

**MINUTES  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
21460 Lincoln Highway  
Lynwood, Illinois 60411  
Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call To Order**

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present on the roll call were Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Lebeter

Absent: none

Attorney Mike Marovich indicated that today was going to be a presentation by Ho Chunk Nation. He indicated it would not be a question and answer session. He did indicate that the Board acknowledged if anyone wanted to make a comment, it can be done under the Public Comment Section.

**Presentation**

There was a presentation from Southland Ho Chunk Entertainment Nation, proposing a casino. (see attached presentation)

**ADDRESS THE BOARD/ PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Ms. Gladys Kendrick presented a concern of hers regarding Kickert Bus Company and how their parking issues lessen the value of the community.

Resident Randall Blakey presented several posters from previous years when the Ho Chunk Nation attempted in the past to be approved for a Casino. Mr. Blakey stated that he is a strong opponent of casino gambling and particularly in Lynwood.

Resident Clorissa Keys stated that she has a problem she receives a water bill every month, she wanted to know why every resident in Lynwood has not received a notice about this meeting or about this proposed Casino coming to the community.

Resident David Lilly, stated he has not been invited to a public hearing, a meeting, nothing to find out whether or not the residents of Lynwood wants a casino in our community. The issue is whether or not they even cared to concern themselves of what the community wanted. He stated he is against the casino in his community.

Resident Karen Shaffer, mentioned that recycling is going to continue in Lynwood. Ms. Shaffer mentioned that we need communication/ education going out to the residents in the community.

Frank Roski, stated that he is the CEO, that took over the Management for the Ho Chunk Facility. He stated that he has worked with the Mayor and the Ho Chunk Nation, and the Ho Chunk Nation has in the past have done a wonderful job in fixing the place up. He stated that the Ho Chunk Nation would do a job if the community wanted in.

#### Minutes of Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 2019

Trustee Stephens moved, seconded by Trustee Lebeter to approve the Minutes for Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 as presented.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Lebeter

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion: carried.

#### Public Works..... Stephens

Trustee Stephens had no report.

#### Economic Development..... Curry

Trustee Curry had no report

#### Community Affairs / Parks & Recreation.....Dunlap

Trustee Dunlap had no report

#### Planning & Zoning.....Stephens

Trustee Stephens had no report

#### Ordinances and Resolutions.....Sims

Trustee Sims had no report.

#### Finance..... Dillingham

Trustee Dillingham moved, seconded by Trustee Sims to approve **BPM #1377** for a total disbursement of \$238,550.02 of which \$123,481.13 was payroll.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Lebeter

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion: carried.

#### Public Safety.....Lebeter

Trustee Lebeter reported that Sat. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> is Fire Prevention Open House from 10 a.m. – 1p.m. at the Fire Station.

### Reports & Communications

#### **Village Clerk**

Village Clerk, Wingfield-Bond reported that the date for planting is Thurs. Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. from 9am-1pm. She indicated that we are currently looking for volunteers.

Clerk Wingfield-Bond also indicated that we are planning a Brookfield Zoo Community Tree Trimming/Decoration Event on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Bus will depart from Village Hall @ 11:00 am. It will be \$5.00 and bring your decorations. A light lunch will be served.

#### **Village Attorney**

Attorney Marovich reported that he was proud he is siting here as the Village Attorney and to witness this community work presentation although controversial did not get out of control.

#### **Village Engineer**

Was not in attendance, nothing was reported on his behalf.

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Williams mentioned that we are having a special board meeting next Tues. to vote on this project. The Mayor mentioned that he is very much in supportive of this project. The Mayor mentioned that this is the best thing that could happen not only to us but for our neighbors especially Ford Heights. He indicated that the best thing for Ford Heights is that we build up around the region and include them in it. The mayor mentioned that we are already a destination point here in Lynwood. The mayor mentioned that the Southland Sports Center brings in tens of thousands of people every year. Mayor Williams mentioned that we would turn this area into a Casino Development District with strict requirements making this a family entertainment district, including Ford Heights, Glenwood and Sauk Village. Ford Heights would have to improve, since we would need to improve their streets down Rt. 30 to I57. Mayor Williams mentioned that our legislators could help make this happen. Mayor Williams also mentioned that this project is not a given, there is no guarantee, there is competition. Homewood/East Hazel Crest, Chicago Heights may have submitted an application, Calumet City, Matteson, Country Club Hills, Crestwood communities are all competing for the same project. Mayor stated that he thinks we should go all out and try to get it. Mayor stated that we need to be proactive and get ahead of the problems that we can perceive.

