

**VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK
201 ACACIA DRIVE
INDIAN HEAD PARK, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

Thursday, August 10, 2006

7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER -RICHARD F. PELLEGRINO, MAYOR

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, August 10, 2006, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard F. Pellegrino. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

II. ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard F. Pellegrino
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Administrator
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Patrick Crowley, Chief of Police
Nick Grapsas, Counsel, Quinlan & Carroll, Ltd.
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Trustee Richard S. Andrews
Steven M.Busa, Treasurer

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Pellegrino and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

IV. PRESENTATION OF WEST SUBURBAN CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP TO INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENT KRISTIN ROSNER BY BERKELEY CHIEF OF POLICE, TIMOTHY GRIFFIN

Mayor Pellegrino stated that he was contacted by Timothy Griffin, Chief of Police, from the Village of Berkeley about six weeks ago and asked if he could present a scholarship award to a resident of Indian Head Park.

Mayor Pellegrino and the Board of Trustees welcomed Timothy Griffin, the Chief of Police from the Village of Berkeley, who is in attendance this evening to present a \$1,000 scholarship to Indian Head Park resident Kristin Rosner on behalf of the West Suburban Chief's of Police Association. Chief Griffin stated that there were approximately thirty-five (35) applicants and Kristin Rosner was selected to receive a scholarship for her outstanding academic achievements. Kristin has been on the honor roll for four years, she is a member of the french honor society, she was named student of the month, she participates in track and field, cross country and was on the student council's executive board at Lyons Township. Kristin has also been accepted to Illinois State University majoring in Criminal Justice Sciences.

Mayor Pellegrino, the Board of Trustees and Chief Pat Crowley congratulated Kristin on receiving the scholarship from the West Suburban Chief's of Police Association and for achieving her academic accomplishments. Mayor Pellegrino noted that Kristin's scholarship is not only a point of pride for the entire community but also for her family.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution Calling for the Submission to the Electors of Indian Head Park to Vote Upon the Question of the Imposition of a Municipal Sales Tax (Resolution #R8-06-1)

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier to approve the consent agenda item as presented for Board approval. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Aye: Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nay: None

Absent: Andrews

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

N *Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting -- July 13, 2006*

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve the July 13, 2006, Board meeting minutes, as amended. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

VII. MAYOR'S REPORT -- STATUS UPDATE REPORT REGARDING PLAINFIELD

ROAD PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY

Mayor Pellegrino stated that Trustee Matt Walsh has done an excellent job in shepherding the issue of a pathway along Plainfield Road and he asked Trustee Walsh to provide the Board with a report. Trustee Matt Walsh stated that he asked Dave Vandervelde, from Christopher Burke Engineering, to be present this evening to give a presentation about the Plainfield Road pathway project and to discuss the preliminary plans for the project. Trustee Walsh noted that a cost estimate for the Plainfield Road pathway project has been distributed to the Board for review and the estimated cost for the project is approximately \$212,000, which excludes engineering costs. Dave Vandervelde stated that the estimated engineering costs in connection with this project would be approximately \$25,000. Trustee Walsh stated that the goal and focus is to keep the project as close to the dollar amount that Dartmoor Homes has contributed to the Village (\$175,000) for the Plainfield Road pathway project; various general contractors may possibly be contacted to determine if they can complete the project for less and the Township will also be approached to determine if they are willing to make a contribution to assist the Village with this project.

Dave Vandervelde, from Christopher Burke Engineering, provided an overview of the Plainfield Road pathway project. He noted the following: (1) the contract plans for the project have been completed; (2) a cost estimate was developed for implementation of the project; (3) the scope of the project entails staying within Cook County right-of-way; (4) there is an existing ditch system to work around; (5) portions of the project have a curb and gutter system but for the most part there are rural sections of the project (no curb and gutter) and the pathway must stay ten-feet (10') from the traveled way of Plainfield Road while working within a narrow environment to make the project work; (6) piping is dictated for the project in almost all the ditch areas on the south side of Plainfield Road; (7) the cost estimate for the project is approximately \$212,000 and usually a pathway project would be about \$70,000 but because of the piping, rolling topography and the ditch systems, the cost of the project increases; (8) preliminary plans for the project have been submitted to the Board for review and input; (9) the preliminary plans will need to be submitted to the Cook County Highway Department for their permission to build a pathway system on Plainfield Road; (10) the Cook County Highway Department is very user friendly, they work well with Villages to review plans for various projects in a timely manner and no problems are anticipated; however they do have a schedule to follow.

