



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 3rd, 2023
Room 4, Riverside Township Hall, 27 Riverside Road, Riverside, IL 60546
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Village of Riverside Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, August 3, 2023. President Ballerine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

I. Roll Call Present: President Ballerine
Trustee Gallegos
Trustee Mateo
Trustee Evans
Trustee Pollock
Trustee Marsh-Ozga

Absent: Trustee Clauncherty

Also Present: Village Manager Frances
Village Attorney Pickrell
Village Clerk Sowl

III. President's Report

(This is an opportunity for the Village President to report on matters of interest or concern to the Village.)

None.

IV. Manager's Report

(This is an opportunity for the Village Manager to report on matters of interest or concern to the Village.)

None.

V. Resident Comments – Non-Agenda Items

(This is an opportunity for members of the audience to speak about matters that are not included on this agenda. Residents may speak to matters on the agenda as those items are brought up and they are recognized by the Village President.)

The President of the Hofmann Dam River Rats provided an update on the status of the group, emphasizing a need for increased membership and social media presence. The group currently has six dues-paying members and a brief overview of the purpose of the organization was provided. Trustee Mateo stated that the group also organizes multiple cleanup days along the Desplaines River each year.

Matt Katz stated his position in favor of the proposed disc golf course. Katz stated it is not harmful to the natural environment and is available to people of all levels of skill and fitness.

Donald Spatny stated his position against the disc golf course near the Scout Cabin for aesthetic purposes.

VI. *Consent Agenda*

(Matters on the Consent Agenda will be considered by a single motion and vote, because they have been fully considered by the Board at a previous meeting, or have been determined to be of a routine nature. Any member of the Board of Trustees or Member of the Public may request that an item be moved from the Consent Agenda to Pending or New Business for separate consideration.)

- A. Approve Voucher List of Bills August 3, 2023
- B. Review and File Police and Fire Department June Reports
- C. Review and File Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes June 18, 2023
- D. Review and File Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes May 22, 2023
- E. A Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Conway Shields for the Purchase of 9 Sets of Firefighter Turnout Gear in an Amount Not to Exceed \$24, 500.00

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| RESULT: | Approved [5-0] |
| MOTION: | Mateo |
| SECOND: | Gallegos |
| AYES: | Trustees Gallegos, Mateo, Evans, Pollock, Marsh-Ozga |
| NAYS: | None |

VII. *Department, Board and Commission Reports*

(This is an opportunity for Commissioners and Board Members to update the public and the members of the Village Board regarding items of interest or concern to the Village.)

- A. Update from Parks and Recreation Board Chair, Elizabeth Kos regarding Disc Golf
Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson Elizabeth Kos provided an overview of how disc golf was proposed within the Scout Cabin area. Kos stated that the area is

considered a floodway, meaning there are limited opportunities to increase amenities there. A disc golf course was proposed as an option for the area, which would include small concrete footings for each of the nine disc golf baskets. Kos stated that disc golf is intended to be in natural settings, so no landscape changes will be made through this project. Kos stated that there is not a proposed course at this time; the committee will be in charge of establishing basket placement and design. Kos also addressed safety concerns, noting that safety is always a concern in the Village's parks. The Parks and Recreation Department has been and will continue to consult with public safety personnel on safety concerns. Disc golf is also common within Olmsted Parks. The Department and Parks and Recreation Board has also solicited significant feedback on the proposed disc golf course, including the creation of a disc golf committee to design the course. The committee will place markers in the area of the proposed course for residents to evaluate and provide feedback on. The committee will do this three times in order to solicit feedback, adjust basket placement as necessary, and build consensus. Kos stated that this project will not affect the Scout Cabin. In fact, the interior of the Cabin is being renovated in the near future. The disc golf course is not being designed as a tournament course, but rather a recreational, smaller course.

Trustee Mateo asked what kind of footprint a removable disc golf basket style would create. Kos stated there would be a cap placed on the hole where the basket was installed on a small concrete footing. Parks and Recreation Director Malchiodi stated that the footing would be around 16 inches deep. The Village Forester did not express concerns about tree roots, but that assessment will not be fully completed until basket placement is determined.

President of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society Yvonne Lucero asked if the Parks and Recreation Board has entertained the idea of lighting the disc golf course. Kos said the Board is not entertaining that option.

Cathy Maloney asked what the Village has considered in regards to safety concerns. Public Safety Director Buckley stated a traffic counter was temporarily installed to monitor traffic and speeds. Chairperson Kos stated that the Parks and Recreation Board intends to design the disc golf baskets so that people are not throwing towards the street. Maloney asked what is being done to prevent discs from hitting bystanders. Director Malchiodi stated that the course would be installed according to the Professional Disc Golf Course Association's (PDGA) guidelines for safe installation to prevent bystanders from being struck by errant discs or from other dangers.

Dave stated safety and aesthetic concerns regarding the installation of a disc golf course in the Scout Cabin area.

Tom stated that disc golf is one of the safer sports that residents can play and stated

his support for the course. Brandon also expressed his support for the disc golf course, emphasizing the safety of the sport excitement for a course in his hometown.

