



Village of Homer Glen

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

January 9, 2019

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on January 9, 2019 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 Yukich, Trustees Beth Rodgers, Sharon Sweas, Carlo Caprio, Christina Neitzke-Troiike, and Keith Gray. All remained present throughout the meeting. Trustee Brian Burian was absent. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Ann Holtz, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Treasurer John Sawyers, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Facilities Manager John Robinson, Community Relations Coordinator Sue Steilen, Administrative Analyst Matt Walsh, Assistant Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky and Interim Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura. *A quorum was established.*

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Trustee Neitzke-Troiike motioned to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2018, second by Trustee Gray.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (4) Trustees, Neitzke-Troiike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Caprio

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

2. Trustee Sweas motioned to approve the Minutes of November 28, 2018, second by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Mayor Yukich:
 - The Dialysis Care Center completed a major renovation of the former Midwest Bank Building on Bell Road and is now operating its new corporate headquarters from this building. About 50 employees are now working in the new corporate headquarters. Their plan is to eventually ramp up to full occupancy of about 90 employees in this location. We anticipate that area restaurants

and businesses will benefit from the new employees in the area. The Village welcomes the new Dialysis Care Center headquarters.

- The grand opening for the new Dollar Tree store at 143rd and Bell Road will be Saturday, January 12. Dollar Tree will be the first retailer to open in the new Homer Glen Bell Plaza development. Village Hall has received many phone calls from residents who are looking forward to our new Dollar Tree store.
2. Trustees:
- Trustee Gray: On behalf of the Public Safety and Services Committee: In addition to the new signs being installed throughout the Village, new pedestrian crossing lights on Parker Road have been installed. He also thanked everyone who participated in the very successful coat drive in December.
- Trustee Sweas: On behalf of the Environment Committee: One of the Committee members brought in an article from a magazine called "The Week" and in their travel section it discussed a recent article in the Chicago Tribune, about how the 'night sky' has become a tourist destination. Homer Glen along with Beverly Shores were named as two Midwest destinations. Along with our International Dark Skies Community recognition, it shows our efforts at reducing light pollution are being acknowledged.
- Trustee Caprio: On behalf of the Parade and Festival Committee: The Homer Community Fest will take place June 20-23. He stated there are a lot of hurdles to tackle with the new location, and will continue to update the Board.
3. Treasurer – No Report
4. Clerk – No Report
5. Village Attorney – No Report
6. Public Safety – No Report
7. Village Manager – Interim Village Manager Gaura stated she would be leaving the Village on January 18. She thanked the Mayor and the Board and said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve here in Homer Glen and wished everyone well.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Wayne Felgenhauer, Homer Glen resident, thanked the Board for their service, acknowledging its a thankless job. He asked for an update on the Mrwoca case involving the garage addition. Chief Building Official Joe Baber stated he is meeting with Village Attorney Eric Hanson next week and would update the Board as well as Mr. Felgenhauer. Mr. Felgenhauer also mentioned agenda item I.1, the fence removal around Heritage Park, he stated the fence does keep out some animals, and that is worth considering.

H. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to approve the accounts payable for the period of December 13, 2018 through January 10, 2019 in the Amount of \$972,890.29.**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve the accounts payable, second by Trustee Gray.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Caprio, Neitzke-Troike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the attached proclamation designating January 20 - 26, 2019 as School Choice Week in the Village of Homer Glen.

Trustee Gray motioned to approve the Proclamation, second by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike. Mayor Yukich read the Proclamation.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

3. Motion to approve the installation of traffic calming signage at various locations to be determined in the Village of Homer Glen.

Trustee Gray motioned to approve the installation of traffic calming signage, second by Trustee Rodgers.

Trustee Sweas, noting the size and color of the sign on display in the room, questioned if this was the type of sign that would be installed. Trustee Gray stated the size and color is dictated by State requirements. Trustee Sweas asked if they would be permanently installed or moved around like the radar signs. Chief Building Official Baber stated depending on resident feedback it could possibly dictate relocation but that decision would be made at a later time. Trustee Neitzke-Troiike asked for clarification on the number of signs being purchased. Trustee Caprio asked who came up with the language displayed on the sign. Facilities Manager John Robinson gave a brief history of how this project has proceeded to this point.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

4. Motion to approve the Public Services and Safety Committee's recommendation to not accept the private alley in the Evlyn's Gate North subdivision.

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve the recommendation to not accept the private alley, second by Trustee Sweas.

Trustee Gray explained the reasons for the recommendation. The alley was originally built as a private road and not up to Village specifications, so the road would not be able to handle the Homer Township Road District's heavy duty equipment. Therefore a private contractor would need to be employed and there is the potential for road damage and the snow would end up on the residents' properties. Trustee Rodgers stated she believed the fire district's equipment also would not fit.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

5. Motion to approve a plan for RFPs to Update the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and Sign Regulations in accordance with the Village's Strategic Plan.

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve a Request for Proposals, second by Trustee Rodgers.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

6. Motion to approve TRIA Architecture's proposal for schematic design services for future phases of Heritage Park in the amount of \$72,650.

Trustee Gray motioned to approve the proposal, second by Trustee Rodgers.

Jim Petrakos of TRIA gave a brief explanation of the proposal and the various aspects of the upcoming phases that would be covered by this proposal. He answered the Board's questions about the components and explained the plans would ensure cohesiveness of styles and finishes between existing and future phases. Mayor Yukich asked about the specifics of the sledding hill noting that the hill is essentially already there. Mr. Petrakos explained that there are additional aspects, like stairs and directional fencing to "finish" the hill making it more user friendly. He noted the access road connecting the ring road to the hill area would be completed in a future phase as directed by the Board.

Trustee Sweas expressed concern about items chosen for the Active Core, and that the Board wasn't necessarily informed about specifics until after the items were installed. She asked that for upcoming phases more details and information be provided at the front end of the process. Matt Walsh referred to the attachments to explain more detailed breakdowns. Mayor Yukich expressed his desire for even further detail than what has been provided. He wants to ensure that any open play areas are not located near the neighboring residents because the Board has repeatedly assured them they would not be.

Trustee Neitzke-Troiike asked for further clarification on the phase cost breakdowns. Mr. Petrakos explained how the process works from conceptual layout to actual schematic drawings. She stated she wants specifics on actual elements, to know exactly what product for what dollar amount is being proposed, mentioning issues related to the treehouse which is part of the Active Core phase. He clarified we can have additional meetings to cover these type of specifics if the Board desires but that is not typical. Trustee Neitzke-Troiike stated she is just very budget conscious and is very interested in the specific details. Trustee Caprio agreed with the sentiments expressed by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike. Mayor Yukich stated he didn't have time to attend additional meetings to cover each detail, so instead would like information disseminated and the Board can choose to schedule a meeting to go over details or just accept what is put on paper.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

I. WORKSHOP ITEM

1. Discussion Regarding Potential Removal of Portions of the Fence Surrounding Heritage Park.

The Board members each gave their opinions regarding which sections of the fence could be and should be removed, as well as weighing the pros and cons to the adjoining properties. No consensus was reached and it was determined that more information is needed before the Board can make a decision.

J. OLD BUSINESS - None**K. NEW BUSINESS - None****L. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Caprio motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), second by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

Executive Session began at 8:31 p.m and ended at 10:20 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 10:20 p.m. No action was taken during or after Executive Session.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Caprio motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Rodgers.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Caprio, Neitzke-Troiike, Gray, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.



Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated February 13, 2019