



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

DATE: Monday, September 12, 2022

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESIDENT:	VAN MOBLEY
TRUSTEES:	JENNIFER ABRAHAM ANGELINA APOSTOLOS KRISTINA ECKERT ROB HOLYOKE KENNETH KUCHARSKI DAVID LANGE
ADMINISTRATOR:	COLLEEN LANDISCH-HANSEN
ATTORNEY:	TIM SCHOONENBERG
STAFF:	ASSISTANT CHIEF JOEL DEUTSCH DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/PUBLIC WORKS ANDY LAFOND POLICE CHIEF CURT KLEPPIN VILLAGE CLERK AMY LANGLOIS

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A. Open to any resident or taxpayer on items not subject to a public hearing: Please be advised per §19.84(2), information will be received from the public. Village policy limits a three (3) minute time period per person, with time extension by the presiding official's discretion or a vote of 2/3 of the Board or Committee; be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments. Written comments on agenda items are encouraged to be sent and addressed to the intended body by noon on the day of the meeting. Comments received timely will be forwarded to all members of the body. If you wish to speak, you must pre-register by emailing the Village Clerk at alanglois@village.thiensville.wi.us by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting or by signing in immediately prior to the meeting.

John Treffert, 184 Riveredge Court - Mr. Treffert addressed the Board regarding parking in

Village Park and questioned the need for additional parking noting his ability to find parking on Food Truck and Market days also noting that there has been a drop off in activity on the baseball diamonds alleviating parking needs. Mr. Treffert prefers green space instead of a parking lot and also mentioned that equally as important is road repairs. Also, Mr. Treffert suggested including a list of Capital projects in the weekly Village Voice.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Review Capital Expenditures List (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared the following capital expenditure requests: \$3,500.00 for Emerald Ash Borer, \$12,000.00 for sidewalk maintenance, \$4,400.00 for Pigeon Creek Maintenance, \$26,000.00 for Village Park lights (there is \$14,000.00 in reserves, the remainder will come from the Boat Launch reserves), \$5,000.00 for parade and special event barricades and \$5,000.00 for crowd control/street barricades.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to recommend to the Village Board to approve the following Capital Expenditure Requests: \$3,500.00 for Emerald Ash Borer, \$12,000.00 for sidewalk maintenance, \$4,400.00 for Pigeon Creek Maintenance, \$26,000.00 for Village Park lights (\$14,000.00 in reserves, remainder from Boat Launch reserves), \$5,000.00 for parade and special event barricades and \$5,000.00 for crowd control/street barricades. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Frank L. Weyenberg Library Update, Rachel Muchin Young, Library Director

Library Director, Rachel Muchin Young presented to the Board an update regarding the Frank Weyenberg Library. Ms. Muchin Young shared that the library has reimagined library service over the last several years to include:

1. New Circulating Collections: Nintendo Switch, Xbox One and PS4, puzzles and family discovery kits (indoor and outdoor games as well as do-it yourself tools)
2. New Spaces: calming room, new public computer spaces and a community puzzle

Through the end of August, 2022, there have been 80,779 visitors, 177,201 physical checkouts, 41,193 electronic checkouts and 14,415 participated in programs. For 2022, the library is on track with physical checkouts to at least equate to last year. Electronic circulation has increased. The library is funded primarily by Mequon, Thiensville and by County reimbursements, which are checkouts to neighboring counties.

The Board thanked Ms. Muchin Young.

C. Discussion regarding Village Park Parking, Rob Kos, Executive Director, Thiensville Business Association

Rob Kos, Executive Director, Thiensville Business Association, addressed the Board regarding parking at Village Park. Mr. Kos noted that as a user of the Park (Farmer's Market, Food Truck, Gathering on the Green), the number one issue encountered is the

availability of parking. Mr. Kos believes that there was a plan presented that allowed much of the large trees to remain while gaining about 40 parking spots. Mr. Kos noted that as the Park becomes more and more attractive, it will draw more people, requiring more parking.