Trustee Walsh stated that it is important to note that Dave Vandervelde mentioned that piping of the ditch areas will help to facilitate the pathway with the least amount of intrusion on property owners along Plainfield Road and the drainage system along Plainfield Road will be improved as well as the topography of the area. Trustee Walsh further stated the Plainfield Road pathway project may also enhance the property values of the homes along Plainfield Road by improving the drainage system. Trustee Walsh stated that the Board has contemplated closing Indian Wood Lane but the closure of that street was not shown on the plans.

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plans for the Plainfield Road pathway project, and if that decision has been made by the Board, it can be incorporated in the plans before they are submitted to the Cook County Highway Department. Trustee Coleman inquired if permission is needed from Cook County or anyone else before the Board would decide to close Indian Wood Lane. Dave Vandervelde stated that county approval is not needed; however, the fire department should be contacted to make sure there is adequate access to that area. Mayor Pellegrino stated that comments received from residents are that they are in favor of closing Indian Wood Lane and since the plans are in preliminary form, the closure of that street should be shown in the plans. He added that if it is determined at a later date that the street needs to remain open, the Board can revisit that issue. Trustee Walsh stated that he spoke with Fire Chief Dan Hermes from the Pleasantview Fire Protection District and he indicated there would be no problem with closing Indian Wood Lane provided that emergency vehicles could access that closed roadway. Mayor Pellegrino inquired if Fire Chief Hermes indicated that access would be needed for emergency vehicles similar to Ashbrook Development. Trustee Walsh stated that access would not have to be that complex, but no benches or trees could be placed in the area where the street is closed to allow for emergency vehicle access across the grass areas or sidewalk, if needed.

Dave Vandervelde stated that he has an application this evening that is ready to be submitted to the Cook County Highway Department with the preliminary plans, subject to a signature on the form by a Village representative. Counsel Nick Grapsas indicated that the forms for the project may be signed by the Village President to be submitted by Dave Vandervelde.

Mayor Pellegrino noted that he is pleased to announce that on Tuesday evening the Township of Lyons awarded the Village of Indian Head Park with a grant in the amount of \$7,500 to be applied to the Heritage Center parking areas and collateral improvements at the Heritage Center. Mayor Pellegrino noted that the funds were allocated by the Township from their senior budget and the money will certainly help the community center which also serves as a library. Mayor Pellegrino thanked Supervisor Pat Rogers as well as the entire Township Board for their generous donation and continuing support of community projects in Indian Head Park.

Mayor Pellegrino reported that Brian Bailey, one of our Planning and Zoning Commissioners, was kind enough to deliver to the Village a plaque from the Pleasantdale Little League for the Village's support and sponsorship of little league in the community.

VIII. ZONING AGENDA ITEMS -- CHAIRMAN DENNIS SCHERMERHORN
(Questions and/or comments from the audience allowed after zoning report (s) and prior to vote (s))

Petition #154 -- Petition for rezoning of the Vacant Land Owned by the Village of Indian Head Park from R-1 Residential to B-3 Business District

- A. Motion to Receive Report**
- B. Motion to Approve Ordinance Granting Rezoning (Ordinance #06-13)**

Chairman Schermerhorn reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing

on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 to consider a petition submitted by the Village of Indian Head Park Administration to rezone vacant property located on the west side of Vine Street from R-1 Residential to B-3 Business District. Chairman Schermerhorn noted: (1) the Village recently purchased the property and wishes to rezone the property consistent with other properties in the surrounding area; (2) the subject property is surrounded by property zoned B-3 to the north and south, and R-1 to the east on the east side of Vine Street; (3) the zoning change is consistent with the Village plan for the area; (4) there were no audience comments or written objections entered into the record pertaining to this zoning change. Chairman Schermerhorn stated that after the Commission reviewed the findings of fact, the Commission voted to recommend to the Village Board without conditions to accept the petition as presented to rezone the subject property from R-1 to B-3. The vote was four in favor of granting the rezoning with three commissioners absent.

