

Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525

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**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, October 12, 2006**

**7:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER -PRESIDENT PRO-TEM MATTHEW WALSH**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 12, 2006, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Matthew Walsh. Deputy Clerk Kathy Leach called the roll as follows:

**II. ROLL CALL: KATHY LEACH, DEPUTY CLERK**

**PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):**

President Pro-Tem Matthew Walsh  
Trustee Richard Andrews  
Trustee Debbie Anselmo  
Trustee Anne Bermier  
Trustee Carol Coleman  
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Frank Alonzo, Administrator  
Steven M. Busa, Treasurer  
Patrick Crowley, Chief of Police  
Nick Grapsas, Counsel, Quinlan & Carroll, Ltd.  
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent  
Dave Vandervelde, Christopher Burke Engineering

**NOT PRESENT:**

Mayor Richard F. Pellegrino (prior professional commitment)  
Joseph Consolo, Village Clerk (prior personal commitment)

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

President Pro-Tem Matthew Walsh, the Board of Trustees and Hope Walsh 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. CONSENT AGENDA

- , *Resolution Authorizing Disposition of Certain Records Pursuant to Section 2.06 (c) of the Open Meetings Act (Resolution #R10-06-1)*
- , *Proclamation Honoring Frank and Jo Ann Accardi*
- , *Reappointment of Brian Bailey as Commissioner to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term ending August 12, 2007*
- , *Reappointment of Frank Alonzo to the E-911 Board for the term ending October 13, 2007*
- , *Reappointment of Earl O'Malley as Commissioner to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term ending September 9, 2008*
- , *Ordinance Authorizing Sale/Disposal of Personal Property owned by the Village of Indian Head Park (Ordinance #06-15).*

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Andrews to approve the consent agenda items as presented for Board approval. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*  
*Nay: None*  
*Absent: None*

#### V. FINANCIAL REPORTS - TREASURER STEVEN BUSA

- Financial Report for the month ending August 31 , 2006*
- Financial Report for the month ending September 30, 2006*

Treasurer Busa presented the financial reports for the months ending August 31, 2006 and September 30, 2006. For the month of August, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$278,044.87; (2) expenditures were \$259,097.98 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of August were \$753,772.42. For the month of September, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$391,319.15; (2) total expenditures were \$276,185.90 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of September were \$875,723.93. Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the financial reports for the months ending August 31, 2006 and September 30, 2006, as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*  
*Nay: None*  
*Absent: None*

#### VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

##### **N** *Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - September 14, 2006*

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Andrews, to approve the September 14, 2006, Board meeting minutes, as amended. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

#### VII. ZONING AGENDA ITEMS – CHAIRMAN DENNIS SCHERMERHORN

**(QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ALLOWED AFTER ZONING REPORT (S) AND PRIOR TO VOTE (S))**

**ZONING REPORTS, BOARD CONSIDERATION AND VOTE REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**Petition #155 – Petition for an Amendment to the Planned Unit Development and Variation for the Property Located at 6425 Apache Drive**

Chairman Schermerhorn reported that a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 to consider a petition that was presented to the Commission by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kehle regarding their property located at 6425 Apache Drive. Chairman Schermerhorn noted the following: (1) Mr. Kehle stated that he was conducting extensive remodeling to the rear of his residence that did not require a variance. However, he wishes to expand his current two-car garage structure to a four-car garage. The current two-car garage is under the house and an additional two-car detached garage attached by a walkway is being proposed with an extension into the rear yard setback of approximately 16.2' and a required rear yard of 78.6'; (2) the property owner indicated that he would have to remove three or four pine trees and possibly one oak tree that is leaning towards the house in order to expand the garage addition; (3) the property owner attempted to design the plan for the garage so that it would be in architectural harmony with the existing residence and to have the least visible impact on the adjacent property owner; (4) Mr. Kehle pointed out that his rear yard is heavily wooded to screen the addition from the adjacent neighbors and; (5) there were no audience comments or written objections entered into the record regarding this zoning petition; (6) the Commission members noted that the request presented an incursion of approximately 20% into the rear yard setback and there was a concern as to the precedent that may be established if the variance was granted without a showing of significant circumstances. The Commission further discussed the unique characteristics of the proposed construction and the attempts at mitigating impact to the neighbor. Chairman Schermerhorn stated that after a review of the findings of fact concerning this petition, the Commission members voted to present a recommendation to the Village Board without conditions as follows: (3 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 absent).

