

Village of Homer Glen

**14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

October 12, 2016

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on October 12, 2016 by Mayor Yukich at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen.

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

Present were Mayor George Yukich, Trustees Sharon Sweas, Mike Costa, Brian Burian, Beth Rodgers, Carlo Caprio and Christina Neitzke-Troiike. 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, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Director of Planning and Zoning Michael Schwarz, Assistant Planner Caron Bricks, Assistant Village Manager Heather Kokodinsky, Treasurer John Sawyers, Community Relations Coordinator Sue Steilen, and Village Manager Mike Mertens.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Trustee Rodgers requested that the Community and Nature in Harmony Awards be moved up to follow the Approval of Minutes.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. September 14, 2016 Minutes**

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Board minutes of September 14, 2016, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Burian and Rodgers.

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion Carried

F. COMMUNITY AND NATURE IN HARMONY AWARDS CEREMONY

Mayor Yukich stated that this is the 15th year of the Community and Nature in Harmony Awards Ceremony. The ceremony recognizes those individuals and groups who have demonstrated a commitment to the environment and, in the process, have significantly contributed to the Village of Homer Glen. Mayor Yukich introduced Sharon Sweas and asked her to begin the awards ceremony.

Trustee Sweas:

Homer Glen Lands Day is celebrated in conjunction with National Public Lands Day.

This important day is set aside to show support for recognizing and protecting significant areas in the natural environment. The Village Proclamation written for this special day in 2001 states:

“The Village of Homer Glen was founded and incorporated in large part due to the desires of its Citizens to preserve the unique and diverse components of the natural environment within the Village and to take steps to assist in the further protection and beautification of that environment.”

Through the efforts of the Environment Committee, the Village created the Community and Nature in Harmony Award in 2002. Now in 2016, the 15th year for awards, the Village again recognizes individuals, businesses, community organizations, and governmental agencies that have demonstrated a commitment to the environment and in the process significantly contributed to community pride through the preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of land within the Village of Homer Glen.

Projects and nominations must have been completed by July 15 to meet the criteria.

The Tree Planting Ceremony, another activity of Homer Glen Lands Day, has been scheduled to take place on October 26 here at Heritage Park. The Homer Glen Environment Committee will be coordinating the planting of the tree with Rick Gomez, Homer Glen resident and owner of Instant Shade Tree Planting, Inc.

During the Awards recognition, we are honored to have Mayor George Yukich assist in presenting the certificates to individuals and groups.

As the Environment Committee members take their places, I would like to thank the members of our Environment Committee for coordinating this program:

Nancy Carlson, Randy Juras, Kathy Kudla, Bob Moses, Cynthia Rataj, Margaret Sabo, Joe Turrise, Gary White, Larry Witsoe, and staff liaison Sue Steilen.

Environment Committee staff liaison, Sue Steilen, will announce the awards recipients.

The following list contains the recipients of the 2016 awards:

- **ORGANIZATIONS**

Homer Glen Junior Woman’s Club

For promoting Earth Day and teaching the 2nd graders of Homer 33c to make a difference by creating a contest that motivated the students to appreciate and think about how they can help our earth.

Accepting the award on behalf of the club are Karen Hill Davis, Megan Mitchell, Tammy Shea, and Kathy Young.

- **INDIVIDUALS**

The following individuals took the act of organizing others to improve our environment.

Katie Koniewicz

For initiating the "Young Sprouts Grow and Learn Garden" at William E. Young school to teach children of all ages about seed growth and gardening.

Joshua Lund

For organizing a cleanup project at Lamers Park and encouraging residents and businesses to take an active role in caring for the environment and our parks in Homer Glen.

Jonathan Sulich

For coordinating the project of installing a new memorial brick path to the wishing well planter at Shady Oaks Camp.

- **BUSINESSES**

The Home Depot

For providing labor and materials to support the Lamers Park cleanup project.

Accepting the award is Scott Drafke and Natalie Gibson.

- **SIGN RECIPIENTS**

The inherent beauty of our community would not exist without the assistance of our property owners. The following awards give recognition to owners who have set an example and inspired their neighbors and other residents within Homer Glen.

These award recipients will receive a sign to be placed on the property which is being recognized.

Louis and Mary Bradaric

For beautifying their property and maintaining an attractive landscape with a variety of trees and shrubs.

Robert Hess

For creating an attractive landscape featuring a grouping of trees, ground cover, and naturalized stone on his property.

Zofia Lesniak

For creating and maintaining an attractive landscape with a mix of annuals, perennials, and evergreens on her property.

