

**PARK COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
October 10, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kevin Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were Members Bill Conway, Dan Otto, and Michael Richardson. Also in attendance were Streets and Parks Tech Mark Stockley, Trustee Cindy Cramer as Village Board Liaison, and Village Clerk Donna Brouder. Jane Bartolai, secretary for the Planning & Economic Development Commission attended for the Master Park Plan. Members Mike Bajorek, Matt Pagels and Sheri Sepeczi were absent

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

No residents were present.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 8, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Member Otto made a motion to approve the August 8th meeting minutes. Member Richardson seconded. All were in favor.

PARKS

Fox Fest – Streets & Parks Tech Mark Stockley reported that the Department is considering upgrading the electric from 50 amp service to 100 or 200 amp service at Kids Care Court. They thought everything went well and was spread out more than at Lions Park. There were some complaints about walking to the port-o-lets at the school parking lot. That really is the best location for them.

Trustee Cramer asked if we should look at other park locations to add electric and water. She asked if we had gotten any estimates yet for upgrading Kids Care Court. We haven't yet.

Park It On the Fox Fundraiser Report – Trustee Cramer said it was a great success. There was very positive feedback from participants ~ many suggested making it a weekly thing. The biggest expense was for signage and t-shirts. The remaining shirts are boxed at the Village Hall. They do not have any sponsor names on them, so they can be used for next year. Tin Man's sold food and drink, but he did not give any money back to the committee. He did let everyone use his bathroom, though, which was very much appreciated. We could possibly get a port-a-let next year in the parking lot. The fundraiser profit was \$1,212.28. Trustee Cramer would like to keep \$500 as start up money for next years event and send the remaining \$712.28 to the McHenry County Foundation earmarked for Hunters Farm Park.

Member Otto thanked Trustee Cramer and Chairman Cunningham for their hard work on this successful event. Definitely something that could be built on and done every year. There was

discussion on changing the date to earlier in the year. Saturday, June 14th was suggested and decided to check with Administrator Osten. August could then be the rain date.

Member Otto made a motion to recommend June 14th as a tentative date for the car show, verifying there are no conflicts with any of the other shows. Member Conway seconded. It was approved by a voice vote. Chairman Cunningham did not vote in favor.

Member Otto made a motion to recommend putting \$500 seed money into Special Events Car Show line item and remaining \$712.28 sent to the McHenry County Community Foundation for Hunters Farm Park. Trustee Cunningham seconded and all members were in favor.

Master Park Plan – Ms. Bartolai has completed the introduction and table of contents. She is waiting for approval from Superintendent Jon Huizinga and Administrator Osten.

She would like to add the history of the Parks Commission formation, who the members are and a little bit about what the Parks Commission does. Chairman Cunningham asked Jane to e-mail her the questions she has and he and his wife, Kathy will answer them. He also suggested contacting the FRG Recreation Council for more parks history.

OTHER BUSINESS

Status of Field Use Permits – Member Bajorek was not available to report. Trustee Cramer stated the Village would like to know the results of any requests for field use that are received by the Recreation Council. The Recreation Council receives and approves all permits and collects the fees. The Village needs to be copied on the insurance certificates. It was suggested to have Administrator Osten contact Rec Council President Rosenthal and ask them to copy the Village on any requests and the results. The Village should have a copy of the schedule.

Member Otto stated a golf outing next year would be a good fundraiser. The Village vendors should sponsor a hole.

Member Otto suggested that now that we have the McHenry County Community Foundation we need to set up a Board Foundation of residents to help raise money, make bylaws and are willing to work. We need to get some “Park Partners” who will give donations each year. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

At the December meeting we will review our wish list and finalize it in February. Has the swing set at Lions Park been replaced yet? Streets & Parks Tech Stockley stated he is still waiting for one more estimate. Also, the swings at Algonquin Road School should be replaced, too.

The next Parks Commission meeting will be December 12, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Otto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Member Conway seconded. All were in favor.

Kevin Cunningham, Chairman

Date

Donna M. Brouder, Secretary