

**PINGREE GROVE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 21, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. at the Pingree Grove Village Hall (14N042 Reinking Rd. Pingree Grove, IL.)

Members present were: Bob Spieker, Chuck Pearson, Raul Lemus, Judy Stanhope, and new member Melissa Hirschbein. Judy Stanhope will take 06/21 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were unanimously approved from May 3, 2017.

MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Grant and Fundraising Opportunities

- Melissa brought up the idea of doing something with the theme of animals. Examples are:
 - Put your pet on our Facebook Page.
 - Petting Zoo at village event
 - Pet Parade at village event
 - 1K Race with Dogs: pet gets scarf, T-shirt, etc.
- Bob suggested we Piggy-Back 1K for dogs with Events Committee Event.
 - Events committee is having Fall Concert Series on September 10, 17, and 24 (Sundays at Centennial Park). We could set up a backdrop for photos.
- Melissa suggested Board Painting party. Judy will try to attend the June 30th party in Cambridge Lakes on June 30.
- Park Advisory Board should be able to advertise via new Pingree Grove Village Website and water bills.

B. Petco “Bark for Your Park” Grant Application

- When working on the Grant, these facts should be considered when telling our story:
 - Population of Pingree Grove is about 7400.
 - Estimated dog population is about 1250.

- Public dog parks in the area are a distance (Sleepy Hollow Schweitzer Woods, Kane County Forest Preserve, Lake in the Hills, Hoffman Estates).
- We live in a safe community where a high percentage of people live in multi-family housing (condos, row houses, town houses) where dogs do not have freedom to run.

C. Neighborhood Parks and Ballfields

- Raul questioned Park Bathrooms only being opened during ball games.
- Bob suggested signs be put up.
- Judy suggested benches at Skateboard Park.
- Bob suggested a walking path be made from Garden Plots (at Reinking and Wesler) to Police Station Area. Also parking area is needed at Garden Plots.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chuck has been working at taking out stumps to make new park area less dangerous, cutting stumps below ground level.
- Brush piles from clean-up have been hauled away.

NEW BUSINESS

- Village Land-Planner will do design for park (R. Campbell).
- A suggestion was made that park design should be put on Facebook.
- Bob suggested people could have plaques made in memory of someone be put at base of tree to be planted.
- Bob will keep the Park Advisory Board updated on progress.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 by Chuck, seconded by Raul.