

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE  
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
(Official Minutes)

MONTHLY MEETING of the PARK COMMISSION  
Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Chairperson Sarah Lobdell called the meeting of the Park Commission to order at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

**Park Commissioners present:** Sarah Lobdell, Jill Wegner, Dan Green, Nancy Krei, Trustee Diane Lewis  
**Park Commissioners absent:** Sharon Conklin, Sharon O'Brien, Melissa Colby

**Also present:** Pam Carper, Village Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, CDA Commissioner Gail Hibbard, Lynn Ketterhagen, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Joseph McHugh, Trustee Micki O'Connell, President Arvid Petersen, Margaret Reuland, Chuck Thiesenhusen, Director of Public Works Craig Workman

**Approval of Minutes**

Wegner/Krei 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes submitted for the meeting held January 20, 2010, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Visitors Heard**

Big Foot Recreation Department Director Chuck Thiesenhusen stated that about 300 participants attended a recent Daddy/Daughter Dance at Lake Lawn Lodge. Thiesenhusen stated that the girls received carnations and the event was very well received.

**Announcements**

Lobdell stated annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday morning, April 3, 2010 at the Duck Pond Recreation Area and volunteers will be needed to help with the event, which will begin at 10:00 am.

**General Business**

**Park House Use**

The Park House was used 13 times in January 2010.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report for January 2010 was presented by Krei.

**Plan Commission Report**

Lobdell stated that the updated Park and Open Space Plan will be recommended to the Plan Commission and a public hearing will be scheduled.

**Public Works Report**

Workman stated that the Lake Street reconstruction proposal is being planned by the CDA subcommittee, and the project will include some landscaping work in Reid Park. Workman stated that the landscaping proposal will be presented to the Park Commission for a recommendation.

**TID Maintenance – Items/Update**

No new items were added.

**Old Business**

**Park and Open Space Plan Recommendation to Plan Commission on Additional Items**

Lobdell stated that the updated Park and Open Space has been amended by Jessica Schmiedicke to include an inventory of the existing parks, future park facilities and recommendations, and preliminary impact fee calculations. Martin stated that the Existing Facilities map exhibit will be amended to correct the current pedestrian paths. Hayden stated that two more additions also will be incorporated for potential future projects that could qualify for grant funding. Hayden stated that by including the potential projects in the plan, they would qualify for possible grant funding if they are pursued by the Village in the future.

Wegner/Green 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend the revised updated Park and Open Space to the Plan Commission for a public hearing, with the conditions that the pedestrian paths are corrected on the Existing Facilities map exhibit and that the two potential future projects are incorporated into the plan. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Long-Range Planning for Reid Park Gazebo – Update**

Martin stated that the Fontana Community Church would like to use the concrete platform for the old gazebo for its annual Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on April 4, 2010. An application will be filed for consideration at the next monthly meeting; however, none of the Park Commission members had concerns. Hayden stated that the CDA architectural firm, HGA, Inc., is planning the new gazebo and incorporating the site into the plans of the Lakefront Building Project proposal. Possible funding sources are still being considered.

### **Potential Calendar of Events for Reid Park – Update**

Lobdell stated that hosting Farmer's Markets in Reid Park would be one idea worth pursuing. Wegner stated that Saturday mornings during the spring, summer and fall months would be a good time for farmer's market events. Hayden stated that the Park Commission may want to establish a subcommittee to organize the event. Lobdell, Wegner and Trustee Lewis stated that they will meet and start making plans for the farmer's market events. Martin stated that he will gather initial information and possible contacts for the subcommittee and a meeting date will be scheduled.

### **Duck Pond Tree Relocation Sale – Update**

Wegner stated that Sharon O'Brien is still out of town and the inventory they completed on the trees at the Duck Pond that have to be relocated from a utility easement area is not available. Lobdell stated that she and Wegner will take another inventory and identify the trees that will be available for purchase. The Park Commission will then notify the public know when the trees have been marked and announce the sale, tag the trees after they have been sold, and then rent the proper equipment to dig the trees up and prepare them for transplanting after an appropriate number of trees have been sold. Workman stated that it is best to transplant the trees prior to mid-May or in the fall.

### **Duck Pond Disc Golf Course – Update**

Lobdell stated that it will cost about \$3,500 to purchase the equipment for nine permanent holes at the Duck Pond, including the hole baskets and tee signage. Lobdell stated funding is still uncertain. Lobdell stated that she has met with Gail Hibbard, and they will solicit possible funding from the CDA at its next meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Lobdell stated that if a permanent course is developed, the Village will be able to host tournaments and other events that could generate additional revenue.