Paul Schmeling stated his support for a disc golf course, but not in the proposed area near the Scout Cabin. Schmeling provided data on disc golf throw speeds, disc weights and injuries. Schmeling also stated there would be many dangerous targets for errant shots if installed if others are utilizing the park while disc golf is going on. Schmeling also expressed concerns regarding liability for errant shot damage to property as well as injuries. President Ballerine thanked Schmeling for sharing his concerns but stated that Schmeling's actions regarding spreading personal information of one of the Village's Trustees was out of line and an act of intimidation.

Mike Maloney stated that he is not in support of the proposed course in its current location, preferring it to be installed in the ball park area. President Ballerine and Chairperson Kos stated that this is a good suggestion for the committee to consider when designing the placement of the baskets.

Matt Olech stated his support for the disc golf course in the Scout Cabin area. Olech recognized safety concerns, but stated most can be averted by choosing the right time to play. Olech stated the area would be a beautiful place for disc golf.

Mark Zimmerle stated his support for the disc golf course in the Scout Cabin area as an avid disc golfer and environmentalist. Zimmerle stated that disc golf is a safe sport that coexists well in parks with other activities.

Matt stated his support for the disc golf course, stating that it being a short course would prevent many errant shots and make it safer.

Kimber Coombes stated that doxing is a form of intimidation and comes from a place of malicious intent. Coombes stated that residents can contact Village officials by utilizing their publicly posted Village email addresses on the Village website. Regarding the disc golf course, Coombes stated that, when in public, it is one's responsibility to do what is safe and keep themselves safe. Considering all of the what-ifs is unnecessary.

President Ballerine asked what the Board wanted to direct regarding this topic. Trustee Mateo stated that, since one of the committee's options is to not install a disc golf course, the topic should be tabled for four weeks. Trustee Gallegos was not in support of tabling the topic.

Trustee Evans made a motion to approve the expenditure for the disc golf course. **Trustee Gallegos seconded** the motion.

AYES: Gallegos, Evans, Ballerine
NAYS: Mateo, Pollock, Marsh-Ozga
Motion failed.

Trustee Pollock stated he supports this project; however, since one trustee would like to table the issue for the moment, the rest of the Board should respect their opinion. President Ballerine stated that there isn't a need to pause this project as the Parks and Recreation Board has done a lot of work with the community and done their due diligence. The Parks and Recreation Board was brought to the Village via referendum by the residents of Riverside and given their own tax revenue; that Board should have responsibility to do work in their parks.

Consensus: The disc golf course project was tabled for four weeks.

Trustee Marsh-Ozga stated that she supports this project and appreciates the Parks and Recreation Board's thorough work. Marsh-Ozga stated that further consideration of this topic will lead to a better product for the community.

VIII. Pending Business

(This agenda item includes discussion and/or action on matters previously presented to the Board of Trustees.)

- A. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Fifth Amendment to a Property Purchase and Sales Contract for the Sale of Real Property Located at 2710 S. Harlem Avenue, Riverside, Illinois to 2720 Harlem LLC
Manager Frances stated that Star Buds has made significant process at the site and that the sooner the property owner can start work on the parking lot, the better. The changes made to the contract will allow work on the parking lot to begin before the dispensary opens for business.

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| RESULT: | Approved [5-0] |
| MOTION: | Mateo |
| SECOND: | Evans |
| AYES: | Trustees Gallegos, Mateo, Evans, Pollock, Marsh-Ozga |
| NAYS: | None |

- B. A Resolution of the Village of Riverside, Illinois waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the Village Manager to issue a purchase order to Macqueen Equipment of Aurora, Illinois for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Pumper Fire vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$725,000.
Director Buckley provided an update on preparations for the new vehicle, including several additional proposed adjustments. Updates include additional safety lighting, adjusting the vehicle's frame, and additional exterior outlets. These

changes amount to around a \$26,000 increase to the cost of the vehicle. This project would still be under budget.

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| RESULT: | Approved [5-0] |
| MOTION: | Gallegos |
| SECOND: | Marsh-Ozga |
| AYES: | Trustees Gallegos, Mateo, Evans, Pollock, Marsh-Ozga |
| NAYS: | None |

- C. Update Regarding Request for Proposal for Parks and Recreation Department
This item was considered first under New Business, prior to Item VIII.A.

Director Malchiodi provided an overview of the request for proposal, including updates provided by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Trustee Marsh-Ozga stated that she will send suggestions to involve sustainability and climate standards into the request for proposals document.

Consensus: To incorporate feedback from Trustee Marsh-Ozga and move forward with the request for proposal process.

IX. New Business

(This agenda item includes discussion and/or action on matters not previously presented to the Board of Trustees.)

None.

X. Trustee Reports and Cross-Community Climate Collaborative (C4) Updates

(This is an opportunity for Trustees to inform residents of events or items of special interest.)

- A. Cross-Community Climate Collaborative Update

Trustee Marsh-Ozga stated that the C4 team met last week to discuss a gap analysis.

Marsh-Ozga also stated that World Nature Conservation weekend was a success.

Trustee Mateo also stated the event’s success and excitement for next year.

XI. Adjournment

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| RESULT: | Adjourned [5-0] at 8:20 p.m. |
| MOTION: | Gallegos |
| SECOND: | Marsh-Ozga |
| AYES: | Trustees Gallegos, Mateo, Evans, Pollock, Marsh-Ozga |
| NAYS: | None |

XII. Executive Session

- A. To discuss the sale or lease of Village Property
- B. To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))