***A. Motion to Receive Report***

Trustee Andrews moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to receive the report from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a petition for an amendment to the Planned Unit Development and variation for the property located at 6425 Apache Drive regarding a proposed addition to the residence. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

Trustee Andrews stated that in connection with approving the ordinance; the Board is presented with a revised site plan which modifies the requested rear yard variance for the property located at 6425 Apache Drive. He noted that Mr. Elliott, the builder for the property owner, is present

this evening. Mr. Elliott has modified the plan and redesigned the garage so that the rear yard encroachment will not exceed 12' 6". Trustee Andrews stated before the meeting; Counsel Niewiara prepared an ordinance regarding this zoning matter and a correction was made to the ordinance as follows: Section 1 of Ordinance #06-16: "to allow for the construction of a two-car detached garage resulting in a rear yard incursion not to exceed 12' 6" as depicted on the plan submitted to the Village Board of Trustees on October 12, 2006." Mr. Elliott signed the revised plan, as amended.

***B. Motion to Approve Ordinance Granting an Amendment to the Planned Unit Development and Variation for the Property Located at 6425 Apache Drive***

Trustee Andrews moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to approve the ordinance granting an amendment to the Planned Unit Development and variation for the property located at 6425 Apache Drive, as amended. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0). **Ordinance #06-16.**

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

**Petition #156 – Petition for an Amendment to the Planned Unit Development and Variation for the Property Located at 6469 Apache Drive**

Chairman Schermerhorn reported that a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 to consider a petition that was presented to the Commission by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones and LaMantia Construction for the property located at 6469 Apache Drive. Chairman Schermerhorn noted the following: (1) a representative from LaMantia Construction stated that he is proposing to convert an existing screened room at the rear of the residence to an all season room; (2) the footprint of the existing structure would not be enlarged; (3) there possibly was a variance granted previously for the existing structure sometime in the 1980's; (4) the existing foundation of the screened room is deteriorating and is in need of repairs; (5) LaMantia Construction also presented the Commission with four signed documents from adjacent property owners who supported the project; (5) there were no audience comments and no written objections presented to the Commission regarding this zoning petition; (6) the Commission members noted that the house was originally built at the maximum rear yard buildable area due to a drainage swale that runs across the front yard causing the extension of the original structure to extend into the rear yard setback; (7) the rear yard setback is 69.4' and the incursion of the existing structure into the rear yard from the rear of the house is seventeen-feet (17'). Chairman Schermerhorn stated that after a review of the findings of fact concerning this petition, the Commission members voted to present a recommendation to the Village Board without conditions as follows: (5 in favor and 1 absent).

***A. Motion to Receive Report***

Trustee Andrews moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to receive the report from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a petition for an amendment to the Planned Unit Development and variation for the property located at 6469 Apache Drive regarding an existing screened room

to be converted to an all season room addition. Carried by unanimous roll call vote. (6/0/0)

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

***B. Motion to Approve Ordinance Granting an Amendment and Variation for the Property Located at 6469 Apache Drive***

Trustee Andrews noted that the 45 Acres area of the Village is unique in that being a Planned Unit Development area; the requirements differ from lot to lot. He added that when the home was built at 6469 Apache Drive it could have been moved approximately fifteen feet closer to the street; and a variance would not have been needed. Trustee Andrews pointed out that in light of the drainage issues and the preservation of the trees on the property, a hardship was demonstrated and the recommendation is to approve the ordinance.

Trustee Andrews moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to approve the ordinance granting an amendment to the Planned Unit Development and variation for the property located at 6469 Apache Drive to allow for an existing screened room to be converted to an all season room addition. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0). **Ordinance #06-17.**

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

**Petition #157 – Petition for an Amendment to the Acacia Planned Unit Development and Variation for the Property Located at 73 Westwood Square**

Chairman Schermerhorn reported that a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 to consider a petition that was presented to the Commission by Marcia Fuhr and Bob Schuster for the property located at 73 Westwood Square.