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to receive the report from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a petition for rezoning of the vacant property owned by the Village of Indian Head Park on the west side of Vine Street, Indian Head Park from R-1 Residential to B-3 Business District. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Lenore Halac, of Blackhawk Trail, asked the Board if there are certain plans for the property that is being rezoned from R-1 to B-3. Mayor Pellegrino stated that there has been no determination on future plans of the property and the Board is requesting rezoning of the property to be consistent with other collateral parcels in that area and to be consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to approve the ordinance granting the rezoning of the vacant property owned by the Village of Indian Head Park located on the west side of Vine Street, Indian Head Park from R-1 Residential to B-3 Business District. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1). **Ordinance #06-13.**

Aye: Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh

Nay: None

Absent: Andrews

Petition #153 -- Petition for Variation from Title 17, Zoning, of the Municipal Code and an Amendment to the Acacia Planned Unit Development for the Property Located at 26 Stonehearth Lane, Indian Head Park

- A. Motion to Receive Report**
- B. Motion to Approve Ordinance Granting a Variation and an Amendment to the Acacia Planned Unit Development to Allow for the Construction of A Deck at 26 Stonehearth Lane (Ordinance #06-14)**

Chairman Schermerhorn reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing

on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 to consider a petition for a variation and amendment to the Acacia Planned Unit Development submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Simich, the property owners of 26 Stonehearth Lane, to allow for the construction of a new deck. Chairman Schermerhorn noted the following: (1) the property owners are interested in remodeling the exterior of their townhome unit to replace an existing concrete patio with an above grade deck; (2) the deck would extend beyond the entire width of the home and extend out from the building fourteen-feet (14'), approximately to the edge of the existing patio; (3) the townhome has one common wall. Consequently, side yard setbacks cannot apply, and the rear yard definition in the ordinance is already voided by the Planned Unit Development definition; (4) there were no residents in attendance at the public hearing that objected to the petition for an amendment to the Planned Unit Development and variation for the subject property and one written objection was entered into the record; (5) the Planning and Zoning Commission members voted unanimously in favor (4 in favor, none opposed and 3 absent) to recommend that the Village Board approve the requested amendment to the Acacia Planned Unit Development and variation subject to the following terms and conditions: the basement window well must be covered with a grate that allows exit from the basement; the deck shall not be screened in and shall remain open, the gas meter must remain visible and accessible and the petitioner must provide a completely dimensioned plan of the deck for review by the Building Department prior to the issuance of a building permit.

Mrs. Simich stated that she will comply with all of the requirements set forth by the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Board of Trustees and is in the process of trying to locate another contractor to complete the deck exactly as presented to the Commission for review and approval due to difficulties with the previous contractor that is not willing to honor the original contract for the work to be completed.

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to receive the report from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding an amendment to the Acacia Planned Unit Development and variation to Title 17, Zoning, of the Municipal Code to allow for the construction of a deck at 26 Stonehearth Lane. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Trustee Bermier moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to approve the ordinance granting a variation from Title 17, Zoning, and an amendment to the Acacia Planned Unit Development to allow for the construction of a new deck at 26 Stonehearth Lane, subject to the terms and conditions set forth by the Planning and Zoning Commission and subject to review and approval by the Building Department that the deck meets all requirements of applicable Village codes. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1). **Ordinance #06-14.**

Aye: Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh

Nay: None

Absent: Andrews

Mayor Pellegrino stated that the Board may possibly revisit the matter of licensing contractors who perform work in the Village of Indian Head Park. Trustee Bermier stated that the Board did implement licensing contractors at one time who work in Indian Head Park.

IX. QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM INDIAN HEAD PARK

RESIDENTS/PROPERTY OWNERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lenore Halac, of Blackhawk Trail, stated that vines are overgrown on the east side of Wolf Road between Joliet Road and the north entrance of Acacia. She asked if the vines will be trimmed. Superintendent Santen stated that he would contact the Cook County Highway Department to bring to their attention the need for trimming of the areas on the east side of Wolf Road. Lenore Halac stated that one of the areas in front of her house was checked by the mosquito abatement district for mosquito larvae and she asked if there is a problem in the area. Superintendent Santen stated that the Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District routinely checks many areas of the Village on a weekly basis for mosquito larvae and they treat areas on a weekly basis. Lenore Halac inquired if the Village's audit has been completed. Mayor Pellegrino stated that the draft audit is completed and the Village is awaiting a final draft report.

Trustee Coleman reminded everyone that Saturday September 9th is the date of the concert in Blackhawk Park as well as a movie in the park.

Mayor Pellegrino and the Board of Trustees welcomed back Chief of Police Pat Crowley and stated it is good to have our Chief of Police back on board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:10 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary