

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
October 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Chuck Cermak, Thadd Lewis, and Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: Trustee Stacey Pyne. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Attorney Brandy S. Quance, Fire Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Attorney Brandy S. Quance

Action Items

4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 650,023.60**
 - b. **Approve minutes of the 10/12/2023 meeting**
 - c. **Authorize Mayor to sign the GRA Letter of Engagement (to be honored by GW & Associates, P.C. who acquired GRA) for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit in an amount not to exceed \$22,500**
 - d. **Approve purchase of replacement equipment for Maple Ridge Park in Fox River Shores subdivision in the amount \$46,400 certified installation included**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by Trustee Ziegler Second by Trustee Lewis

Questions:

Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Lewis and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

5. **Authorize Mayor to sign the Organized Retail Crime Grant Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$3,000 with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General**

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Organized Retail Crime Grant Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$3,000 with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Alers

Questions/Comments: Chief Paulus: Grant will allow us to do License Plate Recognition; will be able to coordinate with other jurisdictions. Trustee Cermak: What is the \$1900? Response: A one-time fee. The \$3,000 is annual.

Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Lewis and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

6. **Approve expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for development of the Frisbee/disc golf course at Sunil Puri Park and a portion of Veterans Park**

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin: Sunil Puri will match all the money we spend up to \$50,000. We will not lose money. Trustee Cermak: Is Public Works time part of the reimbursable funds? Director Carlsen: The park is in place with preparing site. Volunteers will do a lot of the work. Clarification that it is a match so that we won't get it all back. Mayor McLaughlin: Puri

Motion to approve expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for development of the Frisbee/disc golf course at Sunil Puri Park and a portion of Veterans Park by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Lewis

Questions:

Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Lewis and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

7. Converse Park replacement equipment project update

Director Carlsen: We have heard residents' concerns about what will go there; equipment has to be replaced. We originally presented a metal replacement; we have asked for quotes on replacement/replica of original with ADA elements by the company that build park originally. Some of the existing elements can be incorporated. The wood appearance is actually a composite material that will wear better than wood. Will keep visibility in mind so children can be observed. Options will include contractor build and community build. Trustee Alers: Will wait for the numbers for a hybrid build; biggest numbers will be construction and playground surface; visibility and accessibility are key. Trustee Lewis: Will need legal paperwork on warranties and liabilities. Mayor McLaughlin: We'd like to maintain the uniqueness. Director Carlsen: Goal with Maple Ridge was to get it ready for play while Converse is being built. Mayor McLaughlin: With gaming money, we can fix parks.

8. Public Comment included: Resident: Janet Drive water main and paving. Response: Will need numbers and budget allocations including possibility of loans. Debt has to be countered with revenue.

9. Mayor Comments included: We are working on getting business properties cleanup; repaired parking lots, new facades and awnings; need a facelift to attract new businesses. Parking at Hyde's Lakeview Park is being researched for installation. Will be cooking Thanksgiving lunch for seniors on November 14; looking for building custodian. Dispensary is looking to hire 25 people. Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28 from 6-8pm.

10. Trustee and Staff Comments included:

Trustee Alers: Excited by progress on parks and that her kids are still young enough to enjoy it; looking forward to plans for Converse; thanked residents for coming out. Trustee Cermak: Residents walk area now that will be Disc golf; will they be able to continue walking at that park? Needs signage with protocol; Cary course has a good example of signage. Director Carlsen: Yes; park is mowed and good for walking now. Mayor McLaughlin: The golf group is going to set up 4 holes so people can get used to it. Trustee Lewis: Thanked Lions/Lionesses for Fall Fest and Bonfire; small community events bring the community together.

Chief Paulus: Looking forward to Trunk or Treat; thank you for approving camera; full department meeting with training by nurse on sexual assault. Director Carlsen: Puri Park has good features. Getting plows ready and repairing trucks; handing out routes; have enough employees to rotate routes. Parks are coming together; will update. Treasurer Murray: Will go through Tax Levy November meeting; it will not exceed 5% increase. Clerk Cooper: Ordinance allows Board to periodically revise park rules, so new rules do not have to change the ordinance.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Alers.
All were in favor. Motion carried at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper