

**VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK, ILLINOIS**  
**201 Acacia Drive**  
**Indian Head Park, Illinois 60525**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**September 9, 2021**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Hinshaw.

**ROLL CALL:** John DuRocher, Recording Secretary

**PRESENT (and constituting a quorum):**

- Mayor Hinshaw
- Trustee Donnersberger
- Trustee Charles Eck
- Trustee Farrell-Mayer
- Trustee Shawn Kennedy
- Trustee Christian Metz

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- John DuRocher, Village Administrator
- Patrick Brankin, General Counsel, Schain, Banks, Kenny & Schwartz
- Chief Stelter
- Justin Fuller, Water Superintendent
- Lisa Bujak, Staff
- David Karaffa, Cable Station Manager

**ABSENT:**

- Trustee Brenda O’Laughlin

**VISITORS:** Several Residents

## MAYOR'S REPORT

### Moment of Silence for September 11, 2001 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary:

**September is Suicide Awareness month:** Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of deaths among adults in the US. I encourage all residents to take time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends and neighbors.

### Sidewalks: 4 main areas in the Village's sidewalk master plan:

**Acacia Drive:** A new sidewalk will be added this summer alongside the east side of the new re-built Acacia Drive on the southern half of the project. The northern half of the Acacia Drive project will be done next year. More information and updates in the agenda item later in the meeting. **Reminder - Acacia Drive will be a construction zone all summer and through the end of the year.**

**Plainfield Road & Wolf Road:** Are both are County Roads and both are in a phase 1 study. We are expecting to have Wolf Road alternatives available in early 2022 for resident review & comments.

**Joliet Road:** We are working with our legislators to keep the project of a sidewalk along the north side moving forward. We have started talking with Countryside about an effort for a sidewalk on both sides of Joliet Road.

**Plainfield Road:** The bridge work will be ongoing and continue to be open to traffic both ways. We will have a new bridge when the project is completed the end of next year. The Plainfield Road project corridor will include a tree study, more to come later in the project.

**I-294 Update:** The northern half of the 294-sound wall between Joliet Road and Plainfield Road is under construction. The wooden sound wall section by Plainfield Road will be coming down this month. The on ramp from Joliet Road to the 294 north is expected to be completed in November. The tollway construction throughout Indian Head Park will last several years. **Please note the southern half of the sound wall between Joliet Road and Plainfield Road will be constructed next summer.**

I encourage everyone to **get the COVID vaccination** if they have not already done so.

Lastly, I also suggest that every resident should sign up on the website for village notifications. You can select the areas that interest you. I was notified today that **Wolf Road under the 294 bridge will be down to one lane** on the 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Resident Greg Scovitch made comment as to his support of the proposed development at Joliet and Vine. He stated that it met the spirit and intent of the Planned Unit Development

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Established moved by Trustee Kennedy; seconded by Trustee Farrell-Mayer.**

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2021
- B. Approval of Payables for the Period Ending August 31, 2021, in the amount of \$461,949.68
- C. Approval of Preliminary Financial Report for Month Ending July 31, 2021
- D. Approval of Resolution 03-2021—Release of Closed Session Minutes

Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Maureen Garcia:

Cash on Hand on August 31 31, 2021, was \$2,960,394.53

Payables for August 2021 amounted to \$461,949.68

Total Revenues for July 2021 amounted to \$527,194.49

Ending Balance on July 31, 2021, was \$3,025,639,34

**Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0). Trustees Eck, Kennedy, Metz, Donnersberger, and Farrell-Mayer voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustee O’Laughlin was absent.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFIER ROBERT VERBER**

**Chief Stelter introduced Robert Verber as our new police officer. He is a lateral transfer, a retired Westchester police officer. His specialty is social media and public relations.**

**Mayor Hinshaw administered the oath of office.**

A round of applause ensued. Trustee Donnersberger thanked officer Verber for his assistance over the weekend.

**B. Matt Gazdziak of Strand Associates updated the Village Board as to the Acacia Drive reconstruction project.**

NICOR performed upgrades to their system on a preemptive basis, delaying the start of the project. Construction is expected to be completed on the southern portion of the project by the ed of October. The road will be accessible during the entire winter. The north segment will be completed in the spring of next year. Mayor Hinshaw reminded the audience that the Board is committed to making Acacia Drive look good when the project is done.

### **C. Approval of Development Plan for 6991 Joliet Road**

Trustee Farrell-Mayer made a motion to approved the development at 6991 Joliet Road subject to the conditions set forth by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Administrator DuRocher provided the background to the project and introduced the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Noreen Costelloe. She stated that the Commission unanimously recommended approval of the development. She stated that it is not as pedestrian friendly as the Commission would like but considering the layout it is not possible. Garbage contained shall be heavily screened. Trustee Farrell-Mayer commented that the developer complied with the development changes asked for by the Village.

Trustee Metz stated that he believed that the Village could do better as this does not really meet his vision of the ultimate development of the Triangle. Trustee Metz inquired about the potential for a cannabis dispensary in the building. Mr. Doorhy stated that cannabis does not meet his business model. Trustee Donnersberger stated that she felt the location was not ideal for retail development and that it is a very tough parcel to develop.

**Motion carried by roll call vote (4-1). Trustees Eck, Kennedy, Donnersberger, and Farrell-Mayer voted Yay. Trustee Metz voted Nay. Trustee O’Laughlin was absent.**

### **C. Task Order-Storm Water Management**

**Trustee Kennedy made a motion to approve the task order from Thomas Engineering for the Storm Water Management Study as submitted by Thomas Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Donnersberger.**

Administrator DuRocher explained the purpose of the task order. He stated that it will be a study to analyze the storm water runoff mostly in the 45 Acre area but the scope actually addresses much of Village west of Wolf Road.

**Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0). Trustees Eck, Kennedy, Metz, Donnersberger, and Farrell-Mayer voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustee O’Laughlin was absent.**

### **D. Fist Look Mini-Golf Wolf Road**

Stephan and Marissa Gambas presented information regarding a potential for a miniature golf course at 6980Wolf Road. The thought is to create a family friendly entertainment venue. Discussion as to whether or not it would be a year-round facility was discussed. It was the general consensus that it would be a nice addition to the Village.

**REPORTS:**

**TRUSTEES:**

Trustee Kennedy stated that the Car Show is scheduled for Sunday, September 19. Movie in the Park is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Farrell-Mayer reported on the recent communications committee meeting.

Trustee Eck reported that he attended a police committee meeting and that the camera project is moving forward.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator DuRocher went over the goals that were established and gave an update as to their status.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Water Superintendent Fuller gave an update as to his department's activities. He stated that he would like to see a community Garden. What is needed is a volunteer to manage the project.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lisa Bujak read a comment submitted by Dayle Holmquist regarding maintenance on Wolf Road (Cook County jurisdiction). Also, she asked for enforcement of the sign ordinance. Michael Iambor submitted a comment regarding smoothing of curbs.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 8:32P.M . Trustee Donnersberger moved to adjourn the Open Meeting and go to closed session with no intention to return to open session, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)21; seconded by Trustee Eck.**

**Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0). Trustees Eck, Kennedy, Metz, Donnersberger, and Farrell-Mayer voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustee O'Laughlin was absent..**

**John DuRocher  
Recording Secretary**