



Village of Fox River Grove

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Village President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Curtiss, Hester, Knar, Migdal, and Wall. Trustees Schladt was absent. Also, present were Administrator Soderholm, Assistant Administrator Bechler, Chief Waitrovich, and Village Clerk Caesar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS

President McLaughlin announced the next Meet the Mayor is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will be an open forum with Village related discussion.

SWEARING IN: OFFICER JOSE SALAZAR, SERGEANT CHRISTIAN LAZZERINI, AND SERGEANT ERIC BARHAM

Police Chief Waitrovich administered the swearing in of officer Jose Salazar, Sergeant Christian Lazzerini, and Sergeant Eric Barham.

1. APPROVAL: CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL VIA ONE VOTE FOR ALL

- A. Village Board Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2023
- B. Accounts Payable – July 18, 2023 and August 1, 2023
- C. Treasurer's Report – June 2023
- D. Business Capital Assistance Program Grant, Bruneaus Restaurant Concepts, LLC
- E. Waive Temporary Liquor License Fees, Lions Club – FRG Makers Market September 9, 2023 and Fall Fun October 21, 2023.
- F. Waive Raffle Fee & Fidelity Bond Requirement for Fox River Grove PTO

Trustee Hester requested to remove item D from the consent agenda.

Trustee Hester made a motion to approve consent agenda items A, B, C, E and F. Trustee Migdal seconded. Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Hester, Knar, Migdal, and Wall —all “yes.” MOTION PASSED.

Trustee Hester made a motion to approve consent agenda item D with an amendment to the grant payout amounts to be distributed half at three (3) months after date of opening and the final half at

Village President Marc McLaughlin

Trustees Jennifer Curtiss / Devin Hester / Steve Knar / Andrew Migdal / Melissa Schladt / Kirsten Wall

the six (6) months after date of opening. Trustee Knar seconded. Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Hester, Knar, Migdal, and Wall—all “yes.” MOTION PASSED.

2. DISCUSSION: LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION, STELLA’S

Administrator Soderholm stated an application for a class A liquor license is being requested for a new gaming location named Stella’s which is under the same ownership as Dottie’s currently operating in the Village. Administrator Soderholm introduced Bob Kunke whom was present to answer any questions the Trustees may have.

A discussion was held.

Trustee Hester asked why the interest in opening two similar establishments within walking distance of one another. Mr. Kunke stated that one reason was to position themselves in the market should one of their leases go away. Mr. Kunke also described the two locations as having a different theme, and drawing different types of customers and more traffic into the Village.

Trustee Knar stated he does not support the current proposal and would like additional information on how Stella’s would benefit and improve the Village.

Trustee Migdal does not feel Dottie’s is providing the country kitchen options for dining as proposed back when applying for their liquor license and he does not support approving a second location that will be 95% gaming.

President McLaughlin stated that with the location being the former Sports Clip, for Trustees to keep in mind the type of businesses that are eligible for that specific location. President McLaughlin feels something there is better than nothing, noting the space has been vacant since 2019.

Mr. Kunke stated that the businesses bring entertainment to the community, which in turn increases foot traffic and potential spending around the Village. Mr. Kunke would like to see both Dottie’s and Stella’s remain open, and currently has a five (5) year lease on the table with the landlord for Stella’s.

The general consensus of the Board was to place the Liquor License Application for Stella’s on the agenda for approval. The Board requested staff provide additional information pertaining to gaming revenue from various establishments.

3. DISCUSSION: BUILDING CODE UPDATES

Administrator Soderholm stated that Rich Piccolo, B&F Technical Codes President helped write and update all the Village codes. The current codes were thoroughly reviewed and decisions were made accordingly to ensure that the best practices were in place for the safety of all.

Mr. Piccolo was present to explain some of the modifications made and answered questions raised by the Board.

A discussion was held.

The consensus of the Board was for Staff to prepare an ordinance for approval at the next Village Board meeting, adopting the new building code updates.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Knar inquired about the status of the A-frame structure that banners have been displayed from in the past, along Northwest Hwy, and if it was true that the Village was not going to be utilizing that location for future event advertising.

Administrator Soderholm stated that the Village would be utilizing advertising and visibility options with the new LED billboard on Northwest Hwy, coming into the Village.

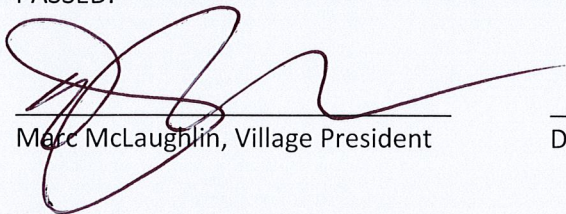
Administrator Soderholm asked the Board for feedback on the proposed list of Park Rules for the new entrance sign, if temporary signs alerting park patrons of the newly adopted park rules should be placed at the park, and if the Board wanted Staff securing a Parking attendant for Labor Day weekend at Picnic Grove Park.

A discussion was held.

The general consensus of the Board was to roll out the changes incrementally, and directed Staff to place the temporary signs prior to the Labor Day holiday weekend. The other topics would be revisited after the Labor Day weekend response to the new park rules.

ADJOURNMENT


Trustee Knar made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Hester. A voice vote was taken. Trustees Curtiss, Hester, Knar, Migdal, and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.



Marc McLaughlin, Village President

8-15-2023

Date



Shelley J. Caesar, Village Clerk