Chairman Schermerhorn noted the following: (1) Mr. Schuster stated that he was proposing to remove an existing deck in the rear yard of the property located at 73 Westwood Square and to reconstruct the deck with an expansion of the deck area to include a lower deck level; (2) drawings were presented to the Commission showing the proposed deck construction indicating the new deck would not extend beyond the house farther than the existing deck; (3) the Acacia Association reviewed the proposed plans and provided a letter of approval; (4) there were no audience comments and no written objections entered into the record by the Commission concerning this petition; (5) the proposed deck would not extend beyond the current deck and the expansion would not interfere with adjoining neighbors. Chairman Schermerhorn stated that after a review of the findings of fact concerning this petition, the Commission members voted to present a recommendation with the following conditions to the Village Board: (1) that the deck will remain open and unscreened; (2) that the deck will not interfere with utility meter access and the deck will be constructed according to the requirements of Village codes. The Commission

voted as follows: (5 in favor and 1 absent).

***A. Motion to Receive Report***

Trustee Andrews moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to receive the report from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding an amendment to the Acacia Planned Unit Development and variation to allow for the construction of a deck at 73 Westwood Square. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

***B. Motion to Approve Ordinance Granting an Amendment and Variation for the Property Located at 73 Westwood Square***

Trustee Andrews moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve the ordinance granting an amendment to the Acacia Planned Unit Development and variation to allow for the construction of a deck at 73 Westwood Square. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0). **Ordinance #06-18.**

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

**VIII. QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS/PROPERTY OWNERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Al Krisciunas, of Briarwood Square, stated that a long power outage was experienced in Acacia and he asked if a cause has been determined by Commonwealth Edison. Frank Alonzo stated that the power outage was due to the severe storm that occurred in the area that covered a broad area. He added that many branches and trees were down in the surrounding areas due to strong winds.

A resident of Keokuk stated that evergreens and trees were planted along Keokuk about nine years ago and three evergreens and one tree was removed last year in this area because they died. She asked if the trees would be replanted in this area. Superintendent Santen stated that the trees needed to be removed due to destruction by beavers.

Jesse Cavanero, of 237 Cascade Drive, asked the Village Board if there is an ordinance limiting the number of dogs per household. She stated that her neighbor has four German Shepherd's living in a townhome, the dogs are unleashed, noise is occurring in the early morning hours and she has brought this matter to the attention of the Police Department. Trustee Bermier stated that Oak Park and other towns have an ordinance limiting the number of dogs; but Indian Head Park does not have an ordinance regulating the number of pets. Trustee Coleman asked if the Acacia

Association has any rules governing the number of pets. Trustee Walsh stated that the Acacia Association could set forth regulations regarding the number of animals. Trustee Walsh asked Trustee Bermier and Trustee Schnauffer if they could research ordinance regulations in other communities regarding the number of dogs per household. Police Chief Pat Crowley stated that he would follow-up on the matter.

Larry Brace, of 11285 Plainfield Road, stated that he is aware there is an ordinance regarding removal of trees on property and he asked if there is an ordinance that regulates the removal of dead trees on an adjacent property. Mr. Brace stated that a property owner on Sequoya has dead tree limbs that are falling onto his property. Trustee Bermier stated that there are ordinance regulations requiring a property owner to remove diseased or dead trees. Superintendent Santen stated that he and Bill McConaughy will visit the property and if it is determined that the subject trees are dead or diseased, the property owner will be notified.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustee Walsh stated the Village Engineer is present this evening to discuss the plans for the Plainfield Road Pedestrian Pathway Project, property owners will be given an opportunity to provide comments and the Village Board will be voting to accept the design plan and a motion will be presented to move forward on the project. Trustee Walsh provided the following report: (1) back in 1996 the predecessor Board had passed a resolution to install a pedestrian pathway along the south side of Plainfield Road; (2) there was support for the project at that time and a petition in favor of the project signed by over forty residents; (3) a letter was received at that time from the LaGrange Highlands School District in support of the project; (4) the funding issue did not go through at that time; (5) in 2004 and 2005, the issue came up again with the development of Dartmoor Homes. At that point the Board learned that Dartmoor Homes was installing a pathway on their side of the street; the Village was concerned that there would be many children crossing in the area to get to school and there would not be safe passage on both sides of the street;

