

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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350 VICTORY DRIVE, PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS**

CONFERENCE CALL

7:00 p.m.

September 21, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Jonathan Vanderbilt, Trustee Tiffani Graham, Trustee Joseph Woods, Trustee Maya Hardy, Trustee Candyce Herron, and Trustee Glenna Hennessy

ABSENT: Trustee Theresa Settles

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Christopher Mannino, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Ross Secler, Deputy Finance Director Sharon Floyd, Director of Economic Development Hildy Kingma, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, Director of Public Relations Jason Miller, and IT Coordinator Craig Kaufman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Reinhofer, V3 Engineering (via Zoom)

RECORDER: Village Clerk Sheila McGann

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Vanderbilt. Roll was called by Clerk McGann.

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor

Mayor Vanderbilt welcomed Downs Fitness to Park Forest and enjoyed the ribbon cutting ceremony with other Board members. He also thanked those who helped with the 2020 Census popup at Arbor Trails Apartments. He attended the opening of Steak and Shake in Frankfort where he talked to corporate members who said they are continuing to move forward with an opening in Park Forest. Mayor Vanderbilt asked for a moment of silence to honor Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. National Hispanic Month will be celebrated September 15 to October 15. He encouraged residents to celebrate the many contribution of the Hispanic Community to our country. Saturday, September 19 was Thank a Police Officer Day.

Village Attorney

Attorney Secler reported that he has been working on the TIF extension that is on tonight's agenda. He is also continuing to work with staff to keep the Village in compliance with all the Covid-19 regulations. He will keep staff up-to-date as information comes forward in the court case regarding Election Day becoming a state holiday and how it impacts the Village.

Village Manager

Manager Mick commented on the passing of Justice Ginsburg with her quote, "Fight for the things you care about. But do it in a way that will encourage others to join you." She set precedents for women across the world. The annual Recyclefest is Saturday, September 26

which will include a 2020 Census popup event. The Village's current response rate is 70.3%. Recreation and Parks is planning a glow walk on Saturday, October 3. Due to Yom Kippur, the Rules/Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29. Manager Mick said there will be two presentations at tonight's meeting.

Village Clerk

Clerk McGann reported registration information regarding the November 2020 election.

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

Trustee Woods acknowledged the Mayor and Manager relating to the loss of Judge Ginsburg. He wished the owners of the new Park Forest business Downs Fitness much luck. He thanked staff who participated in the Census popup event at Autumn Ridge. Trustee Woods thanked those who contributed to the TIF extension. He also noted that CVS's new parking lot shows their commitment to redevelopment in Park Forest.

Trustee Hardy thanked the Human Relations Commission for the Virtual Job Fair held on Saturday morning. They hope to do it again soon. She, too, welcomed Downs Fitness and thanked staff and the Census Committee for their efforts in the 2020 Census. She also offered her condolences to the Ginsburg Family.

Trustee Graham reported that Recyclefest will take place Saturday, September 26 from 8:00 am till noon. She welcomed two new Park Forest businesses, Downs Fitness and JR Photography.

Trustee Hennessy stated that yard signs are available to the winners of the Beautification Awards. She expressed her condolences to the family of Wayne Simpson, a long time crossing guard at Century 21 School. Trustee Hennessy said Justice Ginsberg was a champion for justice, may she rest in peace and justice.

Trustee Herron said Recreation and Parks Commission met Tuesday, September 15. There is a Glo-stick walk planned for Saturday, October 3. Mayor Vanderbilt added that C-M 201U is providing free meals for children under 18 at Talala schools; check their website for details.

Manager Mick introduced Peter Reinhofer who gave a PowerPoint presentation giving a project overview on the Forest Boulevard project. This would include replacing deteriorating roadways along Forest and Norwood Boulevards, adding crosswalks for pedestrians, bicycles and multi-use paths. Also included are enhanced bus stop shelters, improved existing intersections and enhanced street parking in some areas. Engineers have coordinated with IDOT on requirements, CMAP for traffic volumes and analysis, and various surveys and studies. Also included were various intersection alternatives, green spaces and landscaping, and stop control placements. He noted funding sources including Invest in Cook County and other potential resources as this project moves from engineering design to ultimate construction.

Mayor Vanderbilt asked if there were any questions or comments. Trustee Woods was glad to hear the bikers, walkers, and drivers were all addressed in the presentation. Trustee Hennessy asked if a roundabout was a preferred option, Mr. Reinhofer explained a mini roundabout or t-stop could be used at one of the intersections. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if a T intersection would

bring more traffic downtown, Mr. Reinhofer said yes, a T intersection would be best at two of the intersections. The project would enhance transportation experience for bus riders, bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers. The Mayor and Manager thanked Mr. Reinhofer for his presentation.

