

**PARK COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
October 11, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**RESIDENTS COMMENTS**

Mr. & Mrs. Zito and their son, Patrick, Cindy Cramer, resident in Hunters Farms and Vince Rosenthal, President of the Rec Council were in attendance.

**Patrick Zito** explained he would like to build park benches around the Foxmoor Ponds for his Eagle Scout Project. It will help make the park more inviting and could be used for fishing. He has about fifty people in his troop and will have a sign up sheet. One weekend they would build the benches and the second weekend they would install. This would be done in Spring 2007.

Superintendent Huizinga stated that the Village would donate the concrete and supply some of the tools. He said it would be preferred to use coated or stainless screws. He would like to have the holes dug during the week, because Village Staff is not always available on the weekends. The Village will assist with spreading the dirt from the holes.

Chairman Cunningham made a motion to approve Patrick Zito's Eagle Scout project. All members were in favor.

**Cindy Cramer**, 409 Morgan Lane, wanted to inform the Parks Commission that she presented the Village Board with a petition and pledge sheet of Hunters Farms and Victoria Woods residents to improve the playground in Hunters Farms. They would like to get a playground that is for all ages with a shelter. They have pledged over \$3,000. Cindy has also committed to work at fundraising with the Parks Commission members.

Superintendent Huizinga stated he had received some information about a fund raising program through Miracle Playgrounds called "Play Power Fun Raising". He will pass this on to Sheri Sepeczi and Dan Otto.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 9, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 9, 2006 was made by Bill Conway and seconded by Matt Pagels.** All were in favor.

### **PARKS**

**Team Use Permit** – Park use is different from field use. The Rec Council does not have insurance coverage if the players/team do not have permission to play on the fields. Also, fees are questionable. What do other towns charge? We do not want to be less, because everyone will try to play on our fields. Paint alone each week costs the Rec Council \$50 – they should receive a portion of the permit fees to help offset costs (insurance, fertilizer, paint for striping). **Member Cunningham made a motion to not approve this as presented. Members Conway and Bajorek seconded.** The Rec Council would like to have some input in this permit.

Superintendent Huizinga said there are only three weeks left for soccer. After that we can get together a field committee to investigate how other areas (Cary and Barrington) do this. The committee would consist of Rec Council President and Athletic Director, building and site person from the School District and the Administrator from the Village.

**Victoria Woods Conservancy Boundary Markers** – The Village is placing boundary markers in Victoria Woods. They will mark the open space. The Special Service Area is paying for the markers.

**Picnic Grove Park Restoration** – David Brooks did a nice job on the restoration plan and explanation. He showed the burning video. Trustee Figurski stated his concern about people with asthma and the smoke in the air. Member Conway volunteered his property to demonstrate a burn. He stated that when the Rec Council wanted to put a soccer field in the Picnic Grove, the Trustees all said they wanted the area to return to the natural savanna. You get the best results with a burn.

**Fundraising** – Member Sepeczi was not in attendance due to a family emergency and Member Otto was out of town on business, so it will be discussed further at our next meeting. It was mentioned to tell people that many employers have neighborhood grant programs and matching gift programs for donating to the playground. Check with their businesses.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

We should know by the end of November if we've received the OSLAD grant. The grant application includes paving, extended paths into the park, fence, security lighting, shelter and second phase of the playground.

Superintendent Huizinga stated that the McHenry County Oak Conservation Collaborative is offering small two to three foot oak trees that will be planted by youth groups in the county. There is no cost involved to the Village. They could be planted in Picnic Grove, Jaycee, Stanger and Foxmoor Parks. Everyone was in favor of participating in this.

The Village has purchased sled hill dividers to do the top third of the hill. This would be an ideal Eagle Scout project. We will put the remainder in next year's budget.

Superintendent Huizinga stated that the Picnic Grove Playground is moving along. The Playground Company is sending a supervisor for two more days assistance.

Chairman Cunningham stated that the Middle School Cross Country boys team won their conference meet and the girls were 2nd in theirs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Pagels made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Member Conway seconded. All were in favor.

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Kevin Cunningham, Chairman

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Date Approved

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Donna M. Brouder, Secretary