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

Final Minutes

Park Commission Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:00 pm

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Trustee Scott Vilona on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:04 pm at the Fontana Village Hall.

Commissioners Present: Trustee Chair Scott Vilona, Commissioners Zina O'Callaghan, Mary Green, Susan Olson
Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Robin Nuzzo, Stan Livingston, Sarah Lobdell
Also Present: Village Administrator Theresa Loomer, Drew Perepell

Approval of the minutes
Commissioner Olson moved to approve the July 6, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Green seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Visitors Heard
Administrator Loomer stated she had received Commissioner Livingston's resignation from the Park Commission.

General Business
Treasurer's Report
Included in the meeting packet, Treasurer Baumann provided the Commission with a budget summary and year-to-date revenue and expenditure information. The current balance in the park commission fund is $91,415.84.

Public Works Report
Public Works Director Perepell stated that the puck lights at the beach have been replaced, the crew had been working on cleaning up the frisbee golf course and clearing underbrush, and the house at 500 S. Main Street had been razed.

OLD BUSINESS
Discussion or Action on Replacement of Puck lights in concrete in Reid Park bathrooms and Beach
Public Works Director Perepell stated that there are puck lights at the beach and at Reid Park and both needed to be replaced. The lights at the beach are 3" and were $145 each to replace, and that work has been done. The puck lights at Reid Park are 4" and cost $900 each to replace, so staff are working to build a fixture so the 3" lights can be used where the 4" lights are at present. Since they are built into concrete, the whole fixture must be replaced and not just the light itself.

Discussion or Action on 2026 Park and Ball Field Fees
A draft policy was presented. The committee discussed adding a non-refundable security deposit, either a set amount or a percentage, to the fee total and discussed a cancellation fee for the ball fields. Staff will bring back additional information at next month's meeting.

Discussion or Action on Security Deposit for Park Permits
Loomer recommended increasing the security deposit to $250 and requiring it as a separate check. Since the security deposits are rarely kept and most often refunded, it is extra work for staff to present to the board, process the checks, and mail the refunds each month. The new policy would be to require a separate check, which would be cashed if necessary, otherwise the check would be shredded if the fields and parks are left in good condition.

Discussion or Action on Discounted Beach Admission for Schools, Camps, and 501(c)3
The committee discussed discounts for schools and 501(c)3's and made the recommendation to approve discounting school groups that feed into Big Foot High School and the Williams Bay school at a 50% discount for trips to the beach Monday through Thursday during the summer. The commission suggested discounting 501(c)3's in Walworth County by 25%. Any other request must be approved by the Village Board.
Trustee Vilona/Commissioner O'Callaghan 2nd made a MOTION to recommend the Village Board approve discounted beach admission for school groups for schools that feed into Big Foot High School and Williams Bay at 50%, and 501(c)3 groups from Walworth County at a discounted rate of 25%, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS
Discussion or Action on Home School Eagles Cross Country meet – 10/17/26
The Home School Eagles filed an application to use Duck Pond for a cross country meet on October 17, 2025. The estimated attendance is 500. Staff and commission members expressed concerns because the facilities and accommodation are not large enough for that many people, nor is there enough parking capacity.
Trustee Vilona/Commissioner Olson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend the Village Board deny the Home School Eagles Cross Country Meeting Duck Pond Park Permit Application for October 17, 2026, due to limited parking, field, and bathroom accommodations, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on replacement of Gazebo Pavers
Public Works Director Perepell explained the pavers at the Reid Park Gazebo are failing and proposed removing the existing pavers and replacing them with a concrete pad that would extend out about two feet and slope slightly to help with drainage. The cost is $4,500.
Trustee Vilona/Commissioner Green 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to remove the existing pavers at the Reid Park Gazebo and replace with a concrete pad extended by two feet, and request funding of the $4,500 from the Tourism Commission, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Bollards for Pioneer Park
The bollards with lights at Pioneer Park are rusting and staff recommend replacing them. DPW Director Perepell recommended replacing the bollards with the same ones used on Porter Court and the total cost is $1,485.
Trustee Vilona/Commission Olson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to replace the bollards in Pioneer Park with the same style bollards at Porter Court for $1,485, and request funding from the Tourism Commission, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Reid Park Memorial for Children Involved on July 3rd Boating Accident
Several types of memorials were discussed including planting a tree, a permanent picnic table,

adding the names to the existing wall, a water fountain, kids bench and playground equipment. There was no information provided on the family's budget, so Administrator Loomer was directed to obtain additional information about what the family is looking for and their budget.

Discussion or Action on 2027 Budget Requests
With the house at 500 S. Main having been razed, Trustee Vilona asked for costs to bring the parcel up to standard with the rest of the Hildebrand Conservancy and obtain a cost from Midwest Prairies. He also requested including funding for a bridge that would be necessary to cross the stream.

Adjournment
Commissioner Green moved to adjourn at 5:56 pm. Commissioner Olson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Village Administrator
Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Park Commission, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

Approved: 09/16/2026