Minutes

Coffee with the Villa Park Board of Trustees
Saturday June 1, 2019
Villa Park Village Hall, 20 South Ardmore Avenue

Village Trustees Present: Cuzzone, Cillela, Tucker, Patrick, Murphy

Village Manager: Absent

Residents: M. Gibson, Wendy Granrath, Donna Noxon, Bob White, Rolf Laukant, Jen Burns, Sam Bouson, John

Meeting called to order at 9:05 A.M.

Approve Minutes from April 6, 2019 meeting – Motion to accept minutes as read by Trustee Cillela, seconded by Trustee Tucker, Approved by unanimous vote

Discussion Items:

Trustee Cuzzone responded to several questions from the April 6 Coffee with the Board, specifically that Clerk Hosanna Korynecky has the statement of economic interest forms she requested from DuPage County; the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Lufkin Demolition were published in the Daily Herald; The TIF review board meets once per year and is only posted on the Village website. Residents interested in attending should contact Village Hall to be put on a notification list. Trustee Cuzzone also noted the Village received over 9 inches of rain in the month of May as determined by rain gages in the Village. Also, the amount of rain measured at O’Hare in May 2019 broke the record set in 2018.

Villa Park resident Donna Noxon brought up several questions regarding the Feasibility Survey that was recently submitted to the Village for review. Jen Burns noted the Village has responded to PROS that we are not happy with the report and they are revising it. It is hoped to have the revised report in time for the next Parks & Rec Commission meeting on June 11, 2019. Rolf asked if the study had looked into surrounding communities like Elmhurst and Addison; Jen said yes it did. Donna also brought up the idea of repurpose, repair, reuse and rebuild existing facilities as a potential solution to the recreation issues.

Discussion regarding the parking issues on Villa Avenue, especially by Pioneer. Several options were discussed including having More Brewery move their new beer rollouts to an off-site location. Trustee Cuzzone will bring this up with the Village Manager and the new Economic Development Director.

Residents asked if Debbie Dimito had closed on the bird building at the corner of Kenilworth and Villa. Trustee Cuzzone will confirm with Manager Kheener the status of the sale.
Discussion regarding parking at the soon to open Fuel and Crème on Central Avenue, residents were informed that the owner had received a variance from Planning and Zoning since he has no on-site parking.

A question arose regarding the porta potty at the Gazebo and who pays for it. Trustee Cuzzone will check with Manager Kheener whether the Village pays for it or if DuPage County pays. Additional discussion regarding placing porta potties at all of Villa Park’s parks. Jen Burns will bring up the issue at the next Parks and Rec Commission meeting.

Resident Laukant asked who is responsible for writing the RFPs and if Manager Kheener approves them before they are issued. Trustee Cuzzone to check with Manager Kheener. Donna Noxon asked if we have to take the lowest bid on projects even if the lowest bidder may not be a reliable contractor. She was told that we take the lowest responsible bidder; if the lowest bidder is not a reliable company we would take the next lowest. Also, the companies must pay prevailing wages; discussion ensued regarding how responsible wages are determined.

Discussion ensued regarding the bridge reconstruction project and the IGA between Villa Park, Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Park District. Elmhurst to vote on it Monday June 3, 2019. Villa Park and the Park District have already approved the IGA.

Jackson retention project has been ongoing despite all the rain we have had. Discussion regarding gaming sites in Villa Park and that Lombard has just approved an ordinance allowing gaming, with a lot of restrictions. A resident requested information regarding street sweeping, informed that the Village is split into quadrants and each quadrant is swept once a month. The schedule is on the VP website.

Saturday June 8, 2018 is the annual Salt Creek cleanup starting at 12:00, volunteers are meeting at Rotary Park.

Discussion regarding the Simply Recycling program, Donna Noxon asked if they can have a booth at Summerfest to promote the program. Also, Trustee Tucker noted she had left a bag at her curb twice on garbage day and it was not picked up. Trustee Cuzzone to check with Manager Kheener regarding Summerfest.

Discussion regarding the Astor Court project, looks like the IEPA has approved the loan request and the project will be going out to bid soon.

Rolf Laukant asked who should residents call if illegal fireworks are being shot off. A resident suggested calling 911.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Cuzzone