

Heritage & Outdoor Recreation Commission

August 28, 2019 - 6:30 pm
Lemont Village Hall
418 Main St. Lemont, IL 60439

Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Verify Quorum - Attendance:
Mark Pawlak, Jeff Rath, Dennis Voltarel, Gregg Vavra, Ryan Shaughnessy, Dan Ganzer, Sarah Alvestad, Dave Maher, Jim Helbling, Jeanette Virgilio

Sarah motion to approve minutes, second by Ryan – Motion carried, minutes approved

2. Chairman comments:
 - a. Jeanette may come after a meeting to review the project plan.
3. Action Items (General Discussion)
 - A. Planning for next Citgo grant application for Conservation group
 - Citgo grant has not been solidified. Turnover at Citgo caused lack of criteria for grant applicants.
 - Clear brush along canal heading East and continue picnic grove area has been set for direction from the commission.
4. Unfinished business
 - A. Canal planning (All)
 - a. Brush along edges cleaned up desired
 - b. New Peterson's development - any building specifications and drain pipe plans?
 - i. New downtown focus group (intent - create vision of downtown Lemont)
 1. Concept drawings on their website - mixed use - marabellallc.com
 - c. Bubblers need to be cleaned twice a day due to shallow area and amount of debris in canal
 - d. Jeannette to send information to Jason Berry and Dave Maher on who cleaned trees out of the canal.
 - i. Cal Sag watershed management program - avenue to do maintenance on the canal - Jeannette to send more information
 - ii. Pipe that was previously washed out has stayed in place - finer rock is being placed on main road on North side Pollyanna to bridge, also making one lawn mower sweep on each side of the trail
 - B. Update on River access (Sarah)
 - a. Land must be leased from MWRD
 - b. Village of Lemont must petition for a lease
 - c. Funding can be attempted by applying for a boat access grant from the DNR
 - d. DNR suggested volunteer based clearing effort

- e. The clearing would need to be maintained by the Village including erosion control (repeated volunteer effort)
 - f. 135-140 access points along the river
 - g. Monday, Aug 26 2019, Village approved engineering work which includes a parking lot and boat launch
 - h. Yak shack will provide crafts for paddling tours as long as the tour is full
- C. Drone footage for use by Village – No update
- D. Other – Update from Forge representative, Jeanette Virgilio
- a. Submitted permits to the village
 - i. Village provided grading permit
 - b. MWRD permit is requiring detention
 - i. 10 acres were thought to be open space
 - ii. Steel should be delivered end of October
 - iii. Area is cleared
 - iv. Creating vistas
 - v. Closing the trail down - caution tape - landscaper will be done this week.
 - vi. Once the graders are out there - south trail will need to be closed - pavilion open - trail closed to bridge
 - vii. Finish clearing access road mid to late September, dig foundations
 - viii. Towers up and in place before Christmas
 - ix. Targeting opening Memorial Day weekend - (MWRD permits may cause delays)
 - x. Primary trails, not all mountain biking trails in initial trail work
 - xi. Still designing containers and east side development

5. New Business

- a. PVC pipes for recycling fishing line idea - can we put these down by the quarries
 - i. <https://www.instructables.com/id/Fishing-Line-Recycling-Containers/>
 - ii. Mark emailed scout leaders

6. Audience Participation

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Jeff Rath, second by Dennis. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:35pm