



Village of Fox River Grove

PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES January 8, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Barnett called the meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Chairperson Seana Barnett, Members James Brouder, Angie Gunn, and Kelly Nemic. Member John Aogle was absent. Also present were Operations Manager John Reese, and Clerk Shelley Caesar. Member Elizabeth Hanahan joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

2. RESIDENT COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2024 MINUTES

A MOTION was made by member Nemic, to approve the October 2, 2024 meeting minutes. Member Brouder seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PARKS

A. PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

Operations Manager Reese presented the Public Works Monthly Report for November and December 2024. Highlights include:

November 2024:

Plowed and salted roads and sidewalks.

Posted no parking signs for Fire Department Turkey Raffle

Replaced faded No fishing signs at Lions & Picnic Grove Parks.

Holiday lights & decorations up.

Hung Cary-Grove Trojans banner.

Recreation Council locked up soccer goals for winter.

December 2024:

Managed two (2) community service workers from McHenry County

Set-up & cleaned-up Holiday tree lighting event.

Repainted twenty (20) faded park trash cans.

Removed fort & trash in woods at Foxmoor Park.

Ordered scenic drive sign for Plum Tree Rd that disappeared.

B. PARKS FUNDRAISER 2025 JUNE 20TH

Confirmed everyone is available and able to attend and help with the event on June 20th.

Member Nemic has calls into vendor Brothers BBQ. Has not been able to connect and will call again this week.

Village President Marc McLaughlin

Trustees Jennifer Curtiss / Devin Hester / Steve Knar / Andrew Migdal / Melissa Schladt / Kirsten Wall

Still need to find a loaner boat for the ski team performance.

C. CAPITAL BUDGET ITEMS FOR PARKS 2025

Operations manager John Reese shared the park items to be discussed at the 2025 Capital Budget meeting.

- Adding rip rap at Lions Park.
- Replacing five (5) playground items at Hunters Farm Park.
- Replacing small playground equipment at N. River Park 2, including the swings.
- Replacing all posts at both volleyball courts at Lions and Picnic Grove Parks.

D. OSLAD GRANT LIONS PARK

The Village of Fox River Grove received a OSLAD grant in the amount of \$600,000 to be used for the Lions Park Master Improvement Plan. The total cost for the project is estimated to be \$1.9 million. Fox River Grove and Woodstock were the only two municipalities in McHenry County to be awarded OSLAD grant funds.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Norge's winter ski jump tournament is scheduled for January 25th & 26th.

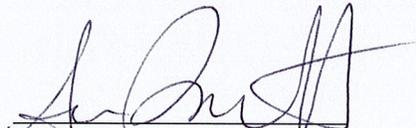
Jack Fiscus presented his Eagle Scout project to Operations Manager John Reese. The project entails building six (6) to eight (8) park benches to be located in some of the village's smaller parks.

6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday March 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Member Hanahan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by member Nemec. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Barnett at 6:50 p.m.



Chairperson, Seana Barnett



Village Clerk, Shelley J Caesar

3-5-2025
Date Approved