

Mt Zion Parks & Recreation Commission  
Minutes  
November 22, 2022

The meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Chairman Melissa Hahn in the Village Hall Board Room.

**Roll call:** was taken; commissioners in attendance were Marianne Stenger, Brittani Garner, and Chairman Melissa Hahn. Bob Nichols was absent.

**Public Forum:** None.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Stenger to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting as presented, seconded by Commissioner Garner. Motion carried 3-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Director Wilson updated on the Village's proposed plans to redo the tennis courts at Fletcher Park, fixing the surface of the four northern courts and transitioning the two southern courts into three pickleball courts. A motion was made by Commissioner Hahn to formally recommend the restructuring of the Fletcher Park tennis courts as presented and seconded by Brittani Garner. Motion carried 3-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

**Non-Agenda items:** Director Wilson updated the Commission on the Splash Pad and Fletcher Park security camera installation. Chairman Hahn suggested that the Village advertise active camera recording to deter people from attempting vandalism.

Director Wilson disclosed upcoming scheduled events. The Holiday Light Contest is December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Nominations are accepted until December 18<sup>th</sup>. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting is December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m., with the Township Parade immediately following. Letters to Santa are accepted until December 19<sup>th</sup>. They can be delivered to Village Hall, but must include a return address to receive a response.

Director Wilson asked the Commission to brainstorm ideas for pocket parks at the future site of Dr. Chili Park. Chairman Hahn suggested a Zen Garden. Commissioner Garner mentioned the Japanese Garden and Idea Garden on the UIUC campus as inspiration for a Zen Garden. The Commission also plans to ask community members for ideas.

**Commissioner Items:** Chairman Hahn asked about upcoming fundraising plans in 2023. The Convention Center will host an event in Spring and allow the Parks & Recreation Department to use any profit toward a future project.

Commissioner Stenger shared appreciation from the community. She shared that news of upcoming classes and events that have been advertised on the bottom of water bills has been beneficial to residents that do not have access to internet, email, or text.

Commissioner Hahn reminded the Commission about Kent Hadden's suggestion at a previous meeting, regarding filling cracks in the already existing bike trail. Per Administrator Miller, the bike trail will continue to be repaired throughout 2023 and 2024.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Tiffany B. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Tiffany Wilson  
Director of Parks & Recreation