

**PARKS COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 7, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dan Otto called the meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Chairman Dan Otto, Members Bill Conway, Jim McNutt, Mike Olencheck, Mike Richardson and Sherri Sepeczi. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Streets and Parks Jon Huizinga and Secretary Alison Dal Compo.

**RESIDENT'S COMMENTS—none**

Chairman Otto welcomed Village President Nunamaker and Trustee Joanna Colletti to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2011 MINUTES**

Member McNutt made a motion to approve the November 9, 2011 minutes as presented. Member Richardson seconded. All were in favor.

**PARKS**

***Public Works Report***—Superintendent Huizinga reviewed the highlights. The ice rink is being worked on. The sled hill is ready to go, and the lights will be checked regularly.

***Parks Master Plan Review—Lion's Park***—Superintendent Huizinga reported that he had added the aerial views and photos for each park.

***Picnic Grove Park***—Assistance is needed to downsize and prioritize the information available on this park, since there is a substantial amount. Member Sepeczi had sent the members an e-mail from a website regarding Picnic Grove Park. It contains history of the park, including how it started as a resort area. At one time a number of buildings were destroyed by fire. Member Sepeczi further stated that she would attempt to condense the pertinent information down as much as possible. Chairman Otto reported that the park had been bought and sold a number of times.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

***Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, 12/3***—Member Sepeczi and Chairman Otto were commended for their hard work. About 200 people attended. Member Sepeczi reported that the NorthWest Herald provided a video of the event. Member Conway added that the newspaper is now regularly doing video clips of various events. Village President Nunamaker stated that the horse and wagon ride was great.

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***St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser, 3/10/12***—Trustee Colletti had provided information that a permit is needed for the raffle from Cary. Member Sepeczi said that feedback on the date was positive.

Trustee Colletti suggested staggering the silent auction. Chairman Otto added that the more items that can be obtained for free, the more profit there will be. The silent auction was a big money maker the last time.

Member Sepeczi asked Superintendent Huizinga if one of the carousel animals from Lion's Park could be made available again.

Last year, a certificate for a round of golf, golf balls and Brunch Café certificates were among the donated items.

Superintendent Huizinga asked for an update on the bus idea. Member Conway said that the driver agreed, as long as he receives about a month's notice.

Chairman Otto noted the importance of doing advertising in a timely fashion. Perhaps notice of the event can be in the spring newsletter, and posted on the Village website. Trustee Colletti suggested an e-mail blast.

***Spring Creek Watershed Update***—Trustee Colletti reported that the committee is on hiatus from meetings. The field work is complete. Impairments were identified, such as salt and sediment. In all, twenty such impairments were listed. Superintendent Huizinga asked if a meeting with the stakeholders would be held prior to the IEPA. Trustee Colletti explained that part of the outreach is that public meetings must be held; the drain tile meeting was the first of those.

***Playground Improvements***—Member Sepeczi asked if there would be any money in the Village budget this year for playground improvements. This is not known at this time, as the 2012-2013 budget will not get approved until May of 2012. Superintendent Huizinga commented that Hunter's Farm's playground had been done this year. Member Sepeczi asked if the Stanger Park playground could be next.

Trustee Colletti reminded the members that the Jaycees have a long range fund of \$5,000 to be used at Jaycee's Park and possibly for other parks. Superintendent Huizinga reiterated the idea of a trail extension to meet up with the Jeffrey Clark trail. Member Conway commented that it seemed like a good idea to use the money at Jaycee's Park.

***VFW War Memorial***—Village President Nunamaker reported that the VFW is looking for a place to set up a war memorial for fallen ones originally from Fox River Grove. They would like a bronze plaque on a granite slab.

***Pathway Improvements***—Member Sepeczi asked if extra mulch could be added to the pathway at the end of Harding; she was told yes.

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*Screening of Port-a-Potties*—Member Conway asked for an update regarding the screening at Jaycee’s Park. Village President Nunamaker noted that the responsibility for this had been given over to CGYBA.

*Hunter’s Farm Park Field*—Superintendent Huizinga reported that the Rec Council and Cary Grove Youth Baseball are planning to work on the Hunter’s Farm ball diamond. Chairman Otto commented that the field has great potential if it gets skinned properly.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Sepeczi and seconded by Member Conway to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All were in favor.

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Dan Otto, Chairman

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Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

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Date Approved