



Village of Maple Park

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022
MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER
302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Village President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Acting Village Clerk Liz Peerboom called the roll call and the following Board members were present: Village President Suzanne Fahnstock, Trustee JT Peloso, Trustee Cliff Speare, Trustee Tonia Groezinger, and Trustee Jen Ward. Board members absent: Trustee Rebone and Trustee Simon.

Others present: Village Administrator Dawn Wucki-Rossbach, Police Chief Dave Krull, Resident Chris Higgins, and Acting Village Clerk Liz Peerboom.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Any resident wishing to address the Board may do so according to the guidelines set forth in the “Rules for Public Comments at Public Meetings” handout. Please complete a speaker request form and submit it to the Village Clerk. You may also send an e-mail to villageclerk@villageofmaplepark.com in advance of the meeting. The Village Clerk will read such comments during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.*

None.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Remote-Control Race Track Proposal

The Village Administrator reviewed the request by Chris Higgins. The request proposes the installation of a dirt remote-control race track. Phase one would be the track, and phase two would be a viewing stand. This is proposed for Memorial Park. Estimated cost would be approximately \$8,000 including the viewing stand. Ms. Wucki-Rossbach advised that, although there are good things about the proposal, she said that it is a passive park.

Acting Village Clerk Liz Peerboom read a statement into the record from Trustee Chris Rebone, who was absent. Please see attached statement.

Mr. Chris Higgins spoke about his proposal. He said that he has verbal commitments for all of the cost for the race track and viewing stand. He also stated that if the group dissolves, the PVC pipe and dirt can be removed, and the area reseeded. He then went over the possible placement of the park and said that remote control cars teach kids lessons about repairing cars and keeping things nice. He also said that the track would be maintained by his group. He said that St. Charles has an indoor track for small cars and their outdoor parking lot track isn't really a kid-friendly track; the next closest track is in Peoria. The plan for this would be to install the track. He then asked for questions.

Trustee Groezinger asked about how many teams would be in the circuit. She advised that she is concerned about teens coming in and out of the neighborhood; adding that they are already having problems with speeding. Mr. Higgins said that there is plenty of demand and distributed a petition. Trustee Speare said that he had a Nitro-car when he was a kid and they are very loud. Mr. Higgins said that he does not have a Nitro-car and the Board can prohibit Nitro-cars.

Trustee Ward said that she had a Nitro-car and was visited by the police because it was very loud. Trustee Speare said that his main concerns were dust control, and that the park is supposed to be quiet and peaceful.

Trustee Ward said that the issues raised by Village Staff were viable. Trustee Groezinger said that a concern would be fire vehicles. Trustee Ward said suggested that a sidewalk may need to be added. She also said that she would like to hear what the residents of Maple Park think.

Trustee Peloso said that this would be something for kids to do. President Fahnstock asked if this was the right time for the Village to entertain this proposal. Trustee Ward said that she said that she does have enough information to make a decision and would like to hear from the residents first.

Ms. Wucki-Rossbach suggested a survey be put on the website or possibly mailed out.

Consensus was that the Board doesn't have enough information to make a decision now, but directed staff to survey the residents.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE ITEMS

None.

7. PERSONNEL ITEMS

None.

8. FINANCE ITEMS

None.

9. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Village Administrator Dawn Wucki-Rossbach informed the Board members that vehicle sticker and golf cart applications would be mailed out by the end of the month and reminded them about the Economic Interest Statements. She suggested that those that are having trouble logging in should contact the county.

Ms. Wucki-Rossbach also discussed an updated project list. She also discussed the project tracking sheet for FY2023.

10. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Speare made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Peloso. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Elizabeth Peerboom, Acting Village Clerk