



**PARK COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
June 8, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Wiedemann called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. In attendance were Wiedemann, Mike Bajorek, Bill Conway & Kevin Cunningham. Also in attendance was Supt. of Streets and Parks, Jon Huizinga, Village President Kay Laube, and some other Village Trustees. Steve Wiedemann submitted his Letter of Resignation to Kay Laube.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

There were no residents comments at this point of meeting.
Matt Pagels was also present & Kay L. noted that Matt has been asked to be on Park Commission.

APPROVAL OF April 13, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.
Motion made by Kevin Cunningham to approve the minutes. Second by Conway. Motion passed.

McHENRY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Way to have fund "earmark" funds per project?
Kevin & Kay have names? Fundraising Professional must be contacted; need lawyer to set-up.

PICNIC GROVE GRANT

Reviewed OSLAD Grant & Picnic Grove Park budget proposals. Public Works Comm. has reviewed Picnic Grove Grant/Budget Proposal. There will be no Soccer Field. Priorities reviewed in event that all items cannot be done. See attached scanned letter with priorities in margin. Motion made by Kevin C. that these priorities be recommended to Village as PC recommendations. Motion 2nd by Bill Conway. Motion passed. Ken Fisk will do Grant.

PARK COMMISSION MISSION & KEY TASKS

Kay L. would like a task list & mission statement of Park Commission. Would like Fund Raising added to list!

PARKS TOUR

It was suggested that a Park's Tour might be helpful again. Would like to accomplish this before next meeting, if it can be done. Tentative date for tour 7/16 or 7/23 at 8 AM. All Park Commission members & Trustees should be present, if possible. Also suggested that following

people be included: (Jackie Kraus, School Supt. As well as Steve Knarr & Pat Hughes of School Board; Vince Rosenthal (Rec Council).

PARKS IMPROVEMENT LIST

Kevin C. recommends that a prioritized Parks Improvement List again be drafted. Should be included on agenda for next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kay L. suggests that selling property might be method to raise funds for parks.

Bill Conway notes that certain parks & fields need to be fertilized. Current agreement is that Village mows these areas, but Rec Council is responsible for up-keep. Noted that RC has money, but has great difficulty in getting labor volunteers.

Discussed Fomoor JC Park Basketball. Jon presented layout showing location & proposed equipment which will cost \$570. Don Zito of Rec Council in charge of Fund Raising. Mike B. to see if funds can be made available. Jim Tuman (Village Trustee) suggests Basket Ball Tournaments to raise funds.

Jim Tuman to suggest Park Clean-Up day at Public Works Meeting. Concern expressed over organizing volunteers.

Some discussion regarding Hunter's Farm Playground Equipment. Some residents have expressed desire to add swings, tire swing, teeter-totter. Can add-on to existing equipment (modular). Apparently some money has been raised or pledged, Some (25) Mom's have expressed interest in getting involved. Need way to direct money's to foundation(?).

Another Hunter's Farm issue... need to move Porta-Potties back 3' away from vinyl fence. Also need to build 8' fence per JH.

Safety concern regarding chasing foul balls at Hunter's Farm baseball field. What to do? Need to review ordinance: Kay to discuss with Bob Polston. Would a net help?

Kevin states that things going on in Park. Police need to check-out once in a while. Kevin also states that there has been some trouble in woods below water tower again. Shovels, bikes?? JH to check it out. Need to clean up jumps.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. **Next Meeting SEPT. 14 at 7:00 PM.**

Following adjournment, an agreement reached with Kay Laube that Kevin Cunningham would act as Commission Chair, if Bill Conway would act as "Vice-Chairman" and provide meeting minutes when Kevin was unavailable.

Steve Wiedemann, Chairman