After the Mayor gave his report, questions from the Board and from the floor were entertained.

Trustee Curry asked for clarification about the meeting for next week, she asked if this was in lieu of the Committee of the Whole. Mayor Williams mentioned that we will adjust it or do it after or before even. Mayor Williams stated that he will have to figure out the details on that one. Trustee Curry asked is there was a reason why we are doing a special board meeting opposed to waiting until the following week. The Mayor responded so we can get an answer, pass this with a yes, or no.

Ms. Lilly mentioned that she needs the village to do a better job of communicating with the residents of the village. Ms. Lilly asked how the Mayor proposed to get the word out about this Special Meeting. The Mayor's response was he did not know yet. Attorney Marovich mentioned that this will be posted on the website. Ms. Lilly stated that everyone does not focus in on the website. Ms. Lilly stated

Mr. Lilly stated that we have approx. 10,000 residents in this community with approximately 400 residents voting the Village President into office. He asked how many will show up pro or con concerning this issue.

Ms. Keys stated that it is not fair that everyone in the community does not know about this special meeting to be held next Tues. Ms. Keys mentioned that the Mayor needs to ensure that every household needs to be aware that this Special Meeting is happening.

Ms. Adams mentioned that she has been attending village board meetings for 5 to 6 months. She mentioned that we are behind and owe about 3 million dollars, and if the Mayor thinks this will be the answer, as stated, we need to find another way.

Ms. Shaffer mentioned that the village needs to do a better job of communication as we have failed to do with the recycling message. She asked how can the Mayor expect to have a meeting in one week and get the word out to an entire community about the casino.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Executive Session**

None

#### **Adjournment**



Since there was no unfinished or new business, Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Trustee Stephens moved, seconded by Trustee Lebeter. A roll call was taken. The results are tallied below.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Lebeter

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion: carried

Respectfully submitted,

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~~Karen Wingfield-Bond~~ Village Clerk



## **SOUTHLAND HO-CHUNK ENTERTAINMENT**

### **AREA DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW - HOTEL RESORT & CASINO**

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## **Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment**



### **Introductions and History**

- Thank you, Mayor Williams, Trustees, and Community Members
- Introductions
- History of Ho-Chunk Nation
  - We have called Illinois Home for Centuries
  - Hospitality and Community are in our DNA

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## Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment



### Connection to Lynwood / Southland Area

- Lynwood / Southland – a community we have called home for 15 years
- Over those years our state-of-the-art Southland Sports and Entertainment Center has grown
- We are proud of our Staff and contributions – we are invested in this community:
  - We have over 41,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of flooring for every kind of sports activity
  - We are the largest taxpayer in the area – more than \$10M paid
  - We own the land
  - No other prospective bidder in the Southland area has made such a long-term investment in any host community
  - This is a true partnership with this community

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## Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment



### Business Development / Proven Track Record

- Ho-Chunk Gaming / Owner & Operator Today
- WI Dells best known / Tribe helped develop that area of the State of WI in tourism starting in the early 1900's
- We are proud of our long-standing contributions:
  - Our 6 facilities are family, community, and employee centric
  - Solid economic development driver in each of the communities in which we have the privilege to operate
  - Charitable contributions throughout WI / More locally we have long supported The Chicago Foundation for Women & American Indian Center of Chicago

## Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment



### Phased Development – Owner & Operator

- Phase I – Construct temporary Casino
- Phase II – Construct new Hotel & Casino
- Phase III – Repurpose BLDG to increase the size of the Sports Complex
- Phase IV – Overall Site Development

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## Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment



### Phased Development – Owner / Operator

- Construction Jobs – estimating 180 for Phase I and 1100 for Phase II & III
- Permanent Job Creation / Black River Falls we employ 20% of local residents
  - Estimated 250 Employees – Phase I
  - Estimated 1100 Employees – Phase II
- Diverse Procurement Commitment
  - During Construction Phase
  - Employees and Vendors / Shop Local

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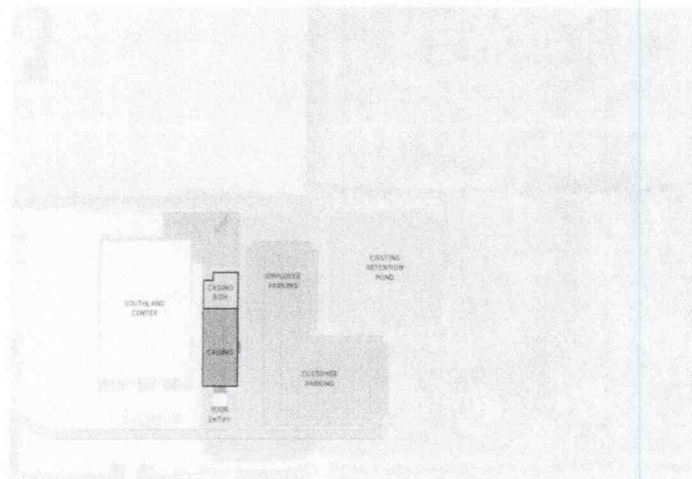
### Phased Development – Owner / Operator

- Phase I – temporary facility immediately adjacent to existing Southland Center:
  - Estimating operations will begin 30 days after License is granted
  - Slot machines / table games / restaurants / bar
    - ✓ Coffee Shoppe / Chocolates
    - ✓ Mid-level grab & go
  - Separate entrance

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### Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment Phase I – Conceptual Plan

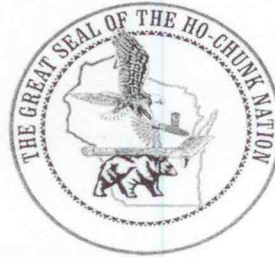


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## Phased Development – Phase II

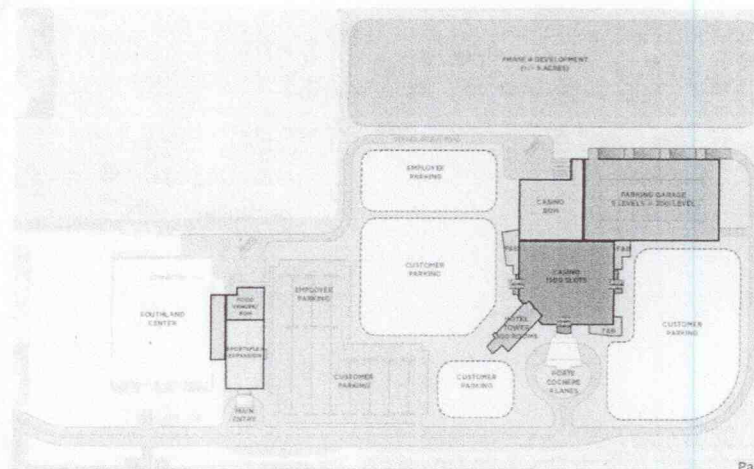
Construction of Gaming and Entertainment Complex

- Concurrent Construction Plan
- Luxury Hotel – planned 300 rooms on 20 floors
- Slot Machines / Table Games / Multiple Restaurant & Bar Options
- Retail Space
- Employee Daycare Facilities ✓

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## Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment Phase II & III – Conceptual Plan