(6) Dartmoor Homes was approached with the Village's concept and Dartmoor Homes was generous to offer a token of good will in the amount of \$175,000 towards the installation of a sidewalk on the south side of Plainfield Road in Indian Head Park; (7) the amount of \$175,000 was in addition to the \$500,000 donation that Dartmoor Homes committed to the Village of Indian Head Park over a five-year period; (8) the purpose of the proposed pathway was to provide a safe passage for both the children and adults who will be crossing Plainfield Road between the communities; (9) a concept was also proposed for an underpass beneath Plainfield Road to connect the communities which would allow people to cross between the two villages. The Village of Indian Head Park applied for a Federal grant in the amount of 1.5 million dollars which is still pending; (10) the Township of Lyons is also exploring the possibility of extending the pathway underneath 55<sup>th</sup> Street and 47<sup>th</sup> Street to allow passage to Spring Rock Park, bike paths and into the forest preserve areas; (11) in February, 2006, there were petitions signed by over thirty residents in support of the Plainfield Road Pedestrian Pathway Project and a petition signed by over twenty residents to close the entrance/exit from Indian Wood Lane to Plainfield Road. The concept in closing Indian Wood Lane is due to the Dartmoor Homes project and the entrance of that development which is located directly across from Indian Wood Lane. Trustee Walsh stated there was a concern that cars would be turning at the same time from Indian Wood Lane and the Dartmoor entrance to access Plainfield Road; (12) another concept was to have a

continuous pathway on the south side of Plainfield Road from Wolf Road to Frontage Road; (13) there are ten homes on Indian Wood Lane that would need to enter/exit on Frontage Road if Indian Wood Lane is closed. This concept was discussed with the Chief of Police as well as Pleasantview Fire Department; (14) preliminary plans were prepared by the Village Engineer and at that time it was realized that the cost would exceed the \$175,000. The Township of Lyons Highway Department and their representatives are granting funds in the amount of \$25,000 to the Village of Indian Head Park to complete the project; (15) two sets of plans have been drafted by Christopher Burke Engineering and Dave Vandervelde, the Village's Engineer, is present to discuss the proposed plans.

Dave Vandervelde, from Christopher Burke Engineering, stated that plans for the Plainfield Road Pedestrian Pathway Project are available for review this evening and noted the following: (1) one of the criteria imposed by the Cook County Highway Department is that the sidewalk would be no closer than ten-feet (10') to the roadway where there is no curb and gutter; (2) the Village also requested to work on Cook County Right-of-Way and to stay off of private properties; (3) a plan was prepared enclosing some of the ditch areas along Plainfield Road, 90% of the ditch areas would have piping to the east and to the west and the plan was submitted to the Cook County Highway Department for their comments; (4) the Cook County Department has a policy to follow and design criteria; (5) the original plan submitted came back, comments were provided and costs were added to the project; (6) the Cook County Highway Department prefers a plan that reflects a structure to collect water and the water to be put into another structure (i.e. debris from clogging the area); (7) the concept was proposed to install curb and gutter on the south side of Plainfield Road so the sidewalk could be constructed closer than ten-feet to the roadway.

He noted that by adding curb and gutter the length of the sidewalk project could be moved closer to the edge of road by five-feet; (8) there would be a five-foot grassy area from the edge of the curb and gutter to the sidewalk; (9) the water would be collected from Plainfield Road and would collect behind the curb and gutter into a modified ditch system with definition of the grading and landscape; (10) this concept may reduce the cost of the sidewalk project by approximately \$35,000 to \$50,000; (11) the original concept proposed, with no curb and gutter and the drainage piping that would be needed may increase the cost of the project. Trustee Walsh inquired if the entire project would be installed in the Cook County Right-of-Way. Dave Vandervelde stated that the entire project would be constructed in the Cook County Right-of-Way, with the exception of possibly one-foot of property. Trustee Andrews inquired what the distance would be on the revised plan from the sidewalk to the edge of the street. Dave Vandervelde stated that with the curb and gutter plan, the gutter fly would be one-foot with the curb at 6". The road will start at the gutter fly. He added that for most of the project, the sidewalk will be 6.5' but there are some points along the roadway where the right-of-way is aligned differently.

Larry Brace stated that he is interested to know the definition of the right-of-way and how the sidewalk will be installed along the length of Plainfield Road. Trustee Walsh pointed out that plans reflecting the entire length of the project are available for review by the audience. Dave Vandervelde stated that the sidewalk will be installed on the street side of the ditch areas; if there is a fifty-foot right-way along a property on Plainfield Road, there will be about fifteen feet of separation from the sidewalk; if there is a thirty-three feet County right-of-way, there would be

