

Village of Homer Glen

**14933 South Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

March 09, 2016

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
14917 South Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, IL**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on March 09, 2016 by Mayor Yukich at 6:34 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14917 S. Founders Crossing, Homer Glen.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**C. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mayor George Yukich, Trustees Sharon Sweas, Christina Neitzke-Troiike, Brian Burian, Carlo Caprio, and Mike Costa. Trustee Beth Rodgers was absent. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Ann Holtz, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Administrative Assistant Sue Steilen, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Director of Planning and Zoning Mike Schwarz, Economic Development Director Janie Patch, and Interim Village Manager Heather Kokodinsky.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. February 18, 2016 Minutes**

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the Board minutes of February 18, 2016, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Sweas, Costa, Caprio, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**1. Mayor Yukich:**

- At the February 18, 2016 Special Village Board Meeting, a construction contract was awarded to Troop Contracting for renovation work at the new Village Hall. Demolition work is underway and some framing work has begun. As construction progresses, we will continue to provide updates.
- On Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9-11am, the American Legion Auxiliary John Olson Unit 18 will host a document shredding event in the parking lot located at 15052 S. Archer Avenue in Lockport. The following documents will be accepted: medical records, financial statements, credit applications, bank statements, documents with social security numbers, driver license numbers, bank checks, tax records and legal documents over eight years old, etc. Additional information is available at www.homerglenil.org.

- The Village has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. *This marks the Village's 14th straight CAFR Award.* Thank you to Finance Director John Sawyers and Accounts Payable Clerk Gina Spino for their efforts in achieving this award once again. This award is an exceptionally important sign of the Village of Homer Glen's ongoing commitment to financial integrity.

2. Trustees:

Trustee Neitzke-Troike:

- **Reporting for the Parks and Recreation Committee:** The Parks Committee held their February meeting on Monday February 29 at 6:30 p.m. Just a reminder that all residents are invited to attend the Parks meetings, which are held the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. here in the Village Board Room.
 - Several residents have expressed concern over the vandalized board walk at Erin Hills Park. At the February Parks meeting, a resident brought several pictures of the vandalized board walk. I've also received an email with more pictures of the boardwalk. The Village is aware of this vandalism and is researching possible replacements to the board walk that would be more durable. Remember: if you see vandalism or suspicious activity in any of our parks, please contact the Will County Sheriff immediately.
 - Erin Hills Park will be receiving new signage in the coming weeks! A sign will be placed at each entrance to the playground / shelter area of Erin Hills Park, stating the park hours and several "key" park rules. The Parks Committee drafted these signs at the January Parks meeting. The signs will be similar to the sign at Stonebridge Park.
 - Representatives from the Homer Glen Foundation were present at the February Parks meeting to discuss several initiatives and potential partnerships with the Village's Parks and Rec. Committee.
 - The Committee has long discussed the possibility of creating a formal donation program for Parks & Rec. projects. I have received inquiries as to how local businesses and residents can contribute to such causes. After researching other communities, it was determined that many municipalities and Park Districts receive project funding through Parks Foundations. Given the presence of the Homer Glen Foundation as a non-profit in the community, the Parks Committee is encouraging a partnership with the Foundation to accept donations for Parks & Recreation initiatives. Representatives from the Foundation were in agreement to move forward with the partnership and the Parks' Committee will discuss the initiative at future meetings.
 - The Homer Glen Foundation also proposed two projects that their organization is interested in pursuing on Village-owned property. The first project is signage for the Village's Heroes Trail System. This signage would include mile markers as well as signs that would break the trail network into different "segments" with each segment named after a branch of the military. I will be meeting with Village staff and representatives from the Homer Glen Foundation in the near future regarding this project. The second project that the Foundation proposed to the Parks' Committee is a Veteran's Memorial. The Foundation has long wanted to fund a Veteran's Memorial in Homer Glen but have yet to find a suitable location. The Foundation would like to see the Memorial incorporated into the design of the Village Hall Park. As we move forward with the park planning process, I will invite Homer Glen Foundation representatives to stakeholder planning meetings. The Parks' Committee was in agreement to continue discussions about the proposed projects.
 - As many of you know, the Parks' Committee sponsored a contest with Homer Junior High and Oak Prairie Junior High to accept name suggestions for the Village Hall Park. Students submitted a name suggestion for the park along with a brief explanation for the name. Three

winners were chosen from each school and will be invited to the March 23 Village Board meeting to claim their prize and take a photo with Mayor Yukich. The Committee also asked all residents to submit a name suggestion through a form on the website or at Village Hall. Thank you to all residents that made a suggestion. The Parks' Committee will take all suggestions, including those from the schools, resident's suggestions and the Committee's own suggestions into consideration. The Committee will then recommend their top 3 names to the Village Board for consideration, among other suggestions, at the April 13 Village Board Meeting. Again, thank you to everyone who has helped make this naming process an exciting project for our Community.

