Manager at the Boat Launch.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Nuzzo 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the park permit application filed by Kelly Hayden for Duck Pond Pavilion with Beer/Wine Permit on Saturday June 11, 2022, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm also be given the resident rate for the application, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Proposed “No-Mow May”**

Commissioner Lobdell spoke about how this is a new initiative for surrounding areas in Wisconsin to encourage the growth of natural wildlife and to allow for better pollination for bees and other species to thrive during the month of May when grass is not mowed. A discussion amongst the Commissioners took place with Trustee Livingston hesitant to allow this due to complaints from previous years about weeds, dandelions, and other yard complaints from homeowners and could see this following a similar path. Commissioner Lobdell then suggested that it doesn't have to be a mandatory initiative for all to participate in if they choose not to, instead the Village would just not impose any citations during the month of May to those who wanted to participate. More discussion was had, and the other Commissioners seemed on board with at least proposing it to the Village as a potential educational initiative and potentially posting it on the Village website to inform residents.

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Lobdell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend to the Village Board the approval for educational purposes of the proposed “No-Mow May” initiative for the Village of Fontana, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**2022 Duck Pond Concessions**

Administrator Loomer stated that last year running the concessions at Duck Pond lost money for the Village and it was difficult to find staff. She stated she is not sure if there will be enough interest this year to staff the concessions again. She recommended only selling what the beach concessions sell in order to keep product that is interchangeable between the two locations. In addition, unexpired soda can be returned at the end of the season. There was discussion about renting the concession area to the teams or organizations that rent the Duck Pond Fields. Trustee Livingston said there may be interest in that, and he would reach out to the organizations he works with to determine the level of interest.

**Reschedule May Park Commission Meeting Date**

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the rescheduling of the May Park Commission Meeting Date from May 18, 2022 to May 17, 2022, and the MOTION carried without negative vote

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 06/15/2022