less separation from the sidewalk. Larry Brace stated that he has one of the deepest ditch areas along Plainfield Road and asked if the ditch area would be redefined when the sidewalk is installed. Trustee Walsh stated that there are some ditch areas along Plainfield Road that will be filled in with drainage to be installed and with curb and gutter the water will be collected and redirected to a proper drainage system. Larry Brace stated that with the Dartmoor project the watermain was moved by the Highlands District from the south side of Plainfield Road and relocated to the north side of Plainfield Road, ditch lines were dug up and the areas have not been restored. Tom Heaney, of 11311 Plainfield Road, asked if the sidewalk will be installed on level ground along Plainfield Road or if the sidewalk will be installed in the ditch areas. Dave Vandervelde stated that with the curb and gutter the sidewalk will be at the level of the top of the curb line, the proposed plan is to have the ditch area on the property side of the sidewalk, the ditch area could be four-feet wide or eight-feet wide depending on the topography of the land, in the curb and gutter there will be a drainage structure adjacent to the road to collect the water and into a drainage system. Dave Vandervelde noted that if there is an existing concrete or brick paver decorative driveway along Plainfield Road, those driveways will not be disturbed as part of the sidewalk project. Mr. Heaney asked how much money Dartmoor Homes came up with for the project. Trustee Walsh stated that up to \$175,000 in expenses incurred by the Village for the sidewalk project will be paid by Dartmoor Homes, the Lyons Township Highway Department will donate \$25,000 towards the project and the project will not cost the taxpayers of Indian Head Park any dollars. Mr. Heaney asked if any of the additional \$500,000 donated by Dartmoor will be spent on Plainfield Road. Trustee Andrews stated the \$500,000 donation by Dartmoor Homes is an impact fee that will be utilized for various Village projects.

Mr. Heaney stated that there is a lot of impact on the property owners along Plainfield Road with the Dartmoor development. Trustee Walsh stated that legally Dartmoor Homes was not obligated to give anything to the Village of Indian Head Park, Dartmoor has been very generous and the Village is optimistic that the project can be completed within the budget. Mr. Heaney asked why a tunnel under the road is necessary when a traffic light would serve the same purpose. Trustee Andrews stated that as a Village government all alternatives and possibilities are explored, a tunnel would separate the people from the roadway traffic and the purpose of the discussion this evening is the proposed pathway project on the south side of Plainfield Road. Trustee Bernier asked Mr. Heaney if he is opposed to the sidewalk project because the sidewalk would provide safe passage for children traveling to school. Mr. Heaney stated he is not opposed to the sidewalk project and a traffic light would be more effective than a tunnel.

Al Krisciunas, of Briarwood Square, stated that many years ago a sidewalk was proposed on the north side of Plainfield Road from Wolf Road to the Highlands School and the issue came up who would maintain the sidewalk. Trustee Coleman stated that the Public Works Department is well aware that maintenance of the sidewalk would be needed. Mr. Czarnecki, of 105 Indian Wood Lane, inquired if the curb needs to be continuous along Plainfield Road to the east entrance of Indian Wood Lane. Dave Vandervelde stated that where there is a driveway, there will be a curb cut to Plainfield Road. Mr. Czarnecki, asked if emergency vehicles would have access to Indian Wood Lane if the street is closed. Dave Vandervelde stated that there are various treatments that could be installed over the soil or land that would allow emergency vehicles to access the area to Indian Wood Lane from Plainfield Road, if needed. However, there is also an alternate entrance/exit from Indian Wood Lane for emergency vehicle access. Dave Vandervelde further noted that Ashbrook Development has an emergency vehicle gated access on Wolf Road

if an emergency vehicle needed to access the development; but there are alternate access points for those purposes. Trustee Walsh noted that the Pleasantview Fire Department reviewed the plans and there are various options available for emergency vehicles to access the area. Mr. Czarnecki stated that Dartmoor Homes has more than one access to the development and closing Indian Wood Lane would be putting the burden on Indian Head Park instead of Dartmoor Homes. Mr. Czarnecki stated that he submitted a letter to the Village regarding the closure of Indian Wood Lane as follows: *“We are opposed to the idea primarily because it would impede access for emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire trucks. In the event of a medical or fire emergency, every second counts and we would hate to see precious time lost with any of the residents on our street. We think there is a safety issue for those residents who may need to leave their homes quickly to seek treatment at a hospital or emergency room or to escape from a fire. The recent violent storm in our area should remind all of us that there is potential for fire in such a heavily wooded area. Having only one exit to Plainfield Road for all the residents in the northern section of Indian Head Park would be a major safety concern. Please consider that there is potential for major backups at the west entrance of Indian Head Park to Plainfield Road for those residents turning left or right onto Plainfield Road if the other exit is blocked. We have heard that there is some concern about the future residents of Timber Trails causing more traffic on Indian Wood Lane. It is difficult why those residents would want to enter Indian Wood Lane which is a u-shaped street. Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. Czarnecki.”*

