

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

(Official Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

September 16, 2015

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Whowell at 6:01 pm on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Members Present: Trustee Whowell, Laura Coates, Lynne Frost, Gail Hibbard

Members Late: Sandra Hibbard, Sarah Lobdell, Mary Green

Also Present: Administrator Dennis Martin

Approval of Minutes July 15, 2015

Gail Hibbard/Frost 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the July 15, 2015 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Announcements

The Park Commission received a thank-you note from Big Foot Wolves Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading President Dave Freymiller for the use of Reid Park for its Fourth of July fund-raising concession stand. Martin stated that the permit for the concession stand is actually secured by the Big Foot Lions Club, but the stand is operated by one of the area youth programs.

General Business

Park House Use

The Park House was used once in July and August, 2015 for a Big Foot Recreation District program. Martin stated he was informed that the district will not be using the Park House this fall as previously approved as its pre-school classes will be held at Big Foot High School.

Treasurer's Report

Lobdell was late but the monthly report was distributed.

Plan Commission Report

The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing with the Joint Extraterritorial Zoning Committee to consider a petition to amend the zoning district and conditional use permit application filed by Fontana Holding Company for a parcel on Willow Bend Road in Walworth Township to authorize the construction of boat storage buildings. The Plan Commission also will receive reports on a proposed amendment to reestablish the nuisance/property maintenance ordinance in the Zoning Code and two other minor language amendments to correct items inadvertently left out of the rewritten Zoning Code a few years ago.

Old Business & Pet Projects

Whowell stated that initial feedback has favored option No. 2 for the preliminary design drawings prepared by Aspect Design Inc., Johnsburg, IL for the new bathroom building in Pioneer Park that will replace the portable-toilet(s) that are placed in the park across the street from the Village boat launch ramp.

New Business

Village Landscaping and Green Space Management RFP

Martin stated that staff drafted the distributed Request for Proposals for the 2016 contract and some of the smaller areas around the Village were taken out of the contract areas, and the bathroom and garbage duties for weekday mornings that were added a few years ago are included in the RFP. The smaller areas will be taken care of by the DPW. The RFP will be issued September 21, 2015 and proposals will be due October 16, 2015.

Fontana Garden Club Donation

Fontana Garden Club member Gail Hibbard presented a \$500 check from the club to be used to supplement the annual purchase of seeds for the Oak Savanna and Prairie Restoration Area.

Any Other Comments/Concerns

Lynne Frost distributed copies of two photographs her husband Jim Frost shot of the municipal beach and Reid Park. Lynne stated that Jim has offered the Park Commission use of the photographs for publicity or for prints to be hung in municipal buildings, as long as he is given photo credits; and if the proposal is favorable, he will shoot photographs of all the Village parks. The Park Commission members thanked Jim, a professional photographer, for the offer. Martin stated that there are several uses for the photographs.

Tour of Pioneer Park, Reid Park, Fontana Beach, Fontana Fen, Oak Savanna Prairie & Duck Pond Recreation Area

The Park Commission adjourned the formal portion of the meeting at 6:33 pm, and the members took a driving tour of the parks. Notes provided by Sandra Hibbard following the tour:

- Little Foot Playground - Fading equipment should be replaced. Deer Fencing should be put up again this winter - seemed to help last year.
- Reid Park - Bathrooms are locked early in season but should stay open until freezing is a concern. Area in front of Reid Park bathrooms - half circle with no plants - maybe add a tree or a sculpture (sailboat or something similar to windsurfer sculpture by Jay Brost). Green garbage cans are much better than blue. Maybe blue trash cans should be placed near trees or in inconspicuous spots rather than in front of Indian sculpture. There are several sick trees, is there a way to feed them?
- Reid Park Gazebo - there are a few bare spots where bushes should be spread out or a few should be added. Patch of dirt where plantings used to be (near Lake Geneva Marine building) - maybe plant grass behind bench.
- Porter Court Plaza - is fountain working?
- Hildebrand Nature Conservancy - red stone at Mill Street park entrance area washes into sidewalk when it rains. Is there a way to fix this? A tiered stair closer to the sidewalk may minimize the washed rock.
- Fontana Fen - the areas surrounded by stone are overgrown; this can be removed. Maybe add a picnic table? Also, what is the plan for the Fen? Several invasive species that should be removed.
- Mill House Pavilion - needs weeding and beds have a lot of stones. Is Blackstone maintaining this area?
- Duck Pond Recreation Area - will visit during next meeting. When I was there for soccer on Monday, women's bathroom had no soap and was pretty dirty.

Adjournment

Lobdell/Sandra Hibbard 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at about 7:00 pm, and the motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis Martin, 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: 10/14/15