Trustee Holyoke questioned if during larger events, if parking was being used by vendors. Mr. Kos noted that no food truck operators use any parking spaces and only 12 spots are used for the Farmer's Market.

Director of Community Services/Public Works LaFond stated that an alternative to freeing up existing spots would be to put more paved trails in the Park to put the Food Trucks or vendors for the Farmer's Market on, which also eliminates green space.

The Board thanked Mr. Kos.

D. Discussion regarding Pickleball (Trustee Eckert) (att)

Mr. Reilly, 231 Riverview Drive, addressed the Board sharing that the tennis courts are in need of repair and inquired if pickleball would be considered. There has been a significant increase in the interest in playing pickleball. A pickleball court is about 3/10 the size of a tennis court and the sport is multi-generational. It would be possible to get six pickleball courts where the tennis courts are currently. There are no public tennis courts in the City of Mequon. Mr. Reilly believes that Thiensville has a unique opportunity to get pickleball courts.

Chris Korjenek, USA Pickleball Ambassador, Ozaukee County, presented to the Board a brief overview of pickleball noting Architectural Digest states that pickleball has replaced golf as the most coveted sports amenity in luxury rental developments. Lifetime Fitness is also intending on installing over 600 pickleball courts in their facilities in 2023. Ms. Korjenek shared that the Mequon-Thiensville Recreation Department does have plans for eight courts to be put at Range Line School. Funding for those eight courts is approximately \$500,000 - this will be privately funded. Ms. Korjenek also approached the City of Mequon to discuss other locations for courts. The City of Mequon already has a plan to resurface their existing basketball court and will dual-purpose them into a basketball court and three pickleball courts. It is Ms. Korjenek's understanding that this will be largely funded by the City with potentially some funding from Rotary.

Mr. Reilly also shared that the pickleball courts are also a draw for other businesses in the Village.

Trustee Eckert inquired of Ms. Korjenek if her organization would do fundraising in Thiensville. Ms. Korjenek supports having courts in Thiensville and believes there is community interest. Mr. Reilly did note that a pickleball is louder than a tennis ball and suggested installing a wood wall on the north end may help with noise.

Trustee Abraham inquired if gates would be installed for each court. Mr. Reilly noted individual access to each court would be nice, however, there are many type of layouts.

Director LaFond shared that our current courts were scheduled to be resurfaced, however, will need to be reconstructed; there is \$60,000 in reserves plus \$18,000 for lights for a total

of \$78,000. Also, sport courts should be constructed out of virgin asphalt which adds to the cost as well as the cost of the fence which is estimated at \$80,000. More solid quotes can be acquired for the Budget Work Session. A donor may also be interested in naming rights for the courts. A ballpark figure would be \$200,000 - \$300,000.

Trustee Eckert is asking the Board to budget for pickleball courts and will ask Ms. Korjenek to help with fundraising. Trustee Eckert believes that brining these courts to Thiensville is exactly what the image of Thiensville is and is a draw for the community.

Trustee Lange likes the idea of having the courts in Thiensville and would like to see numbers. Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted that the Village does have a Naming Rights Policy and also stated that if there is support to move forward, reserves could be used to come up with a design plan to determine how much is needed.

Trustee Apostolos suggested looking into platforms for booking a court. Trustee Abraham would like the courts to be for casual play instead of used for tournaments. At this time, reservations are not needed for the tennis courts.

Director LaFond will look into costs for the Budget Work Session.

