

**VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK, ILLINOIS**  
**201 Acacia Drive**  
**Indian Head Park, Illinois 60525**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**June 13, 2019**

*“Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2.06(3) minutes of the public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided and a record of the votes taken.”*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hinshaw

The regular meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive and was convened at 7:03 P.M. by Mayor Hinshaw

**ROLL CALL:** Sharon Allison, Village Clerk

**PRESENT (and constituting a quorum):**

- Mayor Tom Hinshaw
- Trustee Sean Conboy
- Trustee Shawn Kennedy
- Trustee Christian Metz
- Trustee Amy Wittenberg

**ABSENT:**

- Trustee Rita Farrell-Mayer
- Trustee Brenda O’Laughlin

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- John DuRocher, Village Administrator
- Robert Cervenka, Chief of Police
- Robert Kenny, General Counsel, Schain, Banks, Kenny & Schwartz
- Linda Merrifield, Deputy Village Clerk & Administrative
- Nick Tantillo, Cable Station Manager
- Tony Spinelli, Village Engineer

**VISITORS:** Approximately 60 Indian Head Park Residents and Others

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Sterigenics—Sterigenics is still closed. The EPA has monitored the level of ethylene oxide before, during, and after the closing of the plant. After the closure, the level of ETO was considerably reduced. The closure is a good thing for Indian Head Park.
- Additional Report on Sterigenics by John DuRocher: At a May 29, 2019, meeting at the Burr Ridge Marriott, further information was gathered. Regarding the cancer rate of those living for 70 years in Indian Head Park, one person in a million had a chance of getting cancer. Additionally, new legislation that passed in the state on May 31 makes it virtually impossible for Sterigenics to re-open. If they choose to do so, there are 10 hurdles that they or any company dealing with ethylene oxide would have to pass. Willowbrook has spent \$600,000 thus far in their quest to alleviate the Sterigenics situation. Indian Head Park will continue to monitor the issue.
- I- 294 Update—a slight adjustment has been made between Vine Street and Wolf Road which will better handle the configuration of the off ramp to Wolf Road. Also, there has been an alignment shift of the construction pattern which will ultimately be of use for The Triangle project. This is good news for Indian Head Park.
- Wolf Road Sidewalk—A study is in process to determine the potential of building a sidewalk along Wolf Road. A pedestrian review will be due in August. This will offer possibilities for a bike path, a sidewalk, or other. Wolf Road is a Cook County road. Such a project will likely take 3-8 years for total construction.
- Joliet Road Sidewalk—Presently there is consideration for a sidewalk on the north side of Joliet Road (which is the Indian Head Park side) from Wolf Road east to Willow Springs Road. Senator Collins is optimistic about this project which IDOT estimates to be about \$4 million. Joliet Road is a state road. With a recent infrastructure budget that was recently passed, Indian Head Park has access to \$175,000 to be used for land acquisition along Joliet Road as well as \$150,000 to be used for improved lighting.
- Plainfield Road Sidewalk-- Studies are in process for a sidewalk from the bridge to the frontage road. More info regarding this project will follow.  
Improving pedestrian/sidewalk access in the Village is 1 of 3 goals established by the Village Board.
- Vehicle Stickers—There has been significant disapproval from the seniors of IHP who object to the raise in cost of the vehicle sticker from \$50 to \$65 which is the amount paid by all residents. Those on fixed-income appreciated the \$15 discount.
- Com Ed—Their Reliability Survey of the Village was 99.6%. If anyone wants info about outages, etc., the report is available in the village offices.
- Police Car Cameras—A grant has been given by the state to our police department for the purchase of cameras for the police cars.
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—On August 8, 2019, our Village will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> year of existence. This date happens to fall on the same date as our August meeting. We shall consider a small celebration on that date. All are invited, particularly former Village Trustees and Board Members.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Within the Public Comments portion of the meeting, eighteen residents from Acacia, Wilshire Green, and Indian Ridge gave twenty-two public comments regarding their opposition to the Acacia Drive Roadway Improvement Project, specifically the sidewalks. One resident informed those present that the Lyonsville

Congregational Church recently voted to close their church because of low attendance. The church recently celebrated its 175<sup>th</sup> year of existence. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was part of the Underground Railroad.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **Motion to Establish Consent Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Wittenberg, seconded by Trustee Metz.

**Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0). Trustees Conboy, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay Votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O’Laughlin were absent.**

### **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.**

Moved by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Metz.

Financial report was given by Trustee Metz in the absence of Treasurer Garcia. Approval of Payables for the Period Ending May 31, 2019, in the amount of \$347,200.

**Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0). Trustees Conboy, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O’Laughlin were absent.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Approval of Task Order for the Engineering Service Agreement with the State of Illinois.**

Moved by Trustee Metz to approve the Task Order for the Engineering Service Agreement with the State of Illinois. The approval of this agreement allows for the Phase II study of the whole of the Acacia Drive construction project. Seconded by Trustee Kennedy.

**Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0). Trustees Conboy, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O’Laughlin were absent.**

### **B. Selection of Scope of Work for Acacia Drive Project, Including Installation of Sidewalks.**

Moved by Trustee Metz to move forward to Phase II of the Acacia Drive Construction Project. This opened discussion to select the options available for the construction of the Acacia Drive construction project. Move seconded by Trustee Kennedy.

