

**PARK COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
August 9, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kevin Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Members Bill Conway, Dan Otto, Matt Pagels and Sheri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Streets and Parks Jon Huizinga, Village Clerk Donna Brouder and Trustees Jerry Menzel and Jim Tuman. Mike Bajorek and Michael Richardson were absent.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

No residents present.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 14, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 14, 2006 was made by Dan Otto and seconded by Matt Pagels. All were in favor.

PARKS

Picnic Grove Park Restoration Plan – This plan was revised to reflect the Picnic Grove Park by David Brooks. Eventually we will need to add to the plan for the other parks and have one master plan. Superintendent Huizinga said David Brooks put a lot of effort into this plan and saved the Village time and money.

Member Otto made a motion to approve the revised plan for Picnic Grove Park. Member Sepeczi seconded. All were in favor.

Superintendent Huizinga asked if we should conduct a test burn in the conservation area to see how it would go. Member Cunningham suggested going to watch another town do a burn. Member Otto has a film of Schaumburg staff doing an actual burn. He will send to Jon for review. Superintendent Huizinga was asked if there was still a steward group. Jon stated David Brooks is still interested in having a group.

Member Conway volunteered his yard to conduct a test burn. The yard was cleared this year. It would be just shy of an acre including the park area. It would be better to do the burn in our town so people would be able to see the results next year. It was suggested that late October or November would be ideal time for the test burn, but Chairman Cunningham thought it may be better in the spring, so it turns green right away. Member Otto will ask Mr. Brooks the name of the company that does the burns for Schaumburg. The Village, EPA, and Fire District would all have to give approval for a test burn.

Playground Equipment Bid – Superintendent Huizinga reported the Village received four playground bids on July 28th. He prepared a spreadsheet noting the company, equipment, border, safety surface, pictures, and prices with and without installation costs. Also asked for in the bid packets was what type of assistance would be available from the companies in terms of equipment and supervision, if the Village decided to install the playground on their own.

~ NuToys Leisure Products (Landscape Structures Equipment) offered a free supervisor for the first day and \$500 per day after that.

~ Parkreation (Little Tykes Equipment) offered a two-hour seminar, two days field support and technical assistance.

~ Zenon Company (Playcraft Equipment) had no comments.

~ Park and Recreation (Miracle Equipment) offered two days construction supervision, all necessary tools to construct the equipment including post hold digger.

Superintendent Huizinga said he spoke with our Water & Sewer Superintendent, Dan Hughes, and between the two departments they can install the playground in two days.

After reviewing all bids, Superintendent Huizinga recommends Park and Recreation Option #1 for \$50,000 and the Village employees will install it. Member Otto asked if it has ADA (American Disability Act) transfers. It does comply with ADA. Member Otto also stated that Schaumburg Park District has many Miracle Systems and they hold up very well.

Member Sepeczi made a motion to recommend to the Village Board we purchase Miracle Equipment Option #1. Member Conway seconded. All were in favor.

Member Otto asked Superintendent Huizinga if the Village had any waivers for volunteers to help with the install. The Village does have a liability release form. Member Otto said if the Village does need assistance, Parks Commission members would be willing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fund Raising – The Village Board is ready to approve the McHenry County Foundation Agreement and want to verify that the Parks Commission or a sub-committee will do the fundraising. Member Conway stated that the foundation would allow people to do a memorial fund. He would like to see it in the newsletter to let people know. Member Sepeczi suggested a letter writing campaign to corporations. After some discussion, Members Otto and Sepeczi volunteered to co-chair a fundraising committee. They asked to put in the newsletter a request for volunteers to serve on a fundraising committee.

The sledding hill dividers have been ordered and received. We will do one-third this year and put the balance in next year's budget. The upper one-third will be done first.

Superintendent Huizinga reported that the Village resubmitted the OSLAD grant application which included an additional \$40,000 for parks.

September 3rd will be Fox River Grove's inaugural Cycling Challenge. The race route is Ski Hill Road to Violet to Pleasant to Barberry to Norge.

It was suggested that any event held in Fox River Grove should include a donation to the Park Foundation. Also, 10% of each park permit should be donated to the foundation.

Member Otto will give Superintendent Huizinga information on field rentals and stated part of any rental should also go to the foundation. Any park use should give a donation to the foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Otto made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Member Conway seconded. All were in favor.

Kevin Cunningham, Chairman

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Secretary