### **Fontana Fourth Fest – Update**

Hayden stated that an initial press release has been issued for the July 3 and 4, 2010 event being planned with the Big Foot Lions Club. Bands are being solicited for a Battle of the Bands Competition, and initial vendor information is being gathered for a craft/art fair. Hayden stated that the event will culminate with the annual Fourth of July fireworks display to be organized by the Village and the Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce.

### **New Business**

#### **Bills to Pay**

Two bills the Village received for the Mill House Pavilion project have been paid; however, official approval is still needed.

Wegner/Krei 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to authorize the payment of a \$528 invoice submitted by Power Tech, and a \$269 invoice submitted by AJ Anich Lumber for the Mill House Pavilion project, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Park Applications**

#### ***Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club, Park House***

Wegner/Krei 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the Park Permit application for the Park House as filed by the Tuesday afternoon Bridge Club, with the fee waived as requested by the nonprofit organization, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

***Fontana Garden Club Garden Fair, Park House, May 28 to 30, 2010***

Krei/Wegner 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the Park Permit application for the Park House as filed by the Fontana Garden Club for its annual Garden Fair on May 28 to 30, 2010, with the fee waived as requested by the nonprofit organization, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

***Big Foot Ball and Glove Program, Duck Pond Summer Events***

Lobdell stated that the Big Foot Ball and Glove Program would like to use the Duck Pond Recreation Area ball fields and pavilion on Saturday, June 12, 2010; Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, 2010; and Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, 2010. Big Foot Ball and Glove Director Tony Greco indicated that only the fields are being requested for June 12, 2010 for a Local MLB Pitch, Hit and Run Competition. The fields and use of the pavilion to sell concessions is being requested for tournaments on July 10, 11, 17 and 18, 2010.

Wegner/Green 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the dates as requested by the Big Foot Ball and Glove Program, with the fees waived for the nonprofit organization. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

***Georgie B's Restaurant, Porter Court Plaza Anniversary/Fund-Raising Event, Saturday, May 29, 2010***

Pam Carper stated that Georgie B's Restaurant would like to hold the same event that it held last year on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The outdoor event in Porter Court Plaza would be a second anniversary party for the restaurant as well as a fund-raiser for the Geneva Lake Conservancy. Carper stated that she filed two site plans for the event. One plan includes a double-fenced-in area for the service of beer, and the other site plan does not have a fenced-in area in case the proposal to sell beer is not approved. Martin stated that the Geneva Lake Conservancy is not eligible for a Temporary Class B (Picnic) Liquor License; however, Martin stated that Georgie B's could receive approval for selling beer at the event with its Class "B" Retail License under the catering provisions of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's liquor licensing regulations. Martin stated that if favored by the Park Commission and Village Board, the Village would have to amend the Municipal Code to allow for beer to be consumed in Porter Court Plaza. The Municipal Code currently allows for beer and wine consumption permits to be obtained for the Duck Pond Recreation Area Pavilion. If approved, the cups of beer would be purchased inside the premises at Georgie B's, and patrons would receive wrist bands and tickets for a cup of beer to be served outside in the fenced-in area. Carper stated that patrons would enter and exit the beer garden area through the restaurant and an emergency exit will be incorporated into the fencing. Following discussion, the Park Commission members were in consensus that the request for selling beer at the fund-raising event is appropriate and they do not have any concerns with allowing the consumption of beer in Porter Court Plaza for specially approved events.

Wegner/Krei 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the Park Permit application filed by Georgie B's Restaurant as submitted for the May 29, 2010 event in Porter Court Plaza, and to recommend to the Village Board that the beer catering proposal be approved and the Municipal Code be amended if necessary. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Any Other Comments or Concerns**

Green stated that a possible revenue generating idea would be to piggyback after the farmer's market events in the fall a Sadie Hawkins Dance, or a chili cook-off, or a bonfire, or a combination of the events. Green stated that the new events could be included in an Oktoberfest celebration and maybe a community dance could be planned at the Abbey. Wegner stated that the Village should maybe consider purchasing a vacant lot at Mill Street and Dewey Avenue for the site of a future park.

**Pending Item for Future Agendas**

1. Park Maintenance Plan

**Adjournment**

Wegner/Green 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Park Commission the official minutes will be on file at the Fontana Village Hall.

Approved: 3/16/10