

Minutes

Coffee with the Villa Park Board of Trustees Saturday July 6, 2019

Villa Park Village Hall, 20 South Ardmore Avenue

Village Trustees Present: President Bulthuis, Cuzzone, Tucker, Murphy, Wagner

Village Manager: Absent

Residents: Chuck Bohl, Joe Amore, Steve Seddon, John Squires
Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M.

Approve Minutes from June 1, 2019 meeting – Motion to accept minutes as read by Trustee Cuzzone, seconded by Trustee Tucker, Approved by unanimous vote

Discussion Items:

Chuck Bohl from Christian Church of Villa Park provided information about the fifth annual Love Your Neighbor Day to be held on Saturday September 28, 2019. Last year 24 families were helped by the event which provides labor and material for projects such as landscaping, painting and general maintenance. Funding is not a problem as there is money from 2018 leftover but finding workers and families in need is the major difficulty. Mr. Bohl thanked the Village of Villa Park for their financial support and requested publication of information regarding the event. He also noted that the CCVP has been in contact with Community Development regarding homes that need maintenance.

Trustee Murphy asked if Villa Park firefighters mow the lawns at the fire houses. President Bulthuis stated the fire fighters do mow the lawns. He will check with Chief Rakosnik as to why they do that and the Parks department does not. Trustee Cuzzone stated it is likely because the Chief wants them to do that.

Trustee Cuzzone responded to several questions from the June 1st Coffee with the Board, specifically that Debbie DeMito has closed on the former bird building at Villa and Kenilworth, although no decision has been made regarding future use of the building. The Parks and Rec department pays for the porta-potties located on the Prairie Path by the gazebo. Public Works prepares the requests for proposals (RFPs) for projects such as the Lufkin Pool demolition. The Village Manager does not review the RFPs prior to release. The Simply Recycling group has been notified that some resident's recycling bags have not been picked up. Simply Recycling was not at Summerfest, but discussion ensued regarding better promotion of the program to Villa Park residents. Trustee Murphy noted she regularly visits garage sales and provides the Simply Recycling bags to the owners for any clothes or other items that do not sell. Trustee Wagner mentioned that Simple Recycling had participated in Spring Sweep and took in a large quantity of items. Trustee Wagner mentioned that Simple Recycling accepts distressed fabrics and clothes along with houseware items.

Villa Park resident Joe Amore noted the Salt Creek bike trail should be rerouted so it goes under the railroad tracks at Villa Avenue since there have been so many stopped freight trains at this location. Discussion continued regarding the DuPage County Route 83 Corridor plan that was discussed at a recent Villa Park Board meeting and if it was possible to get an overpass for the bike trail at the North Avenue and Route 83 intersection. Further discussion continued regarding the Pace bus route along 83, and whether it can be rerouted to proceed along North Avenue to Ardmore to service the Metra station in Villa Park. President Bulthuis noted Pace was contacted regarding changes to the route but declined to alter the route.

President Bulhuis mention that he and Trustee Wagner attended a program on the Opioid Crisis put on by the Illinois Municipal League on April 23rd in Lisle. Trustee Wagner mentioned that he had learned about the County's HOPE Task Force.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Cuzzone