

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

July 11, 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, July 11, 2019, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive and was convened at 7:00P.M. by Mayor Hinshaw

ROLL CALL: Sharon Allison, Village Clerk

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

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

ABSENT:

- Trustee Brenda O’Laughlin

ALSO PRESENT:

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

VISITORS: Approximately 17 Indian Head Park Residents and Others

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Sterigenics—Sterigenics is still closed, but suing to reopen. Mayor Hinshaw and Administrator DuRocher are staying on top of the situation and will continue to give monthly reports.
- 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. Nothing more has been set regarding this move at this time.
- Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Bridge—a dedication ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 13, renaming the Plainfield Bridge crossing over I-294. In the future it will be named the Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Bridge.
- Village Anniversary—On Sunday, August 4, there will be a Car Show (a first for Indian Head Park) in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of Indian Head Park. This will take place in the parking lot at Wolf Road and Joliet Road between 2:00-5:00 P.M.
- Wolf Road Sidewalk—A study is in process to determine the potential of building a sidewalk along Wolf Road. A Master Plan chart is on display.
- Water Main Projects—the process of changing village water mains has started. Roads will be torn up for most of the summer. An October 15 date has been set for the completion of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Within the Public Comments portion of the meeting, two residents asked questions or expressed concerns about the sidewalk construction project on Acacia Drive. The Master Plan of sidewalk construction is also being a concern.

Sean Weston, pastor of Lyonsville Congregational Church addressed a rumor that surfaced at the June Village Board Meeting regarding closure of his church. Pastor Weston informed the body that the church had been in existence for over 176 years. In the 19th century, Lyonsville Church was a part of the Underground Railroad. Pastor also commented that, though the Church faces membership challenges, he stressed that the church is alive and active and has no intention of closing at this time. Pastor Weston states that he would be happy to communicate with anyone interested. Email—Pastor at Lyonsville Church.org.
Cell Phone—(708) 813-1590.

Village Pension—A resident questioned the pension report for retired village employees, the amount of which shows up on our Real Estate bills as 15% of total taxes. Administrator DuRocher answered this topic by referring to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The IMRF manages this account for most communities in the State. As the Village's population is under 5,000 the police department is included in this plan. The Village does not have a choice to not participate in the IMRF plan. All questions regarding the status of the fund, including retired personnel (including police personnel) can be answered on IMRF Web site.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to Establish Consent Agenda

Moved by Trustee Farrell-Mayer, seconded by Trustee Wittenberg.

Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay Votes. Trustee O’Laughlin was absent.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

Moved by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Conboy.

Financial report given by Trustee Metz in the absence of Treasurer Garcia. Ending Balance for the period ending June 30, 2019-\$1,727,920.96. Payables for the Period Ending June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$291,961.11.

Re-appointment of Noreen Costello as Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring August 11, 2022. Thank you from Mayor Hinshaw to Ms. Costello for her past service.

Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustee O’Laughlin was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Discussion: Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County--
Phase I Engineering Study—Wolf Road**

Administrator DuRocher discussed the agreement with Cook County regarding the Wolf Road sidewalk/pathway feasibility project. Because there is a floodgate of tax money available due to the recent infrastructure legislation, the Village is attempting to take advantage of state money to pay for the majority of a feasibility study. The sidewalk would extend from 72nd Street to the Ashbrook sidewalk. This would allow for direct walking the three miles from 72nd Street to the train in Western Springs. In addition, the Flagg Creek Condo Association has offered to donate money to carry out this extension which would be beneficial to their condos, especially the safety of their children going to Pleasant View School. More information will become available at the August Board Meeting.

**B. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County—Road Repairs—
Wolf Road Ordinance 2019-13**

Motion moved by Trustee Metz to pass, subject to Attorney Approval of Form, Ordinance 2019-13, an ordinance allowing for the entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County for Repairs to Wolf Road. Seconded by Trustee Wittenberg.

Administrator DuRocher informed the Board that he had been working with Highway Superintendent John Yonan to expedite repair of Wolf Road. Yonan recommended that the Village pay for the work (perhaps from the same road work company that is presently working on the water main projects); then, have the county refund the cost of the work to the Village. Attorney Brankin informed the Board that

the cost would be slightly more than \$64,000.

Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustee O’Laughlin was absent.

C. Approval of an Additional Class EE Liquor License for 7-11 Ordinance No. 2019-14

Motion moved by Trustee Farrell-Mayer to pass Ordinance 2019-14, an ordinance creating an additional Class EE Liquor License for 7-11. Seconded by Trustee Kennedy.

Administrator DuRocher stated that what 7-11 really wants is a gaming license. But, in order to get a gaming license, a business must have a “pour” license from the state. This allows for serving beer and wine. But an area would need to be cordoned off in the store to serve liquor (so as to avoid under-age drinking). The Village has total control of the number of liquor licenses that can be distributed.

