



**MINUTES FOR VILLAGE OF PINGREE GROVE  
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Village Hall, 14N042 Reinking Road, Pingree Grove, IL, 60140**

**June 7, 2019  
7:00 pm**

1. Call to order: 7:00pm
  - a. Present were Bob Spieker, Charles Pearson, Steve Van Weil, Dan Schenone
  - b. Minutes Taker: Dan Schenone
2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (May 23, 2019): Approved
3. Meeting Discussion Items:
  - a. Bob Spieker introduced Steve Van Weil, a newly appointed voting member of the Pingree Grove Parks Committee (PGPC), to the present members.
  - b. Bob Spieker introduced Chuck Pearson as a recent appointed Board Member serving as liaison to the Village Board.
  - c. Bob Spieker gave high-level overview of park design and more in-depth overview of the pollination garden to Steve Van Weil in order to bring him up to speed on developments.
  - d. Main path in park that leads to the pollination garden. With the entrance to the forest preserve and the need to have a path wide enough to allow service vehicles to enter and exit the forest preserve, a new path will need to be made. It has been determined that the main path will run along the east side of the garden and will allow individuals to enter and exit the pollination garden using the main path. A request from forest preserve to make main path 12' wide to allow service vehicles the space necessary to move through the park.
  - e. Entrance to the pollination garden. The initial plan to have paver stones to be used in entrance has been ruled unfavorable in order to keep uniformity throughout the path. Ceremonial stones will be made available for purchase and can be placed in other areas of the park to be determined at a later date. Having the stones engraved with names for ceremonial purposes yet to be determined.
  - f. Watering the pollination garden: One solution was to bury a well for pumping water. Second solution was to use elevated rain barrels. Third suggestion was to work with Pingree Grove to determine possible use of water truck. Research will need to be conducted in order to determine costs of Rain barrels and water well.
  - g. Internal Path of Pollination Garden – A retaining wall will be needed to separate the mulch in the garden beds from the path. At first construction of path, the dirt that is cleared from the path will used to fill in the garden beds of the pollination garden.

- h. Center Pad for Pollination Garden: - Bid process will need to begin to obtain a contractor to excavate and pour center pad. Center pad to be 16' circle with sitting structure for people to sit. Design of sitting area yet to be determined.
  - i. Initial Marking of Pollination Garden: Bob Spieker, Charles Pearson, and Dan Schenone to mark borders of pollination garden within the park. Once complete, the members will be able to determine if there are other requirements needed for the garden.
- 4. Action Items: No Action Items
- 5. New Business: Potential help from Boy Scouts on project for the park. Gateway structure for entrance to forest preserve or help with construction of performance art stage were mentioned as projects that could incorporate the help of the Boy Scouts.
- 6. Old Business: No
- 7. Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 PM
- 8. Date of next PGPC meeting: Wednesday June 12, 2019