

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

(Official Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

July 20, 2022

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Village Clerk Drew Lussow at 5:04 pm on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at the Fontana Village Hall.

Members Present: Sarah Lobdell, Robin Nuzzo, Mary Green, Zina O’Callaghan

Members Absent: Trustee Livingston, Susan Olson, Cathy Somers

Also Present: Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow

Elect Chairperson Pro-Tem

Due to the absence of Trustee Livingston a chairperson pro-tem was needed to be appointed for the meeting. Village Clerk Lussow asked for one of the Commissioners to make a motion to appoint a chairperson pro-tem

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to appoint Commissioner Lobdell as Chairperson Pro-Tem for the meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Approval of Minutes: June 15, 2022

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the June 15, 2022 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Visitors Heard

None

Announcements

Administrator Loomer informed the Commission that the Fontana Joint 8 School had reached out to her regarding using the fields up by Duck Pond for football games. She specified that it would have to come before the Park Commission for approval first and due to the timing of the request that it would not be presented until the next Park Commission meeting. Administrator Loomer wanted to make the Park Commission aware of the forthcoming request that will be coming for next month’s meeting.

General Business

Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Lobdell acknowledged that she had not received the report for this month and that she will look to obtain it and bring the report to the commission for next month.

Public Works Report

Public Work Director Day reported the Public Works Department installed the “No Dogs Allowed” signage up by Duck Pond and hopes that will resolve some of the issues that were brought to his attention at last month’s meeting.

Old Business

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

Commissioner Nuzzo provided an update that she had spoken with Dr. Peter Diamond regarding his request for the pull-up bars. Commissioner Nuzzo mentioned in her conversation with Dr. Diamond that he would be potentially able to assist financially in a small capacity for the installation of the pull up bars but ultimately believes that this is something the Village or potentially a sponsor like Big Foot Recreation District should help support funding. In addition, based on Nuzzo’s conversation with Dr. Diamond, he also explained that the Murph Challenge was just a suggestion and that his goal is to bring something geared more towards adults in the

community to help get them more active and exercise. He figured that the incorporation of the equipment at the park/playground would be a great way to do that so that both children and adults could be exercising together. After some further discussion amongst the Commissioners, it was decided that this agenda item would be brought back on the next meeting date to further discuss after more research was completed regarding the location of which park the installation will take place, finalization on what equipment will be installed, and all potential costs associated with the project.

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

Public Works Director Day informed the Commission that he and Trustee Livingston have not been able to get out in person and see where a memorial bench could be installed, however Public Works Director Day did provide photographs to the Commission with areas he thought would be good fits for the installation of some memorial benches. After examination of the photos and discussion by the Commission, the Commission felt that the photograph of the Fen location offered the most space and best potential for installation of a few memorial benches. The Commission instructed Public Works Director Day to further investigate the expense for any installations at that location as well as any expenses for the additional spots depicted in the photos and to bring back his findings at the next Park Commission meeting.

Removal/Replacement of Maple Tree in Pioneer Park

Public Works Director Day stated that the Public Works Department has already removed the Maple Tree. Public Works Director Day explained that he brought three quotes from three different tree nurseries in the area for comparison for the replacement cost of the Maple Tree. Public Works Director Day made a recommendation to go with Harvard Nursery, Inc. based on the prices he received as well as the inclusion of the additional trees previously approved. Public Works Director Day mentioned the reasoning for this was due to low prices and the quote price also including delivery fees for the trees. Public Work Director Day lastly included that this was a company that the Village has used and worked with previously.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a Motion to Approve the Quote in the amount of \$2,410.00 from Harvard Nursery Inc. for the Replacement of the Maple Tree in Pioneer Park as well as the Purchase of Additional Trees and Installation of these Items as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

New Business

Park Permit Application filed by Dan Green's Touch a Life, Heal a Heart, and The Farm Way for Reid Park Gazebo with Beer/Wine Permit on Saturday, September 3, 2022, from 2:00 PM to Midnight

Commissioner Green explained this event is like the event that was held last year and discussed bringing in a food truck for the event. Administrator Loomer explained that if Green wished to have a food truck at the event that she would need to comply with a recently passed ordinance (120621-04) and have it approved by the Village Board. Green wished to pursue the food truck and asked that a motion be made recommending as such to the Village Board for approval for the presented event.

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner O'Callaghan 2nd made a Motion to Recommend Village Board Approval of the Park Permit Application filed by Dan Green's Touch a Life, Heal a Heart, and The Farm Way for Reid Park Gazebo with Beer/Wine Permit and use of a Food Truck for Saturday, September 3, 2022, from 2:00 PM to Midnight, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Recommendation to Replace Dead Bushes at Reid Park

Public Works Director Day brought to the Commission's attention that 15 of the 30 bushes along Reid Park had died and needed to be replaced. Public Works Director Day provided pictures of the dead bushes for the Commission. After reviewing the photographs, the Commission made some recommendations about new bushes being planted and potentially reaching out to Harvard Nursery Inc. to obtain quotes for new bushes since we are already working with them for

replacement trees. Public Works Director Day said he would reach out to them and bring back information for the next Commission meeting.

Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Trish Prouty for Accolade Cherry Tree for Nick Kolp

Administrator Loomer informed the commission that of the six memorial tree permit applications that were filed, four of them are in memory of the same person, and two of the applications have been filed by the same person. The commission previously chose to limit memorial benches to one per person, and Loomer asked the commission if they wished to extend the same regulation to the trees as well. This opened discussion for the Commissioners regarding the fairness of allowing the same person to be honored with more than one memorial tree. The Commission came up with an idea to allow multiple memorial bricks at one tree but ultimately thought that for fairness purposes that it be limited to one tree per person being honored. The Commission decided that the parties will need to be reached and told of the reasoning and that ultimately, they will need to decide which application to move forward with. The remaining trees will remain open for applications.

Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Trish Prouty for Eastern Redbud Tree for Nick Kolp

See minutes under item “Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Trish Prouty for Accolade Cherry Tree for Nick Kolp”.

Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Rene McBride for Accolade Cherry Tree for Nick Kolp

See minutes under item “Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Trish Prouty for Accolade Cherry Tree for Nick Kolp”.

Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Cory Bryant for Eastern Redbud Tree for Nick Kolp

See minutes under item “Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Trish Prouty for Accolade Cherry Tree for Nick Kolp”.

Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Jeff Persin & Tom Rockwell for Accolade Cherry Tree or Eastern Redbud Tree for Dan Dosen

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a Motion to recommend Village Board approval of the Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of the Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Jeff Persin & Tom Rockwell for Accolade Cheery Tree or Eastern Redbud Tree on Behalf of Dan Dosen, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Francine Tuite for Accolade Cherry Tree or Eastern Redbud Tree for Mary and Peter Williams

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Green 2nd made a Motion to recommend Village Board approval of the Memorial Tree Permit Application for Replacement of the Fontana Boulevard Trees filed by Francine Tuite for Accolade Cheery Tree or Eastern Redbud Tree on Behalf of Mary and Peter Williams, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

2023 Budget Recommendations

Administrator Loomer stated staff will begin working on next years budget and asked the commissioners to begin thinking about any items that should be included for next year. She indicated the contracts with Tallgrass and Clearview expire at the end of this year and the village will be entertaining new contracts for the same services.

Adjournment

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Green 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:36 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Drew Lussow, Village Clerk
Approved: 08/17/2022