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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025
MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER
302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Village President Chris Rebone led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Village Clerk Maria Taylor called the roll call, and the following Board Members were present: Village President Chris Rebone, Trustee Tonia Groezinger, Trustee JT Peloso, Trustee Chris Simon, Trustee Cliff Speare, and Trustee Jen Ward. Absent is Trustee Andy Bingley.

Also present: Village Administrator Cheryl Aldridge, Chief Randy Endean, Commander Jim Olsen and Village Clerk Maria Taylor.

Members of the public present were found on the meetings sign-in sheet.

President Rebone confirmed a quorum was established.

4. SWEARING IN OF JAMES OLSEN AS MAPLE PARK POLICE COMMANDER

Chief Endean swore Commander Olsen in and Chief noted that he has been with the Village for one year and has been a great addition to the team. Commander Olsen expressed his gratitude to his family and the Village Board for their support and for the opportunity to serve the community.

5. 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.*

Kimberley Martin thanked the board again and updated that a new sign will be added to the outside of the library.

6. DISCUSSION OF GOLF CART ORDINANCE

President Rebone inquired whether anyone had reviewed the proposed policy updates. Trustee Simon expressed concern that the State is scheduled for review in January and noted that related state policies may change again at that time and unsure if it will affect the Village. Trustee Peloso recommended lowering the minimum driving age from 18 to 16, stating that "if individuals can drive a car, they can drive a golf cart." Chief Endean agreed, recommending age 16 with a valid driver's license. Discussion ensued and the consensus of the board was that 16 years old is an appropriate minimum age requirement. Trustee Ward would like to see a change to section 7-11-4, operation within the village, it restricts golf carts to gravel paths and paved surfaces only. Administrator Aldridge clarified that it's the low-speed vehicles that are restricted not golf carts. Administrator Aldridge suggested that 2026 permits will include a printed map showing approved golf cart routes. Trustee Simon referenced state statutes, recommending the removal of UTVs from the ordinance, as they would fall under the low-speed vehicle classification. The discussion ensued. Trustee Speare recommended waiting to finalize UTV's restrictions until further review from the state. The Board agreed to revisit the ordinance if the state makes any changes. At this time, they will focus on changing the minimum age from 18 to 16 and updating inspection requirements for the November agenda. All Trustees in attendance agreed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

President Rebone shared that at this time, Lennar would not be moving forward with Phases IV & V. The village will continue to work on a low interest IEPA loan with the state for the wastewater project, no modifications or change to any work with Jeremy. This period will allow time for further planning and development. Dan Cinkus has expressed continued interest in pursuing development within the village. The Board is optimistic and looks forward to his involvement moving forward.

President Rebone stated that an experienced arborist conducted recent tree trimming work in the village. Although the trimming was necessary, it was acknowledged the last-minute communication was not ideal. President Rebone took responsibility for the outcome and discussed the matter directly with Public Works Director Johnson, emphasizing that this issue was not a reflection on the Public Works Department. President Rebone stated that, the canopy along Ashton Street had become overgrown and required maintenance. The Village has an obligation to properly maintain its trees. President Rebone addressed Trustee Ward's concerns regarding the trimming of her tree, noting that, in his opinion, the work performed was appropriate and beneficial to the long-term health of the trees. He emphasized that the village has a strong and capable Public Works staff but agreed that better resident notification should occur prior to future trimmings. President Rebone acknowledged the village will continue with annual trimming to maintain healthy trees, noting that while the trees may look different initially, regular maintenance is necessary. President Rebone expressed full support for the trimming efforts overall. Public Works Director Johnson and Trustee Bingley are currently developing a list of trees for new installations.

President Rebone stated that he would ask for additional public works staff member for the future of the town of 1,500 residents.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, motion was made by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Simon to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Taylor, Village Clerk