

Minutes

Coffee with the Villa Park Board of Trustees

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Villa Park Village Hall, 20 S. Ardmore

Village Board Present: Al Bulthuis, Dave Cilella, Nick Cuzzone, Christine Murphy, Cheryl Tucker and Bob Wagner

Village Residents Present: Donna Noxon, Joe Arnold, Rolf Laukant, and John Squires.

The meeting was called to order by President Bulthuis at approximately 9:05 AM.

Approval of the Minutes from the July 6, 2019 Coffee with the Board: Trustee Cuzzone moved to approve the Minutes and the motion was seconded by Trustee Cilella. Motion approved by voice vote.

Village resident Donna Noxon raised the question of the street sweeping schedule. She advised that she lives at 1037 S. Rand and has never seen the street sweeper go down her block. President Bulthuis responded that the village is divided into quadrants and there is a schedule whereby each neighborhood's street are swept.

Donna Noxon also asked about the future plans for Fry's and Mio's Tacos restaurants along Villa Avenue. President Bulthuis responded that they both have an anticipated opening sometime in September.

A question was raised about the possible opening of June's Lounge in the North Park Mall. President Bulthuis responded that a majority of the Board was opposed to issuing a liquor license, which was needed before a gaming license could be obtained.

Discussion ensued about the issue of gaming in the village. It was mentioned that Lombard was considering gaming but they might be more restrictive than Villa Park. President Bulthuis mentioned that there were 18 businesses with gaming licenses and a total of 82 machines in Villa Park. He mentioned that there are 3 – 4 inquiries per month about the possibility of a issuing a liquor license with the intent to apply for a gaming license. He mentioned that May's was soon to open in the Courtyard Shopping area and they have been approved for a liquor license and have obtained a gaming license.

It was mentioned that the Bright Kids Academy on Ardmore had closed.

The issue of recreational cannabis was discussed. Discussion ensued about how many Recreational Cannabis dispensaries will be opened in the state of Illinois. Resident Donna Noxon mentioned that her husband's employer installs security systems for Cannabis Growing Centers and that Illinois' regulations are very stringent. There was discussion about the law and whether the number of dispensaries were limited per congressional district. President Bulthuis mentioned that he and Trustee Wagner had attended the meeting Lombard held on Recreational Cannabis. Resident Rolf Laukant mentioned he had traveled to California and had visited a dispensary and he noted they had strict security measures. It was mentioned that the Medical Cannabis dispensary in Addison had stringent security and had facial recognition software.

Resident Rolf Laukant stated that he had submitted several FOIA request to the Village of Villa Park and he had submitted one such request in October of 2017 that dealt with \$87,000 in spending approved by the

Village Board on May 9, 2016 for asbestos monitoring. He mentioned that when his FOIA request was not answered he filed a complaint with Attorney General Kwame Raoul. Mr. Laukant asserted that there was a no-bid contract awarded to GAIA Tech/RPS and he asked what it was for and if there was a violation of procedure. It was stated that there would be an inquiry with staff about what he alleged.

Resident Donna Noxon raised the question of the demolition of Lufkin Pool and the time during the day when demolition is permitted. It was mentioned that a letter was sent to residents around Lufkin Pool about the demolition schedule. She asked whether that letter could be posted on the Village's web site.

Discussion ensued about the grant application that was being submitted for lighting for the baseball field along High Ridge. It was mentioned that a public meeting would be held about this issue on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:30 PM at Iowa Community Center.

Resident Joe Arnold asked how gas prices are controlled. President Bulthuis stated that this was beyond the control of the village. He also asked about the streetscape along North Ardmore. President Bulthuis stated that the majority of the funding for that project came from a grant.

The issue of the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation was raised. Discussion ensued about High Ridge, Twin Lakes Park, and the future plans for Lufkin. It was mentioned that the open area formerly occupied by the Lufkin Pool will be seeded and that a walking trail and a Nature Center are envisioned for that area under the Plan.

Due to the fact that there were no other resident questions, the meeting was adjourned by voice vote at approximately 10:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Robert J. Wagner