- Finally, the Parks' Committee is discussing the possibility of incorporating Disc Golf into the Village Hall Park. The Parks' Committee is looking into Disc Golf equipment and will be going on site visits in the near future. Thank you to Trustee Rodgers who provided cost estimates for the equipment.

Trustee Sweas:

- **Reporting for the Environment Committee:** The Village of Homer Glen was named a "2015 Tree City USA" from the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of our Commitment to urban forest management. Also, weather permitting, a prescribed burn will take place in the next two weeks at the Erin Hills Park. Residents should have been notified or will receive their notice soon. As a reminder, Earth Day-Arbor day will take place May 21, 2016 at Konow Farm. The Committee is still looking for unique vendors and demonstrators for this event.

Trustee Caprio:

- **Reporting for the Parade and Festival Committee:** Our regularly scheduled meeting would have landed on Election Day so the Committee has decided to reschedule. The next meeting will take place on March 22, 2016 at the Homer Township offices. The dates of the fest are June 23-26, 2016 and we look forward to another successful event.

3. Treasurer - None
4. Clerk - None
5. Village Attorney - None
6. Public Safety Officials- None
7. Interim Village Manager - None

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

H. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-005, an Ordinance Granting Approval of (1) a Special Use Permit for a Health Club in the C-2 Local Business District; and (2) A Special Use Permit for Hours of Operation for a 24-Hour Health Club, for Certain Real Property Located at 12513, 12517, and 12521 W 159th Street, Homer Glen, Illinois, (CBR Fitness Company doing business as Anytime Fitness; Case No HG-1601-S).**

Trustee Neitzke-Troike made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Burian.

Trustee Sweas asked the Petitioner to explain the need for a 24-hour club. The Petitioner explained that it is part of the "Franchise Agreement." Additionally, the Petitioner provided club-usage pattern information supplied to her by the corporation. The Petitioner also explained details regarding how the club's employees will guide members to utilize the security measures in place in order to ensure their safety during the overnight hours when the club will not be staffed. Moreover, the Petitioner

explained the security system and how it works, called a “tailgate system” put in place to prevent non-members from entering the club. The club is under 24 hour video monitoring. The Petitioner explained how the security system will alert authorities in the event of an emergency; explaining that in the event of an emergency, the system will alert the Petitioner but will also go directly to the 911 dispatcher.

A brief discussion regarding lighting in the parking lot took place. Trustee Costa asked for clarification on how the system would prevent someone from passing off their card or sneaking in behind a member. The Petitioner explained the system’s measures that are in place to prevent that from occurring. Trustee Sweas asked how the tanning systems work. Petitioner explained the system would be controlled by the key FOB, and there would be limitations through the system with regard to minutes a member could use at one time. Trustee Burian noted the franchise’s statistics and explained initially he had some concerns but after researching the chain and the concept he feels much more comfortable with approving the Ordinance. Trustee Burian feels comfortable with the 24 hour concept at this location including the proposed lighting and landscaping plans.

Trustee Sweas asked the developer to clarify some of the specifics of the landscape plan that had been previously approved. Mayor Yukich asked about the facility lighting and the security system. The Petitioner explained there would be an orientation for each club member explaining the processes and the member would have to sign a contract agreeing to the terms.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, and Costa

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

2. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-006, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No 15-045, by Extending the Temporary Moratorium on the Establishment and Operation of Smoke Shops and Smoking Lounges an additional 120 days, from March 10, 2016 until July 8, 2016.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, and Costa

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

I. WORKSHOP ITEM**1. Presentation From Firms Regarding Professional Services Related to the Creation of Master Park Development Plan for the Village of Homer Glen's Former Woodbine Golf Course Property.**

- a. Planning Resources Inc.
- b. Hitchcock Design Group
- c. WRD Environmental, Inc.

These Presentations can be viewed at www.homerglenil.org .

J. OLD BUSINESS - None**K. NEW BUSINESS – None****L. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Costa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Costa, Caprio, Burian and Neitzke-Troike

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50p.m.



Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated April 13, 2016