

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE  
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

(Official Minutes)

Park Commission Monthly Meeting

September 18, 2019

The Park Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Livingston at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

**Members Present:** Mary Green, Sarah Lobdell, Trustee Livingston, Zina O’Callaghan (arrived at 5:12 pm), Robin Nuzzo

**Members Absent:** Jill Wegner

**Also Present:** Ron Adams, Kevin Day, Gail Hibbard, Theresa Loomer, Sharon O’Brien, Trustee Pappas, Trustee Petersen, Stephanie Smith, Cindy Wilson

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Treasurer’s Report**

There is currently \$38,144.82 in the Park Commission Funds.

**Public Works Report**

Day stated public works recently removed all the large overgrown burning bushes near the flagpole and gazebo by the lakefront and all recently ordered memorial benches have been installed.

**Old Business**

**Discuss Plans for Headwaters Park Path**

Day stated he recently received the permit form that needs to be filled out for the DNR and takes approximately 30 days to process. The proposal is for the school to fund the bridges needed either monetarily or with materials, and public works will provide the assembly. Ron Adams is going to put together an estimate for the school for the required materials.

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

Loomer stated she was approached with the idea of possibly building the rim of the detention pond higher to hold more water. There was concern amongst the commission members that by building it up to high it would be a safety hazard for traffic trying to navigate at the corner of the intersection and also by building it up higher it would only hold more water and could get pretty deep. It was decided to wait till after the S. Lakeshore Drive project was completed and visit the landscaping ideas again.

**New Business**

**Ordinance Amendment Section 10-6 Restriction on Keeping of Dogs**

Trustee Livingston said he had talked with Chief Cates about possible putting signs out for park events stating no dogs are allowed at the park. Loomer stated we could try the signs, but by having an ordinance it is enforceable. There was discussion about adding the need for leashed dogs to the first section of the ordinance before going to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Nuzzo 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approve Amendment to Ordinance Section 10-6 Restriction on Keeping of Dogs, as discussed. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Disc Golf at Duck Pond**

Loomer stated there were inquiries made as to what happened to the disc golf course. It was

discussed that the course was maintained by a private group, but they no longer participate in the maintenance of the course. Trustee Livingston stated that he recently walked the course with Day and there are a few areas that need clearing, a few signs missing and a couple areas that need wood chips. It appears to be very minimal work to maintain the course. The Park Commission decided it was a good idea to maintain the course.

### **Conservancy Easement Monitoring Results**

Loomer presented pictures and stated the only area of concern during the walk through was a small amount of run off.

### **Additional Locations for Placement of Memorial Benches**

Loomer stated there is currently only one spot left for a memorial bench and wasn't sure if the Park Commission wanted to look at adding more spots or leave as is. Commissioner Lobdell stated she thought there were possibly a few spots at Reid Park near the Little Foot playground. Trustee Livingston and Day are going to look at possible locations that could be added for memorial bench placement.

### **Discuss Planting Ideas for Lake Front by Flagpole and Gazebo**

Park Commission members discussed the idea of using the same type of flowers that are along the boulevard. Trustee Livingston mentioned the idea of possibly being able to transplant some from the boulevard as they are filling in and doing very well.

### **Park Permit Application Filed by Kevin Burke & Marianne Ahern for Reid Park Gazebo on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 3:30 am to 4:30 pm for Wedding**

Commissioner Lobdell/Commissioner Nuzzo 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Park Permit Application filed by Kevin Burke & Marianne Ahern for Reid Park Gazebo on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Donation to the Big Foot Softball Ball/Glove Program**

Trustee Livingston stated that the Big Foot Ball and Glove Program is looking to add batting cages to the park and was wondering if the Parks Commission would be interested in making a donation. He believes the cost is \$2,500 and the commission agreed to donate \$500.

Trustee Livingston/Commissioner Lobdell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to donate donating \$500 to the Big Foot Softball Ball/Glove Program. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **2020 Budget Items Discussion**

Commissioner Green discussed the idea of a splash pad; however, the cost and the maintenance are quite expensive. Trustee Livingston stated the only thing missing from Duck Pond are basketball hoops. He stated he was going to research cost and a flat area to put them. Livingston stated that Duck Pond could also use dugouts as the park is busy all the time with games and it would be nice for those players to get out of the sun. Ron Adams is going to check into prices. The playground at Reid Park gets a lot of use and the equipment is showing wear and tear and needs replacement. The commissioners discussed a replacement schedule since even the newest piece of equipment is ten years old now. Commissioner Lobdell stated she would get in touch with the school to find out where they purchased their newer equipment from and Adams said he has catalogs of the original equipment providers that he can share as well. Commissioner O'Callaghan suggested reaching out to local businesses for donations, including the Abbey since a lot of their guests visit the playground and they don't have one at the resort. The last budget item discussed was landscaping and boulevard maintenance. It was mentioned that landscaping seems to be very hardy this year with all the rain and possibly waiting till next year before anything is done, in the meantime continue doing the same. The conclusion of 2020 budget items were as follows; basketball hoops at Duck Pond, dugouts at Duck Pond and replacing playground equipment.

**Presentation of Appreciation Award to Gail Hibbard**

Trustee Livingston presented Gail Hibbard with a plaque to thanked her for her many years of service and dedication to the Parks Commission.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Lobdell/Trustee Livingston 2<sup>nd</sup> made a Motion to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 5:48 PM and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by Stephanie Smith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 11/13/2019