

Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525

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**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”*

**Thursday, September 14, 2006**

**7:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER - PRESIDENT PRO-TEM RICHARD ANDREWS**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 14, 2006, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

**II. ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK**

**PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):**

President Pro-Tem Richard Andrews  
Trustee Debbie Anselmo  
Trustee Anne Bermier  
Trustee Carol Coleman  
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer  
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Frank Alonzo, Administrator  
Steven M. Busa, Treasurer  
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk  
Patrick Crowley, Chief of Police  
Jim Niewiara, Counsel, Quinlan & Carroll, Ltd.  
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

**NOT PRESENT:**

Mayor Richard F. Pellegrino (prior family commitment)

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

President Pro-Tem Richard Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”.*

To commemorate September 11<sup>th</sup> and the attack on the United States in 2001, President Pro-Tem Richard Andrews shared the following points: *“there were 2,292 confirmed victims on the September 11, 2001 attack from over eighty-four countries; the youngest was a 2 year old – Christy Hansen and the oldest was an 85 year old – Robert Grant Norton. 2,292 people died at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and on those airplanes. There were 3,251 children who lost their parents on that date. President Pro Tem Andrews asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence to remember those that lost their life on September 11, 2001.”* President Pro-Tem Andrews read the following poem into the record entitled Strength of America which is a fitting tribute of September 11, 2001 written by Robin and Brittany Julle: *“September 11<sup>th</sup>, a day forever remembered in our minds; when forces of evil took innocent lives with no warning signs; America was attacked on that beautiful sunny day; within a matter of minutes our blue skies turned gray; our country wept for the lives that were taken; but even through this tragedy, our faith was not shaken; America pulled together and hearts were stirred indeed, as fearless men and women rushed to those in need; yet our freedom that day was put to the test, but Old Glory flew in pride for America is the best.”*

Trustee Bermier stated that she had the opportunity to participate in a memorial service with many officers from several communities for the German Sheperd police dog, Dago (pronounced dah- go), who served the City of Countryside and who was shot in the line of duty while assisting another community. Trustee Bermier stated that Officer Joseph DiGangi, from the City of Countryside Police Department was the dog handler and he worked very closely with the canine unit. Trustee Bermier stated that the newspaper reported that approximately 300 people attended the memorial service and there were officers from Oak Park, Darien, Western Springs, East Moline and even from Indiana. There were at least fifty police dogs with their handlers lined up in rows and the service was impressive. Trustee Bermier stated that to officers the animals are not just dogs but they are regarded as police officers who without complaint put their lives on the line every day. Trustee Bermier stated that she left the memorial service feeling a great appreciation for the Indian Head Park Police force who puts their life on the line to keep the community safe. President Pro Tem Andrews and the Board of Trustees thanked Chief of Police Pat Crowley and all of the officers of the Indian Head Park Police Department for the fine job they do to serve and protect the community.

Prior to a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, President Pro Tem Richard Andrews read the following into the record: A Certificate of Recognition was prepared to be presented to Christine M. Villarreal as follows: *“Whereas, Christine served for one year in Civil Air Patrol and achieved the grade of C/MSgt (Cadet Master Sergeant), Whereas, Christine danced for five years (ballet) and assistant taught classes; Whereas, Christine was on the honor roll every semester from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade; Whereas, Christine volunteered at LaGrange Memorial Hospital for about two years in Lab Radiology; Whereas, Christine was on the Color Guard with Bugles across America; Whereas, Christine won the Robert E. Coulter American Legion Post 1941 Leadership Award at 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation; Whereas, Christine participated in the Acholyte for St. John’s Lutheran Church in LaGrange; Whereas, Christine participated in the St. John’s Lutheran Church Youth Group in LaGrange;*

*Whereas, Christine served as a personal escort for Retired Major General Irene Trowell Harris while in Chicago attending a conference on Women in the Military; Whereas, Christine served on the Theatre Board at Lyons Township High School; Whereas, Mayor Pellegrino and the Board of Trustees congratulate you on your lifetime of accomplishments and wish you the best in your future endeavors. Presented by, Mayor Pellegrino, Village President, dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.”* President Pro Tem Andrews stated that Christine’s accomplishments are not only a point of pride for her family but also for the entire community.

President Pro Tem Andrews noted that Mayor Pellegrino had a prior family commitment this evening and is unable to attend the meeting.

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- , *Save a Life Proclamation*
- , *Certificate of Special Recognition to Christine M. Villarreal*

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh to approve the consent agenda items as presented for Board approval. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/0).

*Aye: Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*  
*Nay: None*  
*Absent: None*

#### **V. FINANCIAL REPORTS - TREASURER STEVEN BUSA**

##### ***Financial report for the month ending July 31 , 2006***

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the month ending July 31, 2006. For the month of July, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$355,174.55; (2) expenditures were \$236,061.37 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of July were \$644,852.49. Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the financial report for the month ending July 31, 2006, as presented by Treasurer Busa and to defer approval of the August financial report to the October Board meeting. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/0). Treasurer Busa stated that the August report will be presented at the next meeting for the Board’s approval.

*Aye: Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*  
*Nay: None*  
*Absent: None*

#### **VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

***N*** *Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - August 10, 2006*

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the August 10, 2006, Board meeting minutes, as amended. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/0).

