

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

(Official Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

May 19, 2021

The virtual Park Commission meeting was called to order by Trustee Livingston at 5:02 pm on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

Members Virtually Present: Robin Nuzzo, Sarah Lobdell, Cathy Somers, Zina O'Callaghan, Mary Green, Trustee Livingston, Susan Olson

Also Present: Kevin Day, Rosa Jimenez, Theresa Loomer, Stephanie Smith

Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2021

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the April 21, 2021 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

None

Announcements

Loomer welcomed newest Park Commission Member Susan Olson. Olson has been an election inspector with the Village, and we are happy to have her join the Park Commission.

General Business

Treasurer's Report

There is currently \$48,071.69 in the Park Commission Funds.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Kevin Day stated the two new picnic tables have been ordered and should arrive in June. The scoreboards are up, and concrete has been poured for the foul poles which should be installed next week.

New Business

Direction on Whether to Allow Beer/Wine Permit at Reid Park Pavilion

Loomer stated it was brought to her attention that in the text of park permit application it states a beer/wine permit is allowed at Reid Park Pavilion. Loomer explained it was her understanding that the Village did not want beer/wine at Reid Park Pavilion for several reasons. Loomer stated she spoke with Chief Cates to see what his opinion was, and he would not recommend allowing beer/wine at Reid Park Pavilion because there is no fence around the park, and it is difficult to enforce. The discussion amongst Commissioners was to not allow beer/wine at Reid Park Pavilion due to the fact it is hard to enforce, and it is just opening the door for more problems.

Park Permit Application Filed By Lilia and Brad Oertel For Reid Park Pavilion with Beer/Wine Permit For Saturday, May 29, 2021 From Noon – 6 pm

Trustee Livingston stated the applicant can use Reid Park Pavilion for the requested time without a beer/wine permit, or if the applicant would like a beer/wine permit they could use Duck Pond. Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner O'Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to approve the park permit application filed by Lilia and Brad Oertel for Reid Park Pavilion on Saturday, May 29, 2021 from noon – 6 pm and deny the beer/wine permit for Reid Park Pavilion. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed By Sunnacht Family Reunion For Reid Park Pavilion From July 25, 26, 27, 28 and/or 29th From 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Daily For Family Reunion

Loomer asked Commissioners how they wanted to charge for this. The consensus amongst the Commissioners was to charge \$75/day.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Somers 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the park permit application filed by Sumnicht Family Reunion for Reid Park Pavilion from July 25, 26, 27, 28 and/or 29th from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm daily as long there are no conflicts with the lobster boil and steak fry. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed By Indian Hills Association For Reid Park Pavilion on Saturday, July 17, 2021 From 7 am – Noon For Annual Meeting

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner O’Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the park permit application filed by Indian Hills Association for Reid Park Pavilion on Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 7:00 am to Noon. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discuss Park Permit Application Approval Process

Loomer stated due to COVID and more people wanting to hold events outdoors the Village is receiving more park permit applications than ever last year and this year. In addition, applicants often get frustrated by the long waiting period, and if a park permit request comes in late, it is handled by staff anyways. Loomer asked if the Park Commission would agree to allow staff to handle the basic park applications at the staff level, but advance applications for large groups or those requesting beer/wine permits to still come to the Park Commission for approval.

Commissioners agreed having staff approve certain applications will help speed the process up so applicants are not waiting so long but would like a list of approved park events and dates.

Trustee Livingston/Commissioner O’Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of allowing staff to approve basic park permit applications at the staff level, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Request From Chucks Lakeshore Inn to Install Sidewalk in Reid Park on South Side of Building

Trustee Livingston stated the layout of the sidewalk is included in the packet. This will extend handicapped access to the park side entrance of Chucks. Trustee Livingston explained that Chucks has agreed to pay all costs associated with the project and removal of the landscape against the building. Staff recommended that Chucks agree to replant additional landscape after the sidewalk is approved if deemed necessary by the Park Commission. Trustee Livingston asked that Public Works Director Kevin Day oversee work being done.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner O’Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of Chucks Lakeshore Inn request to install a sidewalk in Reid Park on South Side of building at their cost and upon agreement to remove the landscape against the building and replant landscaping if the Park Commission feels it is necessary upon installation of the sidewalk. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Request From Big Foot Rec. Dept. For Use of Duck Pond For Summer Activities

Loomer stated a list of events and dates were included in the packet and there are no conflicts with any dates.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Somers 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the request from Big Foot Rec. Dept. for use of Duck Pond for Summer Activities. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Select Duck Pond Recreation Signage Above Score Boards

Trustee Livingston explained he is looking for recommendations for signage above the score boards and included in the packet are different layouts.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Lobdell 2nd made a MOTION to approve option F with the white background and black letters, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Request Submitted by Bonnie Liptak to Have Fenced-In Dog Park at Duck Pond

Day stated he received an email request to fence in the entire park at Duck Pond where everyone walks their dogs. The discussion amongst Commission Members was that it would be extremely expensive to fence in such a large area and would require a large amount of maintenance and upkeep.

Commissioner Olson/Commissioner O'Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board deny the request to have a fenced-in dog park at Duck Pond. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:23 PM and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by Stephanie Smith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 07/21/2021