Mayor Hinshaw discussed the responses of the comment forms and the petitions that have been received by the Village from its residents over the past several months. Approximately 89% of the approximate 275 comments and petitions have expressed an overwhelming “no” against building a sidewalk.

Village Engineer Tony Spinelli was asked by Mayor Hinshaw to talk about the options if this bill passes

at this meeting. He commented that the sidewalk would only take place on existing public property, not on private property. He discussed options referring to the width of the sidewalk. He informed the Board and residents that an affirmative vote must take place in order to send the report to IDOT which would ultimately give permission to proceed to Phase II of the project. IDOT could take up to 6 months to make a decision. In answer to Mayor Hinshaw's question about when this decision may be brought before the Board again, Mr. Spinelli stated that it would probably not be before December 2019. In response to Trustee Metz' concerns about landscaping, Tony stated that minimum impact would be sought and all options will be discussed during the design phase.

Trustees Metz, Conboy, and Kennedy offered comments with reasons expressed about how they ultimately came about their vote decisions.

**A roll call vote to move forward to the Phase II portion of the Acacia Drive Construction Project was taken. (3-1). Trustees Conboy, Kennedy, and Metz voted Yay. Trustee Wittenberg voted Nay. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O'Laughlin were absent.**

**C. Discussion of the State of Illinois Action Regarding Sale of Cannabis in Municipalities.**

Attorney Bob Kenny informed all that a Cannabis Bill was passed in the State of Illinois on May 31, 2019. The bill was signed by Governor Pritzker on June 12, 2019; it goes into effect on January 1, 2020. This law moves cannabis into recreational status. The law allows for some 770,000 people to have previous convictions for its use to be expunged from their records. Up to 5 plants can be grown in a home to be used for medicinal purposes. Villages are automatically enrolled. However, they can opt out of the program with regard to the sale or manufacture of the cannabis; but not for its use.

**D. Discussion of Franchising between Garbage Collection and Leaf Pick-Up Program.**

Village Administrator John DuRocher has been searching out the possibility of leaf pick-up—whether to pick leaves in the fall in-house, or franchise out the job to a local garbage collector. He is seeking info from the Board as to whether it wants him to pursue more information regarding leaf pick-up. The Board encouraged John to continue his pursuit.

**E. Application for Gaming License.**

Village Administrator John DuRocher has been approached by an IHP business that would like to get a Gaming License. Before a gaming license can be procured, the establishment must have a liquor license, also known as a "Pour" license. The Board has complete authority over who gets liquor and gaming licenses. John is researching the impact of the approval of a new license. A vote on this issue will likely be presented at the July meeting.

**F. Village-Wide Goals.**

Village Administrator John DuRocher also announced that Water Main repairs will begin next week starting with the staging of equipment at the designated sites. Road paving on affected areas will also take place. Ample warning will be given to residents prior to construction. Part of the cost will come from the water account; part, from the road account. It was also reported that, due to the Illinois bill that was passed to improve infrastructure in the State that IHP may benefit from some state grants for road repair. Since Wolf Road is a county road, it may get help with some much-needed repair.

## **REPORTS:**

### **TRUSTEES:**

**Trustees Conboy and Metz:** A meeting of the Heritage Center was held on May 22 at which time Fundraising ideas to coincide with the Village Anniversary were discussed.

**VILLAGE CLERK:** None

**VILLAGE TREASURER:** Absent

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:** None

### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

John DuRocher informed the assembly of Staffing Updates:

- Public Works Superintendent Karl O’Conner is retiring and will be sorely missed.
- Don Lorenzen will be the new Public Works Superintendent.
- 2 police officers recently moved on to bigger police departments.
- Andy Ferrini, a Public Administration graduate student from Northern Illinois University, will be working in the office (20 hours per week) while he continues studies.
- 2 interns from Lyons Township H.S. are working for Public Works for 25 hours per week.
- Jill Philipchuk has begun her part-time position as Office Assistant.

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** There were no major incidents in May. A great deal of officer training took place. PSAT is running smoothly. Trustee Metz questioned Chief Cervenka about house solicitations. He informed the assembly that selling newspapers or magazines, and charity work does not require a permit. Other solicitors need a permit and a background check. Contractors also need a contractor permit.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A resident requested clarification about a trustee’s absence in regard to the voting process. Another questioned the number of liquor and gaming licenses there are in the Village. She also commented about the way in which the sidewalk Comments sheets and Petition sheets were counted. Another sought clarification about solicitations and a call to the police. She also questioned the possibility of taking a trustee’s vote over the phone. Attorney Kenny said that it is not legally possible. Two others expressed their continued disappointment about the sidewalk construction.

**At 9:54 p.m. Trustee Wittenberg motioned to adjourn to Closed Session to review Closed Session Minutes per 5ILCS120/2c(21).**

**Motion was seconded by Trustee Conboy.**

**Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0). Trustees Conboy, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O'Laughlin were absent.**

**At 10:19 pm the meeting reconvened with the following in attendance: Mayor Hinshaw, Clerk Allison, Trustees Conboy, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg, Administrator DuRocher, Attorney Kenny.**

**At 10:19 P.M. Trustee Kennedy motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting; seconded by Amy Wittenberg. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Sharon Allison  
Village Clerk**