Fred and Mary Pirjevec

For creating an interesting and inviting entrance to their home using perennials and topiaries.

Diane Stroh

For preserving a pastoral rural landscape and adding tranquility to the Village of Homer Glen.

Nicholas and Stephanie Zieler

For planting new trees and beautifying their property with eye catching perennials, limestone and lattice work that complements the style of their home.

The meeting temporarily recessed at 7:13 for pictures and refreshments.

G. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Mayor Yukich

- **FALL SEASON IN HOMER GLEN**

Fall is a busy season in Homer Glen with many family activities for residents to enjoy. The Village held their annual stargazing event at Trantina Farm last Friday, giving residents the chance to view

the dark night sky using professional telescopes. Bengston's Pumpkin Fest, Garden Patch Farms, and Konow's Farm and Fall Fest are in full swing, with thousands of visitors each week. Take time to enjoy the fall season in Homer Glen!

- MIKE HIKE

The annual Mike Hike 5K will take place on Saturday, November 5 at the Michael C. Olivieri segment of the Homer Glen Heroes Trail. Participants can register online at mikehike5k.com. Proceeds raised through this event will commemorate our local heroes while supporting improvements to our community trails and parks.

- PUBLIC SAFETY DAY AT THE HOME DEPOT

On Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., representatives from Northwest Homer Fire Protection District, The Will County Sheriff's Office, and the Homer Glen Emergency Management Agency will be in the Homer Glen Home Depot parking lot for a public safety awareness day. Please come out to learn and hear from some of our public safety officials.

- PUBLIC FORUM

On November 7, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium at Lockport Township High School. We are hoping to fill the auditorium to capacity with customers of Illinois American Water from the affected communities and encourage testimony from the customers about how high the rates are. This testimony can then be heard by the Illinois Commerce Commission. We urge everyone to spread the word to friends and neighbors to encourage everyone to attend and speak out, otherwise IAW may be granted their requested rate increase currently pending before the ICC. This is an extremely important issue affecting Homer Glen and other communities. Attendance would be greatly appreciated by the Village Board. *(Note from the Clerk, this forum has been cancelled.)*

2. Trustees

Trustee Sweas:

- On behalf of the Environment Committee: The October 7th Stargazing Event was a great success. The Committee would like to thank Homer Township for the use of the Trantina Farm; School District 92 for turning off their parking lot lights and the Village for their support. The Committee would also like to thank John Robinson and members of the EMA team that assisted with parking. Additionally, I personally would like to thank members of the Environment Committee - Margaret Sabo, Gary White, Joe Turrise, and Larry Witsoe for helping out; and one more big thank you to staff member Sue Steilen.
- The parkway tree program for the Fall will commence shortly, with approximately 100 trees being planted.
- The Village of Homer Glen, in partnership with Will County, hosted a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event on Saturday, September 24 here at the Village Hall. We are happy to say that a total of 544 households were serviced by this event. 65% of the event participants were Homer Glen or Homer Township residents and the remainder were from other communities in Will County.

Trustee Rodgers:

- On behalf of the Public Safety Committee: The Committee would like to remind everyone that Trick or Treat hours on Halloween will be between 3-7pm. We encourage everyone to be extra vigilant during this time as part of these hours are after dark.
- Also, I wanted to point out that Konow's Corn Maze is having a food drive. If you bring in canned food you get \$1 off admission. They are also accepting donations from people who are not attending their festival. Donations will be sent to the Lockport Food Pantry. Its very impressive that they have collected hundreds and hundreds of donations so far.
- The Committee revisited the Bike path plan for along 159th Street and are in agreement that some additional safety improvements are needed such as reflective signage and striping, etc. Highway Commissioner DeVivo has informed the Committee that the lights at the entrance of Hidden Valley have been removed by IDOT for the duration of the project and won't be replaced until 2018. The Committee is recommending that the Village install temporary reflective signage at this

location. The Committee encourages residents to contact the Village with their safety concerns throughout the road widening project as well as any speeding issues in their subdivisions.

- In relation to the speeding issue, Trustee Rodgers asked Commissioner DeVivo to come up and demonstrate the newly purchased radar signage that should help to reduce the ongoing speeding issues. Commissioner DeVivo stated he has researched these signs and they do work in other communities. He recommends that in the Village's subdivisions where the speed limit was reduced to 20mph that it be raised to 25mph, so that baseline data may be collected that is consistent Village-wide. The signage collects various data including speeds, the number of cars, etc. Once the data has been compiled, further consideration as to whether to purchase additional radar signage for problem areas throughout the Village can be made.