Frank Faron, of Pontiac Drive, stated that when an Indian Wood Lane cul-de-sac was originally proposed for that street, the Village Board at that time decided to have the u-shaped street instead and within the next five years there will probably be another stop light on Plainfield Road because there will be a township park and entrance to the park. Craig Fisher, of Plainfield Road, inquired if the entire length of the sidewalk will be constructed of concrete and what will be done with the ditch areas along Plainfield Road. Dave Vandervelde stated that the sidewalk will be constructed with concrete, the ditch areas will be defined, some of the ditch areas will have piped areas for drainage. Henry Daar, of Indian Wood Lane, asked if the Plainfield Road sidewalk project and closure of Indian Wood Lane are a combined project. Trustee Walsh stated the sidewalk and closure of Indian Wood Lane are two separate issues. Mr. Daar asked if the sidewalk project could proceed without deciding whether to close Indian Wood Lane and to take that matter up at a later date. Craig Fisher, stated that he would like to see a stoplight on Plainfield Road at the east entrance of Timber Trails because it would slow down traffic. Trustee Coleman stated that a stoplight at the east entrance of Indian Wood Lane would create more traffic coming through Indian Wood Lane to make their turns onto Plainfield Road. Trustee Coleman pointed out that the residents of Indian Wood Lane approached the Village about closing Indian Wood Lane. Mr. Czarnecki stated that there are many more residents of the Village that would be affected as well as the property owners of Indian Wood Lane that would be affected by the closure of that street. Trustee Anselmo stated that there is never a back-up of cars from Frontage Road and ten more cars would not create a traffic problem. Kate Brodlo, of Indian Wood Lane, stated that the purpose of requesting the closure of Indian Wood Lane was the safety of the children. She stated that on several occasions, cars turn onto Indian Wood Lane going fast and realize they need to turn around to get back to Plainfield Road.

Trustee Walsh read the following letter into the record from Joe and Cheryl Reda of Indian Wood Lane: *“Dear Trustee Walsh, President Pellegrino and Esteemed Board Members, It is with fondness that I look back on my tenure on the Board of Indian Head Park, in many ways, it has*

*made me a more effective medical staff leader. I am awed by your continued commitment to the civic good. Cheryl and I are not able to be present at tonight's Board meeting because of parents' weekend at Boston University, however we wish this letter to be read into the public minutes. We have resided on Indian Wood Lane for 19 years, have seen our daughters and neighbors learn to roller blade and bike, and subsequently drive. We now have become empty-nesters, and as such can be more objective. We have concerns for the safety of the children in our area. The traffic has dramatically increased down our street, often times, in excess of the posted speed limit. We can only surmise that traffic will continue to increase with the opening of Timber Trails over the next year. We have seen our block grow younger with many kids on bikes and blades again. We watch for those children and drive accordingly, however I doubt that people turning in off Plainfield Road will make those accommodations. I believe that now is the appropriate time to proactively ensure the safety of those children. We, along with most of the families on our block, ask that you allow the creation of a cul-de-sac at Plainfield Road. It is really for the safe environment for our children, that Indian Wood Lane should be closed off. As always, I trust that public comment will be encouraged and your deliberation will be thoughtful, and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Cheryl and Joe Reda."*

Donna Yelnick, of Plainfield Road, stated that she has lived in Indian Head Park for eighteen years, she works from home and in all those years there has never been a back-up on Frontage Road which is visible from her kitchen window. Donna Yelnick stated that she is in complete support of the cul-de-sac on Indian Wood Lane for the safety of the children. Roger Holman, of Indian Wood Lane, stated that he is in favor of the cul-de-sac on Indian Wood Lane which has been proposed several times over the twenty-two years since he has lived on that street, but he is not in favor of a stoplight at Indian Wood Lane because that will become a main route for traffic. Mr. Holman stated that the west entrance is not very busy but everyone who lives on Blackhawk and that area goes to Frontage Road and they will take advantage if a stoplight is placed in that location. Randy Truckenbrodt, of Indian Wood Lane, stated that he is not for or against the closure of Indian Wood Lane and would wait to see what the impact of additional traffic would be first before a decision is made. Trustee Walsh stated that he lived in Ashbrook Development for years with one entrance/exit to the development and never had to wait to turn onto Wolf Road from the development. He noted that Timber Trails will have three entrances/exits from the development, one on Wolf Road and two on Plainfield Road.

