

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN
(Official Minutes)
Park Commission Monthly Meeting
July 15, 2020

The virtual Park Commission meeting was called to order by Trustee Livingston at 5:06 pm on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

Members Virtually Present: Mary Green, Trustee Livingston, Sarah Lobdell, Robin Nuzzo
Members Absent: Zina O’Callaghan, Cathy Somers, Jill Wegner

Approval of Minutes: May 20, 2020

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the May 20, 2020 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

None

Announcements

None

General Business

Treasurer’s Report

There is currently \$42,853.11 in the Park Commission Funds.

Public Works Report

Day stated the cornhole games at Duck Pond have been installed. He stated the Sycamore tree at the Fen is in bad shape and although the Village has tried extremely hard to keep it alive, it might not survive. There was discussion about planting a replacement sycamore tree if the original must come down. Mary Green stated there are dead bushes in Porter Court Plaza and asked if they could be removed and replaced with new bushes or grass. Day was directed to contact Harvard Nursery and obtain a quote to replace the bushes. Green also stated there are trees that have low hanging limbs which should be trimmed.

Old Business

Unsafe Bridge in Hildebrand Conservancy – Update

Day reported that public works fixed the broken boards. The bridge will be rebuilt this fall/winter.

“Volcano” Mulching of Trees – Update

Day stated he spoke to Felix from ClearView and they use double ground leaf mulch around the trees which should not cause suffocation issues; however, he stated he will monitor.

Beach Updates

Loomer reported the Village Board voted to limit the beach to residents and season passholders only. The landscapers made a site visit this week and assessed the grass at the small beach. They determined that while it is probably permissible for people to walk on, they do not recommend blankets or towels placed on the grass. If it continues to grow as it has been, the fence between the sand and grass should be removed in a few weeks.

Little Foot Playground Donation Update

Loomer reported the following donations for the Little Foot Playground: Dan Green Foundation \$1,000, Daniel’s Sentry \$500, Lake Geneva Marine \$100, Kikkoman \$2,500, Big Foot Lions Club \$5,000 per year for the next four years. Due to COVID, the originally planned ribbon cutting ceremony has not taken place. There was discussion on other ways to recognize the

organizations for their donations. The committee recommended a posting on social media and a newspaper article.

New Business

Park Permit Application Filed by Don Holst for Geneva Lake West Rotary for Duck Pond Pavilion on July 30, 2020

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to approve the park permit application filed by Don Holst for Geneva Lake West Rotary for Duck Pond Pavilion on July 30, 2020, and waive the fee, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Permit Application Filed by Kathy Thorpe & Mike Curran for Reid Park Gazebo on Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the park permit application filed by Kathy Thorpe and Mike Curran for Reid Park Gazebo on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Memorial Bench Application Filed by Ed Snyder for Lakefront

Day spoke with Ed Snyder and there is one available location for a memorial bench at the lakefront. The fee has been paid and is recommended for approval.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Lobdell 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the memorial bench application submitted by Ed Snyder for a bench at the lakefront, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Lobdell 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:19 PM and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by Theresa Loomer, Village Administrator/Clerk
Approved: 09/16/2020