Manager Mick introduced Director Gunther to talk about Thorn Creek Nature Preserve Commission. Director Gunther gave an overview of Thorn Creek and Park Forest since 1974. He talked about how the land was acquired, the diversity of the forests, and the Thorn Creek Nature Center. He encouraged residents to visit the Nature Center and to enjoy the hiking trails. Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve is managed by the Thorn Creek Nature Preserve Management Commission which are appointed members of the land holding agencies and members of the Friends of Thorn Creek. As part of the agreement, the Nature Center is maintained by Park Forest and the grounds and woods are maintained by the Forest Preserve District of Will County. Director Gunther gave an overview of the annual budget set by the Commission which includes expenses and funding resources. It is valuable resource to all residents that has been maintained due to the cooperation of Park Forest and other agencies. Mayor Vanderbilt asked the Board if there were any questions. He thanked Director Gunther for his educational presentation.

Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions*

As per the agenda posting, public comments were to be sent to Manager Mick by 3p.m. of the day of the meeting and would be read at the meeting. None were received. (See below)

Motion: Approval of Consent

CONSENT:

MOVED that the Consent Agenda and each item contained therein be hereby approved:

- 1. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Special Rules meeting of August 17, 2020, the Regular meeting of August 17, 2020 and the Rules meeting of September 8, 2020.**
- 2. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve payment to Storm Tree Services Inc. in the amount of \$50,470 for August 10, 2020 Derecho Storm emergency work.**
- 3. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees award the Well Maintenance Contract-Well No. 2 to Great Lakes Water Resources, in the amount of \$154,074 with an additional 15% contingency for any additional work as determined by the Village Engineer for a total cost not to exceed \$177,185.10.**
- 4. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with Baxter and Woodman Engineering for storm sewer improvements near 34 Woodland Glen in the amount of \$29,084 with a \$5,000 contingency for construction engineering, if needed, for a total cost not to exceed \$34,084.**
- 5. MOVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to sign a**

contract with Bode Tree Care in the amount of \$26,493 for lot clearing in the Eastgate Neighborhood.

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Woods and seconded by Trustee Graham. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if anyone wished any items be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, a roll call vote was called by Mayor Vanderbilt on the motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda was approved with the following results:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

The consent agenda was adopted with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays and one (1) absent.

DEBATABLE:

6. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1633, Approving a Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project for the Village of Park Forest Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area by Extending the Term of the Redevelopment Plan from 23 Years to 35 Years (Final Reading)

Mayor Vanderbilt asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. Trustee Woods had a question regarding the seven entities that were required for the TIF extension. Manager Mick explained that a letter of support from each of the seven taxing bodies per state law. With a negotiated agreement resulting in the Intergovernmental Agreement of June, 2019, with Rich Township School District 277, any future increments generated from Legacy Square would be shared with all the taxing bodies through the life of the extension. This would be effective January 2, 2021 through the next twelve years. The TIF increment would be distributed among the seven taxing bodies and the Village of Park Forest.

Move for adoption of the ordinance was motioned by Trustee Hardy and seconded by Trustee Herron. The ordinance was moved and seconded to adopt this ordinance at final reading. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if there were any questions or comments. None being heard, he called for a roll call vote by Clerk McGann. The ordinance was approved following a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

The ordinance was adopted with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, and one (1) absent.

7. Ordinance: An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Article III-4.C.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance to Amend the Use Standards for Chicken Coops in the Village of Park Forest, Illinois (Final Reading)

Move for adoption of the ordinance was motioned by Trustee Woods and seconded by Trustee Hardy. The ordinance was moved and seconded to adopt this ordinance at final reading. Mayor Vanderbilt asked if there were any questions or comments. None being heard, he called for a roll

call vote by Clerk McGann. The ordinance was approved following a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

The ordinance was adopted with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, and one (1) absent.

8. Ordinance: An Ordinance Authorizing the sale of Real Estate commonly known as 336 Early Street in the Village of Park Forest, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois (First Reading)

This item has had first reading and will be on the agenda for discussion at the next rules meeting.

9. Ordinance: An Ordinance Authorizing the sale of Real Estate commonly known as 305 Sauganash Street in the Village of Park Forest, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois (First Reading)

This item has had first reading and will be on the agenda for discussion at the next rules meeting.

Adjournment

This concluded the regular Board meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Vanderbilt called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Graham and passed unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned following a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

The meeting was adjourned with six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, and one (1) absent.

Mayor Vanderbilt adjourned the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McGann
Village Clerk

**NOTE – DUE TO COVID-19
THE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

***Public, in-person attendance of the Meeting has been deemed unfeasible; All public comment can be sent prior to the phone conference Board Meeting, via email to tmick@vopf.com, by 3 pm the day of the meeting; Public comments received via email will be read during the public meeting.**

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