E. Discussion regarding Village Sidewalk Policy (att)

Director LaFond requested of the Board direction whether to pursue looking into revising or rewriting the policy regarding sidewalk, driveway approach and curb and gutter improvements. In 2007, the Village Board adopted Resolution 2007-02 which makes the abutting property owners responsible to bear the full cost of replacing damaged sidewalks, driveway approaches and curb and gutter in front of their business or residence. The Village went through a process identifying all of the sidewalks that were out of spec and that needed to be replaced. The policy stated that once marked, property owners would be notified by US mail with a timeframe, or the Village would fix the sidewalk and send the homeowner or business owner a bill. This ended after a few cycles and sidewalks continued to deteriorate. A budget item was created for maintenance and contracted out to have the sidewalks shaved/sliced off - the Village paid for this maintenance. No maintenance was completed during COVID. Some sidewalks cannot be shaved any longer and need to be replaced due to Village tree roots.

Director LaFond noted that driveways could be considered separate from sidewalks, curb and gutter. In regards to curb and gutter, any vehicle could damage this requiring the homeowner or business owner responsible for repair. There have been a few concerns from residents.

Trustee Holyoke does not support assessing for sidewalks and not fixing them is a liability. President Mobley noted that if the Village fixes the sidewalks, this is an added expense, however, if repair is left to residents, the sidewalks may corrode and suggested fixing the sidewalks when needed. Most of the issues are caused by Village trees.

F. Review and recommendation regarding Amended Temporary Class B Beer and Class B Wine License, Thiensville-Mequon Lions Club, To Include Applefest, Sunday, October 2, 2022, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Village Park, 251 Elm Street

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos to recommend to the Village Board to approve Amended Temporary Class B Beer and Class B Wine License for Thiensville-Mequon Lions Club, to Include Applefest, October 2, 2022, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

G. Discussion regarding Public Hearings scheduled for September 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Request from Scott Gad, 500 Lake Bluff Road, Recommendation from Plan Commission to Amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan from Single-Family Residential Classification to the Multi-Family Residential Classification and Rezone the Property from R-1 Single-Family Residence District to R-4 Multiple-Family Residence District (att)

Director LaFond noted that the Plan Commission did make this recommendation to the Village Board for approval on August 9, 2022. Mr. Gad is making a request to amend the Land Use Plan and rezone the property at 500 Lake Bluff Road. The entire lot was R-1 and then was split. The front half is currently non-conforming - it has 3 units. The portion that was split off has been on the market for over 900 days and is abutted by R-4 on three sides. Mr. Gad is looking for more opportunities to sell. This is a small piece of land and will only be able to fit a four-unit building or two side-by-side units. The Public Hearings are scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2022.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS BY TRUSTEES AS MAY PROPERLY BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Acceptance/Reports of Gifts Received:

1. \$220.00 to the Thiensville Fire Department from the Depies Family
2. \$13,000.00 from Robert Blazich for Music in the Park, Village Park
3. \$2,500.00 from Gathering on the Green, Inc. for Music in the Park, Village Park

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to recommend to the Village Board to accept the Following Gifts With Much Gratitude: \$220.00 to the Thiensville Fire Department from the Depies Family, \$13,000.00 from Robert Blazich for Music in the Park, Village Park and \$2,500.00 from Gathering on the Green, Inc. for Music in the Park, Village Park. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Discussion regarding Thiensville Fire Department

C. Review Meeting Date Schedule:

1. September 26, 2022 - Public Hearings and Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
2. October 3, 2022 - Budget Work Session at 5:00 PM, Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
3. October 17, 2022 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
4. November 7, 2022 - Budget Public Hearing and Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
5. November 21, 2022 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
6. December 5, 2022 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
7. December 19, 2022 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Deliberating about the investment of public funds in future Village properties requiring a Closed Session due to the competitive nature and bargaining positions at risk if conducted in a public meeting. Such Closed Session is authorized pursuant to Wis. Stats. Article 19.85(1)(e).

MOTION by Trustee Abraham, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:20 PM.

1. Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Trustees Abraham, Apostolos, Eckert, Holyoke, Kucharski, Lange and President Mobley

Naes: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. Vote of Board to Reconvene in Open Session

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to reconvene in Open Session at 8:00 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Abraham, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to adjourn the Meeting at 8:00 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,
Amy L. Langlois
Village Clerk