Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, June 27, 2017; a meeting of the Parks Committee was held this date at 6:00 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road, Chairperson McMahon presiding.

Call to Order. The following members were present: Chairperson Bob McMahon and Members Jim Anhalt, Mark Eisenberg, Jeff Letzter, Pat Mazzanti, Lloyd Simonson, and Randy Vinyard – 7. Also present for the Village were Trent Turner, Building & Zoning Officer; Judy Olson, Village Treasurer; Matt Wittum, Public Works Supervisor; Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk; and Tom Sanders, Chief of Police/Executive Assistant.

New Business. Discuss field maintenance at Pauline Pierce Park and determine course of action. The village received a resident complaint about the weeds in the ball field at Pauline Pierce Park. The Field Use Agreement with RBBA states RBBA is responsible for the repairing and restoring the fields. However, they have not been using the field as they are using Bennet Park in Richmond and Thelen Park. Member Vinyard, who is also RBBA President, stated his plan is to move baseball from Bennett Park to Pierce Park, Oak Valley Park and Thelen Park. After some discussion everyone was in agreement that the baseball mix will be removed from the field and replaced with top soil and seeded. RBBA can use the grass field as a T-Ball field.

Discuss Bleachers at Thelen Park and determine course of action. Several years ago, the Stateline Comets installed a set of large bleachers, which were acquired from another site, at Thelen Park. The Comets assumed responsibility for any repairs and to bring them into code compliance. At the May 3, 2016 Village Board meeting, Trustee Vinyard reported RBBA was committed to work with the Comets to install fall protection within 30 days of that date. The work is still not completed and barricades that the Public Works Department put up have come down multiple times. Chairperson McMahon said a decision needed to be made to either allow more time for the project to be completed, have the bleachers removed or cut them down to three rows to bring them into compliance. Inspector Turner said he has been working on the bleachers on his own time to help get them into compliance. The Comets organization has half of the $8,000 needed to make the repairs and they expect the other half to be collected during this season’s registration. Member Anhalt said he feels they should be cut down to three rows, thereby relieving the village of any liability. After some discussion, it was decided that the village would loan the Comets the $4,000 needed to get the bleachers fixed by the August 26 season start. More sturdy barricades will be put up to assure they are not being used until they are completed.

Public Comment. None.
Other Business. None.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Simonson moved, seconded by Member Letzter to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk