



# **Village of Homer Glen**

**14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

**May 8, 2019**

**Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room  
14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, IL 60491**

A swearing in ceremony for the newly elected officials took place at 6:30pm. Judge Jim Riley gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected Trustees, Ann Holtz and Ruben Pazmino, re-elected Trustee Beth Rodgers, newly elected Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troike, and re-elected Mayor George Yukich.

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on May 8, 2019 by Mayor Yukich at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen.

#### **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

#### **C. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mayor Yukich, Trustees Sharon Sweas, Ann Holtz, Ruben Pazmino, Brian Burian, Beth Rodgers and Keith Gray. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troike, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Facilities Manager John Robinson, Director of Planning and Zoning Vijay Gadde, Administrative Analyst Matt Walsh and Village Manager Karie Friling. *A quorum was established.*

#### **D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None

#### **E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Trustee Gray motioned to approve the minutes of April 23, 2019, Special Village Board Meeting second by Trustee Rodgers.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Holtz, Pazmino, Gray, Burian, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

#### **F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**

1. Mayor Yukich:

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Village of Homer Glen by the Government Finance Officer's Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This marks the Village's 17th straight CAFR Award. Thank you to Finance Director John Sawyers and Accounts 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 Gray:

Thank you Mayor, I am reporting on behalf of the Homer Community Festival Committee.

First, from the entire Fest Committee-a very big Thank You to former Trustee Carlo Caprio for his years of dedication and commitment to the Fest and its success. Carlo will continue to be a member of the Fest Committee and we are grateful for his continued involvement.

Festival dates are Thursday, June 20th through Sunday June 23rd. Our plans continue to come together for our move to Heritage Park. We have a total of six (6) food vendors this year. The number of food vendors has changed from previous reports when we had seven (7) vendors.

Trustee Sweas:

Reporting for the Environment Committee:

The stargazing event will be held on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in Heritage Park from 8:00pm – 10:00pm.

Stop by the Community Room at 7:30pm to meet Sky, the hawk, provided by Pilcher Park and caretaker Nancy Carlson. Light refreshments will be available. The big tree champion contest has commenced. Applications can be found on the Village's website. This year's nominations must surpass the champions from 2018, which are also listed on the Village's website.

Trustee Pazmino

Thanked the constituents and businesses for giving him the honor of Trustee and reconfirmed his commitment to the Village.

Trustee Rodgers

Reminder of the Micheal Olivari American Legion Post 211 dedication on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, at Marian Village.

Trustee Holtz

No report but it is an honor to be here as a Trustee.

3. Clerk – No Report
4. Village Attorney – No Report
5. Public Safety – No Report.
6. Administrative Analyst:
  - All of the plantings have been delivered and planted for Heritage park's Active Core.
  - Paving has yet to begin due to the weather. Landscape architects are designing accessible entrances to the restroom buildings, and the designs will be shared with the Board once available.
7. Village Manager – Karie Friling congratulated the new Village Clerk and Trustees. Ms. Friling gave a brief update on the 319 grant. The snow fence was removed from Heritage Park. There will be some additional work done in the next couple of weeks. Plantings will be done in the lawn area as well as the pond.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following residents spoke with concerns regarding agenda item I.2, Heritage Park Northwest Bike Trail.

- John Walters
- Gary White
- Carrole Garner
- Robert Garner
- Frank O'Lone
- Ted Murawski

The following residents spoke in favor of agenda item I.2, Heritage Park Northwest Bike Trail.

- Christine Hren
- Michelle Parchemm

John Kooi spoke regarding the Illinois American Water (IAW) Plant and the water issue at Yangus Park.

Rick Gougis gave information on Honey Bees and their upbringing.

## H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **The Purchase of a Ventrac Tractor with Attachments for the Maintenance of the Village's Parks and Trails System, in the Amount of \$39,293.80.**
2. **A Proposal for a Prescribed Burn and Seeding of Natural Areas at Erin Hills Park, in the Amount of \$5,700.00.**
3. **The Purchase of a 2019 Ford Escape for the Administration Department, in the Amount of \$20,017.00.**
4. **Pay Estimate No. 7 from Austin Tyler Construction, Inc. for the Fiddymont Creek Sanitary Sewer Project, in the Amount of \$217,712.13.**
5. **Pay Estimate No. 7 from Integral Construction, Inc. for the Active Core Project at Heritage Park, in the Amount of \$40,254.00.**
6. **The Purchase of a Kubota RTV X1140, for the Maintenance of the Village's Parks and Trails System, in the Amount of \$28,503.75.**

Trustee Gray motioned to approve the consent agenda, second by Trustee Rodgers.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Holtz, Gray, Rodgers, Pazmino and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

## I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-017, an Ordinance approving a Variance to reduce the required side yard setback for the proposed addition from twenty-five (25) feet to nineteen (19) feet for certain real property located in the R-1 Single-Family Residential District at 14530 136<sup>th</sup> Street, Homer Glen Illinois [HG-1908-V, 14530 136<sup>th</sup> Street].**

Trustee Burian motioned to approve Ordinance No. 19-017, a variance to reduce the required side yard setback, second by Trustee Sweas.