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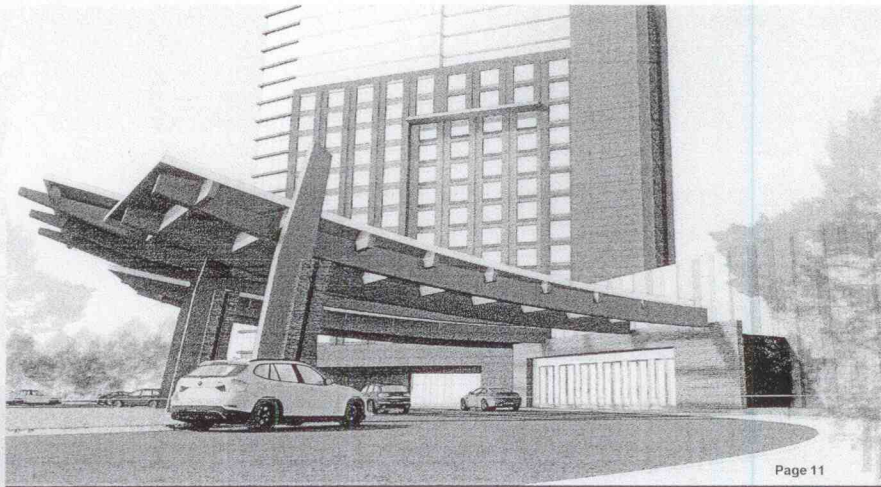
SITE PLAN - PHASES II & III

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Phase II & III – Conceptual Plan

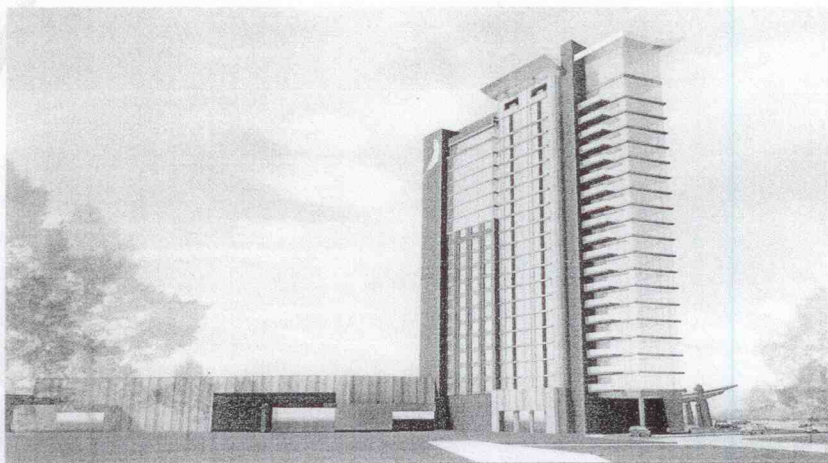


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Phase II & III – Conceptual Plan



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## Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment Phase II & III – Conceptual Plan



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## Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment Phase II & III – Conceptual Plan



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## Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment



### Phased Development – Phase III

- Parking structure construction begins
- Expansion of our Southland Sports and Entertainment Complex
- Temporary facility repurposed to provide 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> for Sports & Entertainment operations
  - Golf simulator
  - Indoor Climbing Wall
  - Racquet Ball Courts
  - Pickle Ball Courts

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### Phased Development – Phase IV

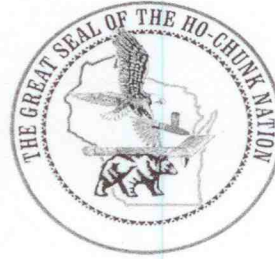
#### Final Site Development -

- Enhanced landscape and outside amenities
- Illuminated signature water feature / public spaces
- Brand name boutique outlet stores
- Outdoor seating areas
- Multi-surface parking
- Southland community development – i.e. ski hill / outdoor ice skating

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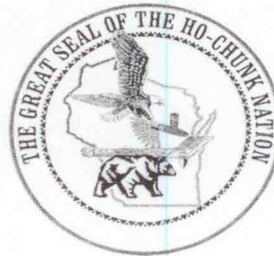


### In Closing:

- We create family friendly and safe environments
- Strive to be the Employer of Choice in this community just as we do in the communities in which we already operate facilities
- Over the past 15 years both Lynwood / Southland communities have been a great partner for our Nation – we can create an economic development engine here
- Mayor Williams has been a great partner and leader for this community
- This is a natural expansion of our current investment in this community – we know that this license process will be competitive
- We are asking for your support – let's do this shoulder to shoulder

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## Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment



### In Closing

We are asking for your support – let's do this, shoulder to shoulder.

Thank you, Mayor Williams, Trustees, and  
Community Members

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