

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

(Official Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

June 19, 2019

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Administrator/Clerk Theresa Loomer at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

Members Present: Sarah Lobdell, Jill Wegner, Gail Hibbard, Robin Nuzzo, Zina O'Callaghan

Members Absent: Trustee Livingston, Mary Green

Also Present: Ron Adams, Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Josh Skolnick

Elect Chairperson Pro-Tem

In the absence of Chairman Livingston, the commission elected Lobell as the Chairperson. Commissioner Hibbard/Commissioner Wegner 2nd made a MOTION to elect Commissioner Lobdell as the Chairperson Pro-Tem, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Announcements:

Lobdell stated the Pig in the Park Event is scheduled for July 13, 2019. Loomer stated the Conservancy will be conducting their annual monitoring event on Friday, June 28th. Public Works Director Kevin Day will attend the site visit.

Visitors Heard

Skolnick stated he has noticed an explosion of several invasive species at the fen and prairie. There was also discussion about whether as part of the WE Energies settlement, if Tall Grass is treating the entire prairie, or only the damaged portion. Loomer will review the settlement agreement and also the Tall Grass contract for 2019.

General Business

Treasurer's Report

There is currently \$38,140.07 in the Park Commission Funds.

Public Works Report

Day reported the asphalt work has been completed up at Duck Pond and the shed has been moved.

Old Business

Update on Proposal to Create Path from Fontana School to Headwaters Park

SEWRPC conducted a delineation study earlier in the day and determined that one of the two project areas is in a wetland boundary and would need DNR approval to move forward. The Commission discussed whether the second bridge could be relocated to another area in Headwaters Park that is not in a wetland boundary and also who would be responsible for the cost of the project.

New Business

Application Filed by Big Foot Wolves Junior Tackle Football for Concession Sales on July 4, 2019 from 6:00 am to Midnight

Commissioner Hibbard/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval for the application filed by Big Foot Wolves Junior Tackle Football for Concession Sales on July 4, 2019 from 6:00 am to midnight. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Memorial Tree Application Filed by Todd Lizak for Weeping Cherry Tree

Loomer stated that DPW typically works with applicants to either find the best tree for their desired location or best location for their desired tree – depending on which is top priority.

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Hibbard 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval for the Memorial Tree Application submitted by Todd Lizak for a Weeping Cherry Tree. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Memorial Bench Application Filed by Elsa Merlino for Lakefront

There are four benches on the Lakefront that still qualify for replacement. Merlino has submitted an application for the available bench closest to Chucks. She requested to add the DBSA website to the Memorial Plaque – www.dbsalliance.org. The commission members were not in favor of adding the website to the bench because domains can expire, become disabled, or change. Instead they recommended, “DBSA” in addition to the remainder of the requested wording.

Commissioner Nuzzo/Commissioner Wegner 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Memorial Bench application submitted by Elsa Merlino for the available bench closest to Chucks, with “DBSA” instead of the entire website printed on the bench, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Big Foot Lions Club Park Permit Application for Reid Park Pavilion on September 21, 2019 – Triathlon

The Big Foot Lions Club submitted a park permit application for Reid Park Pavilion on September 21, 2019 for food service after the triathlon.

Commissioner Hibbard/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a MOTION to approve the Park Permit Application submitted by the Big Foot Lions Club for Reid Park Pavilion on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discuss Landscaping Ideas for Detention Pond at the Corner of Indian Hills Road and S. Lakeshore Drive

Loomer stated she has received a number of inquiries about landscaping at the detention pond located at the corner if Indian Hills Road and S. Lakeshore Drive. The commission discussed the types of bushes and/or trees that could survive in a wet and shaded environment. Adams stated that if benches were placed there it would be difficult to mow around. The topic will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

Village Weed Control Products and Applications

Lobdell asked for information on pesticides and how they might affect the lake. Day replied that TruGreen sprays twice per year in spring and fall.

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

Due to the rainy weather, the tour was postponed until next month’s meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Wegner/Commissioner Nuzzo 2nd made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:16 PM and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Village Administrator/Clerk
Approved: 07/17/19