Larry Brace stated that until final plans are available there is no specific plan on the configuration of the proposed sidewalk and how it will affect his property. Trustee Coleman stated that Mr. Brace's property will not be affected because the sidewalk project will be completed within the Cook County Right-of-Way and the sidewalk will be constructed of concrete with curb and gutter. Trustee Walsh stated that the preliminary plans are out for public review, the sidewalk will be constructed of concrete, in some areas there may be more of a drainage ditch and in some areas there may be culverts. He added that the sidewalk will be five-feet from the curb and gutter all the way down Plainfield Road with two exceptions: two locations where the County Right-of-Way is slightly different and the sidewalk may be closer to the roadway. A resident of Plainfield Road, stated that the sidewalks along Wolf Road are as close as two feet to the roadway and asked if there was a requirement to keep the sidewalk five-feet from the roadway. Trustee Walsh stated that the goal is to construct the sidewalk as far from the roadway as possible while keeping the sidewalk within the County Right-of-Way. Trustee Coleman stated that in some areas if there

is a wider right-of-way, there is more room to move the sidewalk back farther from the roadway. Larry Brace stated that at one time a mention of an outline of the Plainfield Road Pathway project would be marked along Plainfield Road so property owners could visualize the extent of the project. Trustee Walsh stated that the original concept for the sidewalk did not include curb and gutters and the County has provided additional comments, so the original concept for the project has changed. The current project is within the Village's budget, the County approves of the plan and final plans are yet to be received by the Village. Tom Heaney inquired what the general width of the right-of-way would be. Trustee Walsh stated that the right-of-way along the length of Plainfield Road is shown on the plans available this evening for review by anyone in the audience. Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to approve the plans from Christopher Burke Engineering regarding the Plainfield Road Pedestrian Pathway Project, and closure of the entrance/exit from Indian Wood Lane to Plainfield Road, which would include the curb and gutter along the entire length of Plainfield Road, the pedestrian pathway to be constructed of concrete to remain within the County Right-of-Way and the sidewalk to be approximately five-feet from the curb and gutter where possible. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

**1. Approval of Engineer's Recommendation and Possible Award of Contract to Complete the Plainfield Road Pedestrian Pathway Project.**

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to award the Plainfield Road Pedestrian Project to Jack Yelnick Construction Company to complete the work in connection with the Plainfield Road project at a cost not to exceed \$200,000, including all engineering costs in connection with the project. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

**2. Approval of Engineering Plans and Possible Award of Contract to Complete the Driveway Project at the Indian Head Park Heritage Center.**

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to receive the plans from Christopher Burke Engineering regarding the proposed driveway project at the Indian Head Park Heritage Center property located at 6250 Wolf Road. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

Trustee Coleman inquired if the amount to be approved this evening to complete the Heritage Center driveway project includes engineering. Dave Vandervelde stated that there will be no

engineering fees above the monthly retainer the Village pays to Christopher Burke Engineering in connection with this project. Trustee Coleman stated that she originally thought the driveway circulation would be to the left of the Heritage Center and around the back of the building and the current plan shows a configuration with the drive to the right and around the back of the building. Dave Vandervelde stated that there are two lanes at the entrance/exit from the property off of Wolf Road, that is the only location where cars can pass side by side and there will be a one lane drive around the back of the building. Trustee Coleman stated that the handicap parking spot is shown at the front of the building; but the entrance to the building is in the back. Dave Vandervelde stated that the handicap parking space can be relocated to any parking space.

Superintendent Santen stated that he anticipates the Heritage Center Project to start shortly after the Board approves the project and that there is a well located on the property behind the building that needs to be capped as part of the project.

Trustee Andrews inquired if there were any other bids received for the Heritage Center driveway project. Trustee Walsh stated that three bids for the project were received, and Central Blacktop was the second lowest bid. He noted that Central Blacktop was chosen because the Village has worked with Central Blacktop before and Central Blacktop can be on the project within two days.

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to award the Heritage Center driveway project to Central Blacktop to complete the driveway work at the Village of Indian Head Park Heritage Center located at 6250 Wolf Road at a cost not to exceed \$38,310.00. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Andrews, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 9:30 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary