



Village of Maple Park

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER
302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Village President Fahnstock led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Village Clerk Caryn Minor called the roll call and the following Board members were Present: Village President Suzanne Fahnstock, Trustee Tonia Groezinger, Trustee Hillary Joy, Trustee JT Peloso, Trustee Cliff Speare and Trustee Jen Ward. Absent: Trustee Chris Simon.

Also present: Interim Police Chief Karen Clifton, Village Administrator Cheryl Aldridge and Village Clerk Caryn Minor.

Village Attorney Kevin Buick arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Members of the public present are found on the meeting sign in sheet.

President Fahnstock confirmed a quorum was established.

- 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. Time Limit: 5 minutes per speaker.**

Julie Little stated she has always lived in Maple Park and loved it. She advised the Board she came tonight to address two of her concerns. First, Ms. Little thanked Administrator Aldridge for always being very helpful. She moved on to share her concerns with the conditions around the older side of town where properties were filled with trailers and junk cars. Sharing images that showcased the visual and dangerous effects this presented, she questioned why the rules and ordinances of the Village were not enforced.

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Ms. Little discussed her second concern that pertained to an injury her grandson had gotten while playing on the Village's playground equipment this past weekend. She shared images of the damaged teeter totter that had cut her grandson's finger. Ms. Little reported the Village was aware of the damaged equipment for a year and it had not been repaired. Ms. Little requested the older equipment be repaired immediately to protect the children playing on it.

Roger Kahl of 315 Green Street stood and thanked the Village President and staff for all their assistance during Fun Fest especially Lou Larson and Scot Johnson. Mr. Kahl reported the car show had included 250 cars and the Legion had served 622 people breakfast during the Fest this year.

5. DISCUSSION OF CENTER STREET STORMWATER PROJECT

Administrator Aldridge reported to the Board some work had been previously been done on Center Street and noted the attached memo from Village Engineer Jeremy Lin described the additional work to be done. The Trustees gave approval to proceed and the cost to be noted on the warrant list.

6. DISCUSSION OF TOWER RENDERING

Administrator Aldridge used an overhead to showcase 2 renderings for the new water tower. She reported Banner Up, the vendor that had done the Village signs, was able to share their fonts and colors for coordination purposes. Administrator Aldridge asked for the Board's suggestions and preferences. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed upon a design to be submitted to Village Engineer Jeremy Lin for approval prior to submittal.

7. DISCUSSION OF LIONS PARK SIGN

Administrator Aldridge discussed the new Lions Park sign. She presented a design for a sign that was 48" by 28" and supported by 2 treated wooden posts. Ms. Aldridge added the total quoted cost was \$1710 dollars and that covered design, production and installation. Roger Kahl reported at a recent Lions Club Meeting it had been decided they preferred the sign be mounted on the shelter house. Administrator Aldridge reported when reviewing the design, it appeared to be washed out when mounted and not very noticeable so it was decided after discussion to place a sign on each side and increase each sign's size. Administrator Aldridge would have the cost requoted and report back. The Board also decided the sign's design would be similar to the village's sign and water tower.

8. DISCUSSION OF POLICE CHIEF POSITION

President Fahnestock advised the Board they had been given the Chief of Police qualifications for recruitment documents to review. Discussion ensued. The Trustees agreed a 4-year degree was not necessary if the candidate had equivalent experience. President Fahnestock approved the verbiage change to state prefer bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in the qualifications.

9. DISCUSSION PAST DUE GOLF CART AND VEHICLE STICKERS

President Fahnestock reported 3 communications had gone out to communicate and encourage compliance but many residents have not paid to date. Administrator Aldridge asked the Board how to proceed noting without adjudication she was not aware of any recourse to encourage compliance. She added about 140 households in the Village had not registered their vehicles. Village Attorney Kevin Buick reported that administrative adjudication could be used for certain offenses and not others. Confirming it didn't have to be all or nothing. Discussion ensued. Village President Fahnestock advised the Board that the Village Administrator Cheryl Aldridge would review the cost of adjudication and necessary ordinances and processes needed for implementation, it would then be brought back to the Board for discussion.

10. DISCUSS SENDING 7-4-3 TRAILER PARKING PROHIBITED AND 11-9-3 ADDITIONAL PARKING REGULATIONS TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW.

President Fahnestock advised the Board they had the ordinance in front of them for review. Discussion ensued. The Trustees discussed a permit requirement for trailer parking that accompanied a fee per VIN #. This could be created, passed and implemented and then enforced with adjudication. The surface changes for the trailer parking were discussed and the Trustees agreed to include gravel before the ordinance was sent to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Administrator Aldridge, Interim Police Chief Clifton and code official Larson will work together to include the suggestions and then have legal review. This item will return before the Board for discussion.

11. DISCUSSION OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM SERGEI KRAVETS.

President Fahnestock asked Village Attorney Buick to discuss how this correspondence could affect the Village. He acknowledged the property discussed is in the TIF district and must meet 7 separate requirements before de-annexation. If the property owner Sergei Kravets does initiate a legal active, he would immediately ask for a motion to dismiss. Village Attorney Buick added it was highly unlikely the property would be de-annexed from Maple Park. President Fahnestock inquired if the civil action continued to litigation would it be costly to the Village. Buick confirmed if it went to litigation it could go for a considerable period of time and would be costly. Trustee Ward questioned if the Village could be covered through IMLRMA Insurance. Village Attorney Buick confirmed the possibility.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,


Caryn Minor, Village Clerk