

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

(Official Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

May 20, 2020

The virtual Park Commission meeting was called to order by Trustee Livingston at 5:05 pm on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Members Present: Mary Green, Trustee Livingston, Zina O'Callaghan, Jill Wegner, Sarah Lobdell

Members Absent: Cathy Somers, Robin Nuzzo

Also Present: Jocelyn Arnold, Suzy Brady, Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Stephanie Smith, Chuck Thiesenhusen

Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2020

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Wegner 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the February 19, 2020 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

Announcements

None

General Business

Treasurer's Report

There is currently \$43,599.49 in the Park Commission Funds.

Public Works Report

Day stated the new playground equipment at Little Foot Park has all been installed, all memorial trees have been planted, park bathrooms are all ready to go for the summer season and picnic tables will be put out prior to Memorial Day weekend.

New Business

Beach and Park Update

Loomer stated the Village Board voted to open the parks and playground equipment. The fire department duty crew will be taking care of sanitizing bathrooms and playground equipment every morning. Loomer stated due to Covid-19 the Village Board placed a capacity limit of 250 for the main beach and the small beach will stay closed through Memorial Day weekend.

Park Permit Application Filed by Farmers Market, for The Porter Plaza on Friday Evenings from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Beginning June 5th through the end of Summer

Loomer explained Mary Ann Bruss is looking to host a farmer's market on Friday evenings and she currently has five vendors that would have stands. Trustee Livingston stated he would not have any concerns over social distancing and following recommended guidelines as she does a great job at the Coffee Mill.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner O'Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the park permit application filed by Farmers Market, with the condition that final details must be received prior to the Village Board meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Jocelyn Arnold Request to Install Dog Waste Bag Stations at Lakefront and Highway 67

Jocelyn Arnold was present and stated she is a senior at Big Foot High School and trying to achieve her gold award for girl scouts. Arnold is proposing to install ten dog waste stations around Fontana with three placed on the lakefront, three at Reid Park and four along Highway 67.

Arnold explained that she would take care of installation so it would be no cost to the Village. Trustee Livingston had some concern over who would maintain the stations after they are installed. Arnold stated that she plans to purchase enough supplies for at least a few years and stated she had spoken with the student council members at Big Foot High School and they are willing to help maintain the stations and help with funding the maintenance for years to come. Commission member Sarah Lobdell stated this is a great idea and would be good to have some near the dog walking area at Duck Pond as well. Public Works director Kevin Day questioned if they would all be installed at once or spaced out over time, he thought the proposed number of stations might be excessive, especially right on the lakefront. Arnold stated she planned to install them all at once. Trustee Livingston suggested that Kevin Day and Arnold set up a time to walk through and map out the exact placement prior to presenting to the Village Board.

Trustee Livingston/Commissioner Lobdell 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the concept, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

“Volcano” Mulching of Trees

Commissioner Wegner stated she had walked past Reid Park shortly after the landscapers from Clearview were there and they had volcano mulched around the trunk of the tree. Wegner explained that the mulch should not be tight up against the trunk of the tree because over time the roots will actually strangle the tree trying to find oxygen. Kevin Day said he would contact the landscapers and ask them to come fix the mulching.

Unsafe Bridge in Hildebrand Conservancy

Commissioner Wegner explained she had a couple neighbors state the bridges in Hildebrand Conservancy were unsafe and had holes in them. Trustee Livingston stated the bridges are not that old. Kevin Day will have public works check out the bridges.

Big Foot Recreation Department’s 2020 Summer Movie on the Beach Dates

Chuck Thiesenhusen from Big Foot Recreation stated they have six tentative dates for the movies on the beach if Fontana is comfortable with holding the movies in the same manner as past year. The tentative movie dates are June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7 and August 21. Thiesenhusen stated that on behalf of Big Foot Recreation they will do their part to promote social distancing to keep everyone safe.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the 2020 Summer Movie on the Beach Dates, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:24 PM and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by Stephanie Smith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: 07/15/2020