

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

(Official Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

May 17, 2023

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Trustee Livingston at 5:06 pm on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the Fontana Village Hall.

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

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

Also Present: Kevin Day, Drew Lussow, Margaret Reuland, Jim Feeney, Liz Baumann

Approval of Minutes: April 19, 2023

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the April 19, 2023 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

Village Treasurer Baumann mentioned that the Centennial Committee would start depositing their donations into the Park Commission account and would be keep track of the funds being added from them. Some of the Centennial Committee members were present and again thanked the Park Commission for their support and partnership for using their account and mentioned the upcoming Memorial Day Garden Club as one of the events they would be present at and were they hope to have some donations coming in.

Announcements

None.

General Business

Treasurer's Report

Lobdell reported that there is currently \$73,014.99 in the Park Commission Funds.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Day explained that four new trees were planted this week to replace the Box Elder Trees in the park. Other than the new plantings there wasn't much else to report.

Old Business

Update on Cracked Sidewalk Repairs by Little Beach

Public Works Director Kevin Day stated that he has reached out to the company who did the dredging by the Little Beach and they have offered to pay for some of the damage to the sidewalk that was caused by the dredging. In the meantime, Public Works Director Day and his staff have filled in the cracks and repaired the sidewalk.

Update on Plantings for Beach Parking Lot Median / Storm Water Drainage Area

Public Works Director Day asked that this matter be tabled until the next meeting due to not having an update on the plantings quite yet for the beach parking lot median / storm water drainage area. Day stated he will bring quotes by the next meeting.

New Business

Discussion or Action on Amending Tree Resolution 050222-02 to Address Clear Cutting

Trustee Livingston addressed the Park Commission and spoke to them about the intentions of the Village amending the tree resolution to address clear cutting. He explained that the 2006 resolution was recently modified to address the new tree preservation ordinance. However, he stated that staff noticed the provision regarding clear cutting should be updated since the zoning code does not allow clear cutting by way of a CUP. He said that it is also the Village staff's

recommendation to remove the section on clear cutting. The Commission agreed with what was mentioned by Trustee Livingston.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend amending the tree resolution 050222-02 to address clear cutting, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on TID Infrastructure Project – Adding Concrete Path at Porter Court Plaza

Trustee Livingston explained to the Commission this project had been previously approved and a part of our TID Infrastructure Project. However, the Village Board had asked to send it back to Park Commission for review again to make sure there would be no drainage issues or other problems with adding concrete to Porter Court. Public Works Director Day stated that he spoke to Village Engineer Terry Tavera who informed him that there would be no issues with the drainage when taking out the rocks to add concrete to that part of Porter Court. No other members raised any concerns about this but did mention that they would prefer the concrete since it seems more often than not that when people are down by Porter Court Plaza they are kicking or moving the rocks and some get put in the drainage drain that is already in place, so hopefully the concrete will fix those issues.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to continue with the project as previously approved and add the concrete path at Porter Court Plaza as designed in the TID Infrastructure Project, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Update on Boat Ramp Restroom(s) in Pioneer Park

Trustee Livingston mentioned that at the most recent Village Board meeting the Village Board has decided to utilize TIF District Funds to support improvements down at the boat launch specifically the building of a boat ramp restroom to replace the current porta-potty that is located down there. Trustee Livingston stated that if we don't use the funds now, we would lose them so want to act quick to use it for something that will be a positive for the community and Village. Park Commissioners agreed and seemed to support the idea and thought it would be a welcomed addition to the boat ramp area.

Discussion or Action on Plantings Outside of Village Hall Building

Public Works Director Day spoke about potentially adding some plantings outside of the Village Hall and replacing/updating the landscaping. Day mentioned that this cost wasn't budgeted for however the front area needs it and the Juniper trees need to be removed and replaced since they are dying or dead. Trustee Livingston spoke and stated he could reach out to a contact he has at Harvard Nursery to see if he can get a better price for some replacement trees. Commissioner Lobdell asked how this would be covered since it wasn't budgeted. Public Works Director Day stated he could ask for it to be budgeted this year or if the Park Commission was willing to use some of their funds for the cleanup, we could proceed that way. Park Commission members had no objections to covering the costs with the Park Commission funds and thought it would be beneficial for the Village.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to proceed with the plantings and clean up outside of Village Hall, upon getting a quote with Trustee Livingstons contact, as well as using Park Commission funds to cover any cost associated with the plantings and clean up for outside the Village Hall building, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Pullup Bar for Reid Park

Public Works Director Day stated that this was previously brought up when a resident asked to install a pullup bar. The parts are finally available and is looking for approval to install at Reid Park at the previously approved location.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the installation of the pullup bar at Reid Park, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Sale of Old Christmas Decorations

Public Works Director Day stated that by purchasing some new Christmas decorations this past year he would like to sell some of the old ones. He says there are about 21 decorations in total and was thinking of trying to sell them for around \$100.00 apiece. He also mentioned potentially putting them on a website run by the state to allow other municipalities to look them up and purchase them. Lastly, he mentioned that he might have another individual who might buy a few as well.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to have Public Works Director Day proceed with the sale of the old Christmas decorations, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Purchase of Tree for the Little Beach

Public Works Director stated that they were looking at purchasing a Birch tree for the location at the Little Beach. In conjunction with the purchase of the tree, Public Works Director Day asked if this tree would work as the Memorial Tree donation on behalf of Carol Lobdell.

Discussion or Action on Designating Tree at Little Beach a Memorial Tree for Carol Lobdell

Trustee Livingston mentioned that Commissioner Lobdell's mother Carol recently passed away and to honor her memory they would like to have the Birch tree that is being planted at the Little Beach be a memorial tree in her honor since it was a place, she spent a lot of her time. The Commission agreed and made a motion to allow the purchase of the tree and have it be a memorial tree in honor of Carol Lobdell.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the purchase of a Birch tree for the Little Beach as well as having it serve as a Memorial Tree in honor of Carol Lobdell, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Purchase of Bushes Near the Hildebrand Sign

Public Works Director Day stated he has a rough quote for the bushes from Harvard Nursery for around \$600-700 to replace the bushes near the Hildebrand sign. Trustee Livingston mentioned he works with Harvard Nursery quite a bit and would try and reach out to see if the price could be negotiated further.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to direct Trustee Livingston and Public Works Director Day to reach out to Harvard Nursery to see if the price could be further negotiated and bring back for approval once a new quote was had, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Michelle Kahl on Behalf of SPX Flow for Company Picnic Event at Duck Pond Pavilion and Duck Pond Recreation Area on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Village Clerk Lussow stated that this park permit was brought before the Park Commission for approval due to the large size of the outing. The Park Commission had no issues with the size due to people filtering in and out throughout the day for the company picnic and felt parking would be more than adequate.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to approve the park permit application filed by Michelle Kahl on behalf of SPX Flow for a company picnic event at Duck Pond Pavilion and Duck Pond Recreation Area on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:33 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Drew Lussow, Village Clerk
Approved: 7/19/23