

**PARK COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
December 13, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

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

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Cindy & Tom Cramer, Charles Krueger, Paul Cysewski, James Hartshorn, Harold Henry, Brad Madison, all residents in Hunters Farms and Deborah & Ethan Kennicott, residents in Victoria Woods were in attendance. Also present was Kate Halma, Executive Director of McHenry County Community Foundation.

Cindy Cramer, 409 Morgan Lane, was representing the Hunters Farms and Victoria Woods subdivisions in the quest for an updated park. There are one hundred children in Hunters Farms and Victoria Woods and the children and families will greatly benefit by a new park.

Kate Halma, Executive Director of McHenry County Community Foundation gave a brief history of the foundation. It is five years old and is a designated 501C3. This allows individuals or corporations to make tax-deductible donations for specific causes or for groups to create a fund for specific purposes. The Village of Fox River Grove has created a Fox River Grove Park Fund. The Foundation invests in American Funds. You can view the Foundation's accounts and record keeping online.

The residents are looking for something similar to Lions Park. It was mentioned that shelters and gazebos could be a Scout project. The Cary-Grove Jaycees told the Village they are looking for a long-term project. The Village mentioned Hunters Farm Park. Resident Charles Krueger asked if it would be possible to "sell" the park to allow a company to have their name on it in exchange for a sizable donation. That would have to be a Village decision.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

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

PARKS

Park Use Permits – There is nothing new to report. There have been no meetings.

OSLAD Grant – Superintendent Huizinga reported that our application was denied. We are on a waiting list.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kate Halma – nothing more to mention.

Fundraising – Members Sepeczi and Otto stated they will put together a fundraising meeting after the holidays. Cindy Cramer has volunteered to be on it. Superintendent Huizinga had a flyer for Play Power Fundraising (selling cookies). Member Otto would rather concentrate in a specific area, such as corporate donations, rather than sell something like cookies.

Park Wish list - Chairman Cunningham stated that we should add a Hunters Farm shelter to our wish list for the Parks. Member Otto mentioned that there is an ideal spot near the end of the walking path for the shelter.

Comprehensive Plan - Superintendent Huizinga informed everyone they will receive a meeting notice to review the updated Comprehensive Plan. The Village would like to get their feedback.

Meeting Date - The next meeting is scheduled for February 14th. Member Sepeczi made a motion to change the date to February 13th. Member Otto seconded. All members were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Otto made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Member Sepeczi seconded. All were in favor.

Kevin Cunningham, Chairman

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Secretary