

**PARK COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
February 27, 2007**

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 and Michael Richardson. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Streets and Parks Jon Huizinga and Village Clerk Donna Brouder. Members Michael Bajorek and Sheri Sepeczi were absent.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Cindy Cramer, resident of Hunters Farm, handed out a fundraising letter and asked the Parks Commission to recommend approval of the letter to the Village Board. She also asked if there was a list of businesses. The members suggested calling the Chamber of Commerce and also mentioned Saturn & Wickstrom car dealers and Jasper San Filippo.

Member Cunningham stated that School District #3 has parents e-mail addresses and they could possibly send an e-mail regarding the fundraisers.

Ms. Cramer also informed them of two upcoming fundraisers. The first is April 22 at the Barrington Ice Arena from 3:15 – 5:00. The second will be June 3rd at Hunters Farm Park ~ A Walk in the Park. There will be stations along the trail and people will get sponsors for walking. There was also discussion regarding a “Concert in the Park” fundraiser at Picnic Grove Park. It would probably be a Saturday afternoon with music, possible car show, food concessions and possibly a volleyball tournament. The details are still in the works.

Superintendent Huizinga stated that Vince Rosenthal, President of the Rec Council gave him some information on a fundraiser. Turner Golf Tournament Services provides sports memorabilia items for fundraising activities.

PARKS

BASA/BYB – Member Bajorek was absent. There are a couple of Barrington teams interested in using the field.

Picnic Grove Restoration – There has been one workday. They cleared some areas on the east side of the sled hill. Another workday will be scheduled.

OTHER BUSINESS

Budget Prioritized Capital Items - Reviewed the Park Commission minutes for December 14, 2005 and January 30, 2006. Park improvements and funding were listed in these minutes. The Park Improvements & Priority List consist of the items that will make an impact for the largest amount of people ~

- Picnic Grove Playground – Done
- Picnic Grove Parking Lot – Started
- Picnic Grove Large Shelter (24' X 40')
- Picnic Grove Wooden Entrance Sign
- Hunters Farm Shelter
- Foxmoor Trail system to Algonquin Road School
- Lions Park & ARS swings replacement
- Shoreline restoration in all parks - Started
- Picnic Grove Park open play area
- Irrigation system at ARS soccer field
- Lions Park parking lot
- New trees in parks and native area restoration ~ Have done some of the trees and it has been approved to transplant the remainder this year.

It was decided to keep the same priority list. Then it was discussed park by park what they would like to see in the future.

Algonquin Road Park

Irrigation at big soccer field
Remove pile of fill dirt east of soccer field
Restripe basketball courts
Make an outside running track
Trails – some with lights, connect to Foxmoor
Extend cross country course into woods on new trails
Parking
Goalie practice nets

Foxmoor Jaycee Park

Lights on path
Connect trails to ARS and small trail off Asbury
Paved trails around ponds and between townhouse
Goose control
Shelter at Foxmoor Pond
Turf improvement

Hunters Farm

Shelter / Gazebo
Netting for foul balls
Bigger playground (for older kids)
Tables and benches
Bleacher shade trees
Asphalt limestone trail
Wetland Improvements
Relocate Portable toilets

Privacy trees / Landscape screen for park

Lions Park

Shoreline – losing some ground

Paving Parking lot

Swings – remove animal swings and upgrade swings

Playground upgrade

Basketball Court – due for seal coating

Old Baseball Backstop should be moved elsewhere (for a practice backstop)

Wetland restoration – clean-out invasive, plant natural habitat

Extend sidewalk from Beachway, also along South River Road

Lighting For flag pole

Maple Park

Shoreline Stabilization

Picnic Tables

North River Parks

Shoreline Stabilization

Picnic Grove Park

Shoreline Stabilization

New signage at entrance

Lighting for flag pole

Trails

Open field improvement

Native woodland restoration

Native prairie

Ski Hill Road Turnaround

Picnic Areas

New tree growth

Parking Lots (will be designated A, B, C, & D)

Clean up waterfront areas

Concession stand

Playground Equipment

Gravel Parking Lot Paving

Sled Hill Divider – started, will finish this year

Soccer Field

Shelters – at least two, one large with a fireplace

Clean up center circle (weeds? Parking?)

Superintendent Huizinga stated that the Picnic Grove parking lot, sled hill dividers, swings, split rail fencing to separate the playground and parking lot, and three covered picnic tables have all been added to the 2007/2008 budget for Park Improvements. Member Otto stated that there should be a paved walkway between the parking lot and playground for ADA accessibility. Superintendent Huizinga is aware of that.

Stanger Park

Upgrade swings

Replace tire swing

Victoria Woods

Trail system from Gardner Road through Norge Parkway to Village property.

Chairman Cunningham would also like to see a dog park in Fox River Grove.

The Park Commission’s goal is to have a complete plan for each park. Chairman Cunningham stated that with our priority list and fundraising goals in place, we are ready to have a Park Plan. The Village should consider hiring a consultant.

Picnic Grove Playground Dedication April 28, 2007.

President Laube would like to have a ribbon cutting at the new playground on April 28th. We would invite the newspapers and residents. Mark your calendars.

Superintendent Huizinga and Cindy Cramer have a meeting with Miracle Play Systems next week. They sent him a prospective playground plan (he passed out copies to all members) for Hunters Farm Park. This is the company that did Picnic Grove Park. The cost is approximately \$55,000 without chips and edging. It was asked if the park could be done in phases, but Superintendent Huizinga stated it is better to do the complete park. The gazebo could be the second phase.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

Member Otto made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2006. Member Pagels seconded. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Otto made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Member Pagels seconded. All were in favor.

Kevin Cunningham, Chairman

Date Approved

Donna M. Brouder, Secretary