## **VII. QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS/PROPERTY OWNERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Trustee Bermier reminded everyone that the Village sponsored Halloween party will be held on the Saturday before Halloween from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Trustee Bermier also thanked Trustee Coleman and Trustee Walsh for organizing the recent concert and movie at Blackhawk Park. Trustee Coleman stated that the West Suburban Concert Band performed that evening followed by the movie Nanny McPhee and Judgie the Clown made an appearance. The adults and children enjoyed both the concert and movie in the park. Trustee Coleman thanked Superintendent Ed Santen and the Public Works Department staff for getting the park in such good shape before the event and also the Acacia Association for opening their facility to provide use of their clubhouse.

Trustee Anselmo reported that she recently attended a workshop meeting hosted by the Township of Lyons and the topic was radon. She added that representatives from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency were also in attendance at the township meeting to answer questions and provide information about radon and the potential dangers of high levels of radon in homes. Trustee Anselmo stated that radon is an indoor pollutant that is a radioactive, odorless, colorless gas that is naturally found in soil and can seep through cracks in foundations. Trustee Anselmo stated that the meeting was very informative and information was distributed on how to obtain free radon test kits from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and where to send the kit to obtain test results. Trustee Anselmo noted that the test kits are provided at no cost; however, there is a nominal fee to send the kit to lab for testing. Additional information about radon may also be obtained on the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Website.

Jean Weekley, from 225 Cascade Drive, stated that she is present this evening to discuss a problem she is experiencing with Box Elder trees and Box Elder bugs from these trees that have found their way into her home. Jean Weekley stated that she is a dressmaker and the Box Elder bugs are creating a problem and adversely affecting her ability to make a living. She added that the Box Elder bugs are a nuisance; however, the eggs from the bugs also leave stains on draperies, linens and damage garments. Jean Weekley stated that it is her understanding that the Box Elder trees causing this problem will be coming down and is interested to know when the problem will be resolved.

Trustee Bermier asked if the Acacia Association was involved in this matter and if they will be removing the Box Elder trees. Jean Weekley stated that she has not received a response from the Acacia Association. Frank Alonzo stated that he met with Superintendent Ed Santen, Bill McConaughy and Trustee Coleman in the field to look at the Box Elder trees in Acacia.

Frank Alonzo added that the Box Elder trees are located between Acacia property and the Ashbrook Development and both associations are working together to resolve the problem and remove these trees; if needed.

Susan Cunningham, Grounds Committee Director, from the Ashbrook Development, addressed the Board and stated that several tree companies were consulted for estimates to remove the Box Elder trees between Acacia and Ashbrook properties. Jean Weekley stated that about eight years ago there were three Box Elder trees between her property and her neighbor in Acacia. At that time, one Box Elder tree was removed behind 227 Cascade and one at 225 Cascade; however, the remaining Box Elder trees were not removed at that time. Trustee Bermier asked Jean Weekley if she spoke with Charlie from Acacia about the tree problem. Jean Weekley stated that Charlie from Acacia informed her that the tree cannot be cut down until it is determined where the lot line is and who is responsible for taking the tree down. President Pro Tem Andrews stated that the two associations are working together to resolve this matter.

Al Krisciunas, from the Acacia Association Board, stated that he is aware of the problem that Jean Weekley is experiencing with Box Elder trees and the bugs. He added that although there is no date certain on when the Box Elder trees will be coming down; the trees are scheduled for removal and estimates for tree removal will be obtained. Al Krisciunas stated that there have been several rain storms that have prevented the work to be scheduled, within the next few days, the Box Elder trees as well as two diseased trees will be removed on the Acacia side and Ashbrook side and the two associations are working together to share the cost for tree removal. Al Krisciunas stated that on occasion Box Elder bugs will be observed in areas where there are no Box Elder trees and the bugs can travel distances to create a nuisance for homeowners in areas where there are no Box Elder trees. President Pro Tem Andrews asked Susan Cunningham from the Ashbrook Board to provide information to the Village once a date certain has been set for the Box elder trees to be removed.

Susan Cunningham, from the Ashbrook Board, stated that the street signs in the Ashbrook Development are deteriorating and inquired if the Village has plans to replace the signs. Frank Alonzo stated that he has been working with Trustee Coleman and Superintendent Santen to inventory the signs in Ashbrook and eight signs in Ashbrook will be replaced. Frank Alonzo also noted that the signage in the entire Village will be reviewed to determine if signs in other areas are in need of repair or replacement. Mr. Vern Kramer, of Ashbrook, inquired how much the signs cost and stated that there are seventeen sign panels in poor condition; however, the posts and brackets are in good condition. Frank Alonzo stated that proposals for new signs will be obtained after the signage is surveyed throughout the Village. Al Krisciunas stated that the state recently passed a law that applies to the private sector as well as municipalities. The requirements will be implemented over a period of time that requires street signs that identify a street will have to meet a certain criteria of size, color and reflectivity. President Pro Tem Andrews inquired when the law takes effect relative to street signage. Al Krisciunas stated that he believes the law is in effect at this time. Trustee Coleman stated that in the past she has asked Superintendent Ed Santen and the Village engineer to look for grant money because there are signs that need to be replaced throughout the Village. Trustee Coleman stated that the present signs are not user friendly and are very hard to read. She added that there are certain regulations that need to be met if signage is changed; however, Superintendent Santen and the Village engineer can check into any changes for sign requirements that might apply to the Village.

Trustee Coleman stated that although there are only nineteen signs in Ashbrook; it is a substantial cost to replace signage throughout the entire community.

### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 ( c ) (21) of the Open Meetings Act to review closed session minutes as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/0).

*Aye: Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh*

*Nay: None*

*Absent: None*

### **RETURN TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to return to the regular meeting. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/0).

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:50 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary