

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

**(Minutes)**

**Park Commission Monthly Meeting**

March 21, 2018

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Livingston at 5:05 pm on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

**Members Present:** Trustee Livingston, Jill Wegner, Gail Hibbard, Sandra Hibbard

Mary Green arrived at 5:15

**Members Absent:** Sarah Lobdell, Robin Nuzzo

**Also Present:** Alisa Gerrish, Chuck Thiesenhusen, Ron Adams

**Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2018**

Gail Hibbard/Sandra Hibbard 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the January 17, 2018 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Visitors Heard**

Alisa Gerrish inquired about erecting a new plaque near the north shore path entrance next to Buena Vista that is a correct history of the Pottawatomi Indians in relation to Fontana. Alisa is currently researching the history of the Native Americans in Fontana. Gail Hibbard offered to contact the Buena Vista Board of Directors and find out if the current plaque is Buena Vista or Fontana Village property.

**Announcements**

None

**General Business**

**Park House Use**

The Park House was not used in January or February.

**Treasurer's Report**

No Report as Sarah Lobdell was absent

**Public Works Report**

Adams and Trustee Livingston reported Public Works report under New Business

**Old Business**

**Memorial Tree Bricks**

Only 6 out of 32 bricks have been installed at the cost of \$25 per brick plus the steel frame used to hold them in place.

Commissioner Gail Hibbard/Commissioner Wegner 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to install 13 of the remaining 32 bricks this year and 13 next year and decide by lottery which trees will be chosen.

**New Business**

**Big Foot Rec. Dept. Update – Chuck Thiesenhusen**

Chuck Thiesenhusen, Big Foot Recreation Dept. announced the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 30, 2018. On April 26 at 7:00 P.M. sailor and environmentalist, David Thoresen will be at Big Foot High School narrating a program of his worldwide adventures.

The rec dept. is preparing to start volleyball leagues at the new courts in the Duck Pond area.

Chuck stated that they may be on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays and will need a beer/wine permit as attendees will be able to consume carried in alcohol.

The following six park permit applications were approved in one motion:

**Park Permit Application Filed by the Community Church of Fontana for Duck Pond Pavilion & Recreation Area on Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Park Permit Application Filed by Fontana P.T.S.O. for Color Run at Duck Pond Pavilion & Recreation Area on Friday, April 27, 2018 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

**Park Permit Application Filed by Betty Shay for Duck Pond Pavilion & Recreation Area with Beer/Wine Permit on Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Park Permit Application Filed by Viola Tucker for Birthday Party at Reid Park Pavilion on Monday, May 28, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Park Permit Application Filed by Mary Green, Dan Green's Touch a Life, Heal a Heart, Inc., for the Farm Way Event on Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm**  
Green stated the event will involve a band and will fundraise the Dan Green Foundation and another non-profit foundation. She will submit the required picnic license application to serve beer and wine at the event along with a site map as required.

**Park Permit Application Filed by Maryanne Bruss for Farmers Market at Porter Court Plaza on Saturdays Between May 26 through September 29, 2018 from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm**  
Commissioner Sandra Hibbard/Commissioner Wegner 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of all the Park Permit Applications listed above and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Big Foot Rec. Dept. Movies on the Beach Proposed Dates for 2018**

The movies will be held on Friday's this year and dates are June 8, June 22, July 6, July 20, August 3 & August 17.

Commissioner Green/Commissioner Sandra Hibbard 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Movies Under the Stars dates, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Park House Roof Repair**

Trustee Livingston stated that he had received 2 bids on the roof repair of the Park House, one for \$11,480.00 from NIR Roof Care and one for \$3,640.00 from Luna Roofing.

Commissioner Gail Hibbard/Commissioner Wegner 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park House roof repair by Luna Roofing in the amount of \$3,640, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Ball Field Improvement at Duck Pond**

A new fence has been ordered and although the bleachers need repair, Trustee Livingston recommended the fields be improved and ready for the season before we fix the bleachers. He stated it is more important to have the playing area in good shape in order to attract paying tournaments to Duck Pond area.

**Remove Parking Posts at Reid Park**

Adams stated that the old parking posts are a danger and should be removed and replaced with parking bumpers.

Gail Hibbard/Sandra Hibbard 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval for the removal of posts and replacement with bumpers at Reid Park and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Repaint Beach House and Reid Park Bathrooms**

Trustee Livingston stated that the interior wooden ceilings at the Beach House and Reid Park bathrooms are looking very worn and moldy and need to be repainted. The exterior of the Beach House should be repainted also. Trustee Livingston also stated that these are both highly visible and important aspects of Fontana and should be maintained.

Sandra Hibbard/Wegner 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval for the repainting of the Reid Park Bathrooms and the Beach House and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Replace Bat and Bird Houses at Hildebrand Property**

Adams stated that the houses placed in the Hildebrand Property many years ago as indications of property lines are in ruin and need replacing. It was agreed that the Commission would like to continue to have the houses on the property as birds and bats are good mosquito control although they were not sure the height of the houses were high enough to attract bats as they would need to be around twelve feet. Thiesenhusen suggested he ask the woodworking department at Big Foot High School to undertake this project with Parks supplying the materials.

#### **Replace Wood Chips at Little Foot Playground**

Adams reported that getting a full load of wood chips from High Prairie would be more chips than needed but better economically. He will contact the Grade School and find out if we can share the cost of a full truckload and save on the cost of freight. We are required by law to have 12 inches or more of chips on all public playgrounds.

#### **Sand for Volleyball Courts**

Adams reported that Mason Play Sand is washed and would be the best choice for the Volleyball courts as it will not have any clay in it and will not become hardened over time. Thelens will deliver for \$4,000. Thiesenhusen was asked if we could recoup some of the money spent on sand from the soon to formed Sand Volleyball League.

Commissioner Wegner/Commissioner Sandra Hibbard 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION recommend Village Board approval to purchase new sand for the Volleyball courts at Duck Pond in the amount of \$4,000, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Sandra Hibbard/Commissioner Wegner 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:50 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Gail Hibbard, Park Commission Member

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: 05/16/18