Trustee Sweas stated variances should be held for hardships. Trustee Holtz agreed.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Holtz, Gray, Rodgers, Burian and Pazmino

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

2. **Motion to approve the following items related to the construction of the Heritage Park Northwest Bike Trail**
  1. **Proceed with the design and construction of the Heritage Park Northwest Bike Trail, at this time.**
  2. **Approval of an agreement with HR Green to provide design and construction engineering services for the Heritage Park Northwest Bike Trail, for a not to exceed cost of \$6,000.00 for design engineering and \$6,000.00 for construction engineering.**
  3. **Approval of a change order with D Construction, for the additional costs related to the construction of the Heritage Park Northwest Bike Trail, based on the unit prices for the 151st Street Bike Trail, for which D Construction was awarded the contract to construct, being the lowest responsible bidder for that project.**

Trustee Rodgers motioned to approve the Construction of the Heritage Park Northwest Bike Trail, second by Trustee Burian.

Village Manager, Karie Friling, gave a brief background on why this matter was brought before the Board with such a quick turnaround from the last Board meeting. Ms. Friling explained this opportunity as unique since the current construction with the 151<sup>st</sup> bike path is being proposed right now. The Village Staff are getting ready to have a preconstruction meeting regarding 151<sup>st</sup>. Based on the input the staff received from the Board, staff had identified a creative opportunity to expedite this and save money at the same time to allow the same contractor to do this additional connection. This path will allow over a hundred families' to access the Heritage Park.

Mayor Yukich allowed the residents listed above in Public Comment to speak at this time. Concerns were expressed regarding safety, parking, noise and vandalism. Residents also spoke in favor of the possible bike path for the community and easy access for those nearby residents.

Village Manager Karie Friling stated two (2) weeks would be the most the Village would be able to delay this decision as engineering, timing and cost play into the decision. Trustee Gray spoke on the 151<sup>st</sup> path not being the driving factor for him to make a decision. Trustee Holtz stated she did not see the rush of submitting the approval for the North access without speaking to the residents. Trustee Holtz feels there may be other solutions. Trustee Holtz stated she is not opposed to the Saddle Brook entry but has concerns with the Northwest access. Facilities Manager John Robinson explained why the access between the Village and the Township would be costly. Trustee Sweas stated that she did not notice the steep grading area. Mayor Yukich stated he did not want to involve the Township on the entry access. Mayor Yukich made arrangements with residents John Walters and Michelle Parchemm to walk the area for access. Trustee Burian discussed the necessity of an additional access at the North or Northwest area for the larger good of the community. Trustee Burian stated he has hesitation in involving the Township on access to a Homer Glen park. Mayor Yukich stated he would like to hear from other residents in the areas near the possible access points. Trustee Sweas stated she does not feel the gateways and benches need to be included as it could cause more issues. Trustee Sweas also asked who would be paying for the fencing separating the subdivision from the park. Trustee Sweas stated she still has a lot of questions for this possible access but does not feel she has an issue with the Saddlebrook access point. Trustee Burian agreed the benches do not need to be there, it would be best to keep the benches inside the park. Trustee Holtz does not feel it would be responsible to move forward just to save \$15,000.00 - \$20,000.00. Trustee Holtz feels there are a lot of unanswered questions just to move forward at this time to save a drop in the bucket.

Trustee Rodgers amended her motion to table the agenda item until the May 26, 2019 meeting.  
Trustee Burian amended his second.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Rodgers, Burian, Gray, Holtz and Pazmino

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

**3. Motion to assign a Class E Liquor License (Temporary License) to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Located at 15625 S. Bell Road, Homer Glen for the “Greek for a Day” Festival occurring on July 19 through July 21, 2019.**

Trustee Burian motioned to assign the Class E Liquor License (Temporary Use) to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, second by Trustee Rodgers.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Rodgers, Burian, Gray, and Holtz

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Pazmino

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

**4. Motion to assign a Class J Liquor License (Special Event License) to Village of Homer Glen at 14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen for the Homer Community Festival occurring on June 20-23, 2019. It is understood that the \$200.00 fee for said license will be waived by the Village.**

Trustee Sweas motioned to assign the Class J Liquor License (Special Event License) to the Village of Homer Glen, second by Trustee Holtz.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Holtz, Gray, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Pazmino

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

**5. Motion to approve the March 2019 Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC legal bills, in the amount of \$6,960.**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve the Village of Homer Glen’s March legal bills from Mahoney, Silverman and Cross, LLC in the amount of \$6,960.00, second by Trustee Gray.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Holtz, Gray, Pazmino and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)  
Absent: (0)  
The Mayor did not vote.  
*The motion carried.*

**J. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**K. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Rodgers motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Holtz.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Holtz, Gray, Rodgers, and Pazmino

Nays: (0)

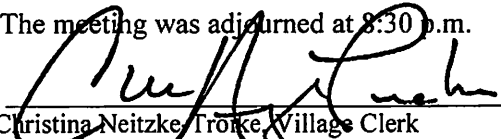
Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Christina Neitzke-Troike, Village Clerk

*Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated May 22, 2019*