Trustee Neitzke-Troike:

- On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee: The Committee held our first Open House on September 20 to display a preliminary design plan for Heritage Park. We also launched the "my sidewalk" site to receive and share ideas and updates, in order to gather further input and ideas from the residents as to what amenities they would like and feedback on the preliminary plans. We encourage everyone to attend as well as remind friends and neighbors to attend. Please visit the MySidewalk site to give more input on the Heritage park plan. We also held a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Environment Committee to receive further input on the layout for Heritage Park and also are considering multi use options to incorporate a future area for Homer Fest. Another open house is scheduled for Saturday, November 12. No time has been planned as of right now.

3. Treasurer

- Treasurer John Sawyers gave a report for ending fund balances as of August 31, 2016:

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| General Fund (#10) | \$5,327,015.66 |
| Special Event fund (#12) | \$114,497.38 |
| Environment Fund (#14) | \$64,861.18 |
| Motor Fuel Tax Fund (#20) | \$3,202,986.17 |
| Park and Recreation Fund (#50) | \$2,631,584.18 |
| Debt Service Fund (#65) | \$1,965,429.31 |
| Capital Project Fund (#70) | \$1,500,909.81 |
| CIP EAB Tree Replacement Fund (#71) | \$453,790.23 |
| CIP Bond Fund (#72) | \$15,040,203.30 |
| TOTAL – All Funds | \$30,301,277.22 |

4. Clerk – Early Voting will begin October 24, 2016 and continue until November 7, 2016. Hours are Monday through Friday 9-12 and 1-4. There will also be Saturday hours from 9-12. Voters should call the Village at (708) 301-0632 with any questions.
5. Village Attorney - None
6. Public Safety Officials- Commissioner DeVivo stated the building addition at the Highway Department is almost complete. Additionally, the department obtained a very low bid for salt for this winter.

Lt. Jim Holuj came to the podium to introduce himself to the residents as he has recently taken over command at the Homer Glen Sheriff's substation.

7. Village Manager – None

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Josh Barrett, a Homer Glen resident, asked the Board to review and reconsider the restrictions put in place under the 2008 ordinance which restricts homeowners in certain areas from raising chickens. He feels it's a great learning opportunity for his children and the ability to have fresh eggs for his family is a bonus.
2. John Kooi, Homer Glen resident, expressed his concern about the timing of the turning lights on 159th Street in the construction zone. He stated in his opinion this needs to be rectified. He also expressed concern regarding what type of "fill" is being used in the reconstruction process. It appears to him to be black dirt which in his opinion is not appropriate.
3. Lynn McGary, representing the Homer Area Chamber of Commerce, invited the Board to the Chamber's annual holiday party and installation dinner at Ruffled Feathers. Then, speaking as a resident, expressed her concern about the Eastern end of the Village Hall's parking lot. She stated the lights in that area need to be turned on (or repaired if they aren't working) and that the Eastern end is too dark and sometimes you can't even see the entrance to the parking lot. She then asked about the pending amendment to the Illinois Constitution about road spending and was worried it would affect the Village's Gas Tax revenue. Trustee Burian stated that no, the gas tax is a local excise tax and not affected by the proposed amendment.
4. Dennis Gerwing, Homer Glen resident, expressed his concerns about speeding on Derby Lane. He stated this has been a serious issue for over ten years and in his opinion nothing has been done by the Village to rectify it. He feels the temporary solutions proposed will not solve the permanent problem. He stated he will not speak on the issue again, and is through after tonight.

Mayor Yukich stated the Village has spoken with multiple residents who live on Derby and with the exception of 2 of the residents they spoke with, all were opposed to speed bumps. Speed bumps on dark streets, with no lights, no curbs are too dangerous. He feels optimistic that the speed radar signage being tested out by the Highway Department will give us the information to make informed decisions and come up with a safe resolution to the issue. As for putting additional sheriff's deputies with radar, the Village can't, you must have at least 500,000 residents to qualify for that. Mayor Yukich stated they did sit down with the Sheriff's office to increase presence in the known areas. Mr. Gerwing stated that until Trustee Costa and then Trustee Yukich joined the safety committee, nothing was ever done until that time. Mr. Gerwing expressed skepticism that these signs would even work. He feels there is no substitute for increased police presence.