A discussion ensued among the Board regarding resident comments about too many gaming facilities (there are now 6 in the Village); about whether one needs to drink in order to gamble; about who owns the property; about discussing the matter with Briar Place.

Motion carried by roll call vote (3-2). Trustees Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. Trustees Conboy and Farrell-Mayer voted Nay. Trustee O’Laughlin was absent.

D. Approval of an Additional Gaming License for 711, Ordinance No. 2019-15

Trustee Metz made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-15, an ordinance creating an additional Gaming License for 7-11. Trustee Wittenberg seconded it.

Motion carried by roll call vote (3-2). Trustees Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. Trustees Conboy and Farrell-Mayer voted Nay. Trustee O’Laughlin was absent.

E. Approval of Master Sidewalk Plan

Discussion was held regarding a Master Sidewalk Plan for the Village. (Chart was displayed.) Presently Administrator DuRocher is seeking grant money for projects relating to sidewalks on Plainfield (adjacent to the bridge), to Wolf Road (in dealings with the state and the county), and to Joliet Road (on the north side east to Willow Springs Road and a crossing site crossing the street at Briar Place and Tony’s). No agreement has been made at this point to connect Acacia with Wolf Road. In response to an earlier question by a resident, Mayor Hinshaw stated that the Village cannot provide sidewalks in Old Town at this time.

Motion moved by Trustee Metz to accept the presented sidewalk plan. Seconded by Trustee Farrell-Mayer.

Mayor Hinshaw made several comments regarding the sidewalk plan. In response to an earlier question by a resident, he stated that the Village cannot provide sidewalks in Old Town at this time. This may be a possibility in the distant future but not at the present time while all other projects are in process.

The Mayor also commented on his recent conversation with Barbara Weyrick, township assessor, who at a previous Board meeting stated that statistics indicate a loss of property value when sidewalks are added. Ms. Weyrick told Mayor Hinshaw that she did not locate such statistics. Mayor Hinshaw also addressed the audience stating that he feels that the Board does listen to comments from the residents regarding the sidewalk issue. It has heard such comments and is working hard to establish compromises.

Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustee O’Laughlin was absent.

REPORTS:

TRUSTEES:

Trustee Farrell-Mayer—She is the new liaison from the Board to the SEASPAR program. She recently met with Matt Corso, SEASPAR representative. The next movie will soon be determined.

Trustee Metz—He introduced Sharon Kolinowski from the Heritage Center Committee who presented T-shirts and Tote Bags that have been designed to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Indian Head Park. The items Are for sale at the library and the village hall. Also for sale at the library is the honey that was harvested From the Heritage Center bee hives from last summer.

VILLAGE CLERK: None

VILLAGE TREASURER: Absent

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Brankin stated that he will present the IGA report to Cook County **ASAP** in order to bring back to the next Board Meeting.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

- Water main replacement is actively taking place in Old Town. If anyone has complaints about work in progress, please call the Administrator or use the Village Portal website.
- The Acacia Phase I Report should be submitted to IDOT by the end of July. The Feasibility Report should be available by mid-August. The Phase I Study with Cook County regarding Wolf Road has been submitted. It should take about 6-9 months and cost between \$200,000-250,000.
- The new Welcome to Indian Head Park sign in Arrowhead Park at the north end of the Village is now in place. Landscaping will be done in the fall. The sign was paid for by the Indian Head Homeowners Association (from a donation made around 7-10 years ago) as well as about \$2,000 from Village funds.
- In conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of IHP, a first-time Car Show will be held at the Indian Head Plaza on Sunday, August 4, between 2:00-5:00 P.M. This project is being spearheaded by Commander Karmia of our Police Department.
- There have been 2 water main breaks in the village over the past few weeks. It costs between \$5000-10000 per break (not counting the water). This is why we have such an aggressive Water Main project in process.
- A computer glitch caused an overage of \$24 on the single-meter residences in IHP this past billing process. The error was discovered and will be corrected in the next billing period.
- The Plainfield Bridge will be renamed The Kelli Joy O’Laughlin Memorial Bridge in a ceremony this Saturday, July 13, at 9:00 A.M.
- We have received a preliminary economic potential interest from a high-end car wash company regarding space in the Triangle. More information will follow.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Cervenka reported that a great deal of officer training took place in the month. Presently the force is down 2 full-time officers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Several residents questioned the time line of the various phases of the sidewalk project. The Board reminded all that the project would not start until 2022. Another resident questioned the amount of money available in the water and sewer account. Trustee Metz stated that the treasurer's report indicates \$313,000 at the present time. Another question about total cost of the Acacia sidewalk: how much has already been paid to the engineering firm, etc.? Administrator DuRocher reiterated that IHP will pay 30% of the total cost—about \$350,000.

Trustee Farrell-Mayer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wittenberg.

Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustee O'Laughlin was absent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

**Sharon Allison
Village Clerk**