

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

**(Official Minutes)**

**Park Commission Monthly Meeting**

June 15, 2022

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Trustee Livingston at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 15, 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:** Jay Babowice, Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow

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

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the April 20, 2022 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Visitors Heard**

None

**Announcements**

None

**General Business**

**Treasurer's Report**

Lobdell reported that there is currently \$65,762.64 in the Park Commission Funds.

**Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Day stated that everything is going well so far in the Public Works department. The No Parking signs previously requested up at Duck Pond had been installed. Trustee Livingston then asked if he could do something similar with signs at the ball fields that say no dogs allowed on field due to a recent increase of dog waste on the fields. Day stated he will have the signs ordered and they will likely be installed by the next meeting date.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Request from Dr. Peter Diamond to Install Pull-Up Bar(s) for Murph Workout Challenge**

Administrator Loomer stated that Dr. Peter Diamond reached out to her regarding the installation of pull-up bars to be used for a trend known as the Murph Workout Challenge. Loomer stated that Dr. Diamond had mentioned he believed the Little Foot Park Playground would be a good fit for where the pull-up bars could be installed. The Commission then had some discussion regarding what material the bars would be made from, would it be at expense of the Village, or would they be donated, would they be a safety hazard at Little Foot Park for the kids, and are there other better locations for the pull-up bars. Commissioner Nuzzo stated she knows Dr. Diamond and that she would reach out to him with some of these questions and then provide an update to the Commission at the next meeting date.

**Big Foot Recreation District's Proposal to Install Bat Houses on the Hildebrand Property**

Public Works Director Day stated that the Big Foot Recreation District plans to have about a dozen bat houses installed. Trustee Livingston raised the question about who would maintain them and if possible what material the bat houses would be made of. He suggested if they used a composite material that even if neglected the houses wouldn't become an eyesore to others or

require any future maintenance to be done on them. Day mentioned he would reach out to Big Foot Recreation about the materials and see if this idea would be something they could do or use a similar material that wouldn't require the Village to maintain.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Nuzzo 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend village board approval of the proposal by Big Foot Recreation District to install bat houses on the Hildebrand Property, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Request from Jay Babowice to Install a Memorial Park Bench at Little Foot Playground**

Jay Babowice stated he would like to install a memorial park bench at Little Foot Playground or any area that might need a bench to commemorate his partner Pam. He stated that Pam had been involved in the Fontana community for 45 years and that she recently passed away this past year. He detailed her accomplishments to the Commission regarding being a single mother and involved community member and how that inspired him and others in the community. Mr. Babowice was also open to the idea that it didn't have to be a bench but could also be a loveseat or chair but wants it to be a fixture of some kind that other mother's and members of the community could use when outside. Administrator Loomer stated the Village conducted an assessment last year and the Park Commission agreed there were currently no additional locations for benches available. Public Works Director Day also stated that he has received other requests from members of the community wanting to install benches and staff has turned them away. Staff wants to ensure all requests are being treated equally. Commissioner Lobdell suggested that maybe the Park Commission could conduct another survey to see if any new opportunities might have opened to allow for more installations. The Commission agreed and told Mr. Babowice that they would give him an update, likely by the next meeting, if any spaces have become available.

#### **Creative Edge Landscape's Quote for Mohr Road Creek Bed**

Public Works Director Day stated that we previously had a contract with Creative Edge Landscape for Mohr Road Creek Bed and that it has now expired. The expense was not included in this year's budget. A contract for the remainder of 2022 was presented in the amount of \$4,000.

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Lobdell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend village board approval of the quote in the amount of \$4,000 from Creative Edge Landscape for the Mohr Road Creek Bed and place it in the 2023 budget for next year, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Removal/Replacement of Maple Tree in Pioneer Park**

Trustee Livingston stated that the Maple Tree in Pioneer Park is dead and needs to be replaced with a tree similar to the Maple. The Commission discussed available trees and agreed to look at Crimson King Maple Trees or trees like that as the replacement. Public Work Director Day and Trustee Livingston would discuss with some near by Tree nurseries or other contacts about quotes for replacement and would bring them back to next month's meeting.

#### **Repairing Curb at Duck Pond**

Trustee Livingston stated that there is a 2-3-inch lip near the parking lot by Duck Pond and that it has been there for over ten years. The lip will be addressed during parking lot reconstruction this fall, but in the meantime public works stenciled Watch Your Step to help prevent any potential falls or injuries.

#### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:21 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Drew Lussow, Village Clerk  
Approved: 07/20/2022