

**PARK COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
October 12, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kevin Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Members Bill Conway, Dan Otto, Matt Pagels, Mike Richardson and Sheri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Streets and Parks Jon Huizinga and Village Clerk Donna Brouder. Member Mike Bajorek was absent.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

There were no resident's comments.

APPROVAL OF September 14, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 14th, 2005 was made by Matt Pagels and seconded by Mike Richardson. All were in favor.

PARKS COMMISSION ORDINANCE

The Commission reviewed the ordinance. Member Otto asked about the \$15 stipend. It is in our Village Ordinances. There was also a question as to the terms of members. The appointments and terms are made by the Village President. Member Otto made a motion to accept the ordinance. Member Conway seconded. All were in favor.

OSLAD GRANT (Open Space Land Acquisition Development)

Superintendent Huizinga stated we received a letter that we did not receive the OSLAD grant. Ken Fiske stated reasons we were denied were:

- The trail system was not a complete trail system within the park, just connections to adjacent subdivisions.
- Playground and shelter already exist in other FRG parks.
- The Village already received more IDNR grant money per population than most Illinois cities because of purchasing Picnic Grove Park.
- There weren't enough letters of citizen support.
- There wasn't enough grant money for all the requested projects.

What do we want to do with the earmarked money for the 2006 budget?

After discussion and reviewing OSLAD reply, it was decided to tour the Parks as scheduled, have a meeting with the other community groups and revise the Park Wish List. Then we will approach the Village Board with our plan.

Member Sepeczi questioned if we had enough funds to do the playground or should we begin fundraising? Chairman Cunningham stated that he would like to investigate the McHenry County Community Foundation. It is an organization that will collect funds for specific projects in a community. Community organizations and residents would make a donation that can be earmarked for a playground. Member Otto will contact the foundation to get details and report at the next meeting. Superintendent Huizinga gave him the phone number (815-334-1198). Member Sepeczi mentioned the new Lioness group and possibly they'd like to get involved. We could possibly have a "buy a block" and have a goal thermometer.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Do a history of what has been done so far in the Village parks. Prioritize park improvements and make a new list adding grants, fundraisers, and Eagle Scout projects. Put together a master park plan listing updates as well as new improvements. Chairman Cunningham and Superintendent Huizinga will meet and revise previous spread sheets that had been done in the past, showing 1990 to present for the new Village Board, Trustees and Commission members.

PARKS TOUR

The Parks tour is November 12th at 8 a.m. until noon. Chairman Cunningham and Clerk Brouder will draft a letter inviting all Park Commission members, Village President and Board, School, Rec Council, Lions, Chamber, Jaycees, Masons, Rotary, PTO and Scouts asking each group to send a representative to attend the tour of our Village Parks. We will ask them to RSVP to Clerk Brouder at the Village Hall. We will set a time limit for walking at each park.

LEGAT WINDMILL

Legat Architectural firm is not able to complete a design for the windmill. Administrator Osten is talking to Jim Tuman and Tony Celske to see if they would be able to work on this again.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Otto made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Member Pagels seconded. All were in favor. Next meeting will be December 14, 2005. Clerk Brouder will verify there is no conflict with school programs that evening.

Kevin Cunningham, Chairman

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Secretary