I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-040, an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Smoking Lounge (Cigar Lounge) in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District for Certain Real Property Located At 13033 W. 143rd Street, Homer Glen, Illinois. (Habano Cigars Inc., Case No. HG-1622-S).**

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

Trustee Caprio raised the issue of the outdoor seating area. The plaza's property owner is in the process of obtaining permits to remodel the exteriors of the neighboring buildings. Mayor Yukich would like to postpone the concept of outdoor seating for one year since this was a new concept for the Village. Assistant Planner Bricks pointed out the concept drawing showing the proposed fencing for the outdoor seating area which was included at the recommendation of the Plan Commission.

Trustee Sweas asked for clarification if the motion needed to be amended to reflect the outdoor seating. No clear answer was given at that time.

Village Manager Mertens described some of the plaza's owners proposed remodeling plans, and how this remodel might affect the Petitioner's project. Trustee Rodgers asked if the center outlot would be rebuilt. Director Schwarz stated that the Plaza's owner plans to remodel all of the surrounding buildings. The Petitioner stated his building was included in the Plaza's remodel plans and the exterior would match the other buildings.

The Petitioner stated he only needs about 30 days once all permits have been received to be ready to open. He stated he is cooperating with the Plaza owner on the exterior remodel.

Trustee Sweas asked about signage. The Petitioner stated he will probably hold off on exterior signage on his building until the exterior remodel is complete.

Trustee Costa asked about his other cigar lounge properties and asked what percentage of his customers use his outdoor seating areas. Trustee Costa stated he would hate to delay a decision on outdoor seating that could potentially harm the Petitioner's business.

A discussion took place that a 6 month period was recommended to revisit the outdoor seating area which would give him time in the Spring before the warm weather.

Assistant Planner Bricks clarified that Board approval for the patio area is not required in this instance as it is simply a cigar lounge and outdoor seating in this instance is a permitted use. She stated special use permits for outdoor seating are only required for restaurants. Village Attorney Hanson then stated the motion would need to be amended to require Board approval for the outdoor seating area. The Petitioner was agreeable with the idea of returning to the Board in the Spring.

Trustee Costa amended his original motion to indicate that approval of the ordinance was conditioned upon the Petitioner seeking approval from the Village Board for an outdoor seating area in the Spring. Trustee Neitzke-Troiike seconded the amended motion.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

2. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-041, an Ordinance Approving the Preliminary and Final Plat Resendez Consolidation, a consolidation of Lots 4 and 5 in the Third Addition to Chickasaw Hills Subdivision, and commonly known as 13715 S. Parker Road and 13555 W. Iroquois Trail, Homer Glen, Illinois [Tony Resendez; Case No. HG-1616-P].

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

Trustee Costa asked which address would be kept after the consolidation, for emergency services purposes. It was stated that since the house is on Iroquois Trail, that address would be retained. Trustee Rodgers asked if the neighbor next door was notified. Assistant Planner Bricks stated notification is not required in this instance. Trustee Rodgers stated that she would have liked for the neighbor to have been notified.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

- 3. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-042, an Ordinance Amending the Code of the Village of Homer Glen, Chapter 220 Thereof, Entitled “Zoning,” Amending Attachment 2, Table 2A (Table of Permitted and Special Uses in Non-Residential Districts) to add Essential Services as a Special Use in the P-1 Governmental Buildings and Public Schools District.**

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

Director Schwarz gave a brief explanation of the existing zoning and that this was simply a clean-up of the existing zoning map because some public/municipal areas were mislabeled on the map.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

- 4. Motion to approve an agreement with Landscape Supply Inc. for the Fall 2016 Public Parkway Tree Planting Program in the amount not to exceed \$32,300.**

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

- 5. Motion to approve the amended Mayor and Village Board Standard Operating Procedure SOP No. 12 Village of Homer Glen’s Community Meeting Room Use Policy.**

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the amended SOP No. 12, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

6. Motion to approve the Supplemental Work Proposals from Copenhagen Construction for Additional Drainage Work within the Village of Homer Glen, in the amount of \$17,800.00.

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the proposals, seconded by Trustee Costa.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

7. Motion to approve the invoice from PT Ferro for the resurfacing of a part of the Village Hall parking lot, in the amount of \$103,468.40.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the invoice, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

8. Motion to approve the August 2016 Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC legal bills, in the amount of \$3,217.50.

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the legal bills, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

J. WORKSHOP ITEM

1. **Discussion of a Proposed Concept Subdivision located at 12513 W. Hadley Road (Case No. HG-1624-C, John C. Dudlicek).**

A brief description of the proposed concept was presented to the Board. Consensus of the Board was favorable to the concept presented.

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

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

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Burian and Rodgers.

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34p.m.

Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated