

Heritage Center Referendum

At the November 4, 2014 general election, voters in Indian Head Park will be able to provide input to the Village Board of Trustees concerning the future of the Heritage Center. The ballot will contain a non-binding advisory referendum question – “Shall the Village of Indian Head Park sell the Heritage Center”. Voters will have the option of voting “yes” or “no” on the ballot question. By casting a ballot on this question, voters in Indian Head Park will be able to provide their opinion and direction to the Village Board regarding this public asset.

1. Why is this question on the ballot?

Over the past several years, it has become noticeable that a number of residents have questioned the expenditures made in upkeep for the Heritage Center. At the same time, there appears to be a number of residents that support these expenditures and place value on this site. The ballot question will provide input to the Village Board about the majority view concerning the future direction the VBT should take regarding the Heritage Center.

2. The Village purchased the Heritage Center with grant money from the State of Illinois. Would this money have to be returned?

Village Counsel reviewed documents provided from our files. The result is that it does not appear the money will need to be returned. If the VBT decides to sell the property, this will be verified.

3. What does it cost the Village each year to maintain the Heritage Center?

See the attachment concerning recurring costs. (Note, there are manpower expenses from time to time that are not listed but included in the budget for the Public Works Department).

4. Are these the only costs?

No, there are and have been extraordinary costs over time for things like building repairs, parking lot striping, and mold testing to name a few. See the attachment concerning extraordinary expenses.

5. Does the use of the Heritage Center generate any revenue?

Yes, from time to time there have been donations of money and goods and services from library docents and residents and friends of the Village for use in maintaining the Heritage Center and funds generated by the annual book sale. See the attachment concerning donations.

6. What would the Heritage Center fetch on the open market if it was sold?

That depends on several things including whether it was sold as one parcel or perhaps sub-divided and sold. This information can be pinned down once a Village decision has been made.

7. What value do we get from the Heritage Center?

Being the former parsonage of the Lyonsville Church, some residents see it as of historical importance to our community. If it were sold, it would likely be gone forever. Also, some residents view this as a low cost alternative to belonging to a library district. There are other intangibles depending on the individual. What do you think?

8. If the majority vote “yes” for selling the Heritage Center, will it be sold immediately?

No. This is an advisory question to provide guidance to the Village Board. A VBT decision to sell would be needed first.

Your input through the ballot is important to the Village Board and everyone in our community. Please vote next Tuesday!

recurring expenses for Heritage Center

burgular/Fire	\$292.50	quarterly
Water	\$48.30	bi-monthly
sewer	\$20.00	bi-monthly
AT&T	\$30.00	monthly
Spring Green	\$65.00	twice a year
Anderson Pest	\$35.00	monthly
Nicor	varies	after annual no-cost IHP franchise terms are used there are charges
ComEd	none	included in franchise agreement
Foster & Son	\$45.00	Annual fire extinguisher inspections
Insurance	none	covered under our blanket policy with IRMA. Rates would not change if we did not have heritage center, as they are based on Village revenue

Heritage Center Extraordinary Expenses

FY01-02	Irregular	FY08-09	Irregular	\$252.00
Set up Burglar Alarm System	\$252.00	Fire Alarm Sysytem	\$4,162.00	\$1,739.83
	\$252.00	Fire Alarm repair	\$147.00	\$3,347.45
		Furnace repair	\$779.00	\$202.37
FY02-03	Irregular	New Roof/Chimney/Gutters	\$19,152.50	\$490.19
Christmas Decorations	\$497.54		\$24,240.50	\$41,409.12
Lamp	\$18.23			\$18,475.40
Topsoil	\$802.00	FY09-10	Irregular	\$24,240.50
Grass seed	\$393.00	Chimney Sweep	\$150.00	\$385.45
Christmas Decorations	\$29.06	Electrical Work	\$235.45	\$192.00
	\$1,739.83		\$385.45	\$31,099.67
				\$1,524.49
FY03-04	Irregular	FY10-11	Irregular	\$2,723.08
Lumber	\$51.00	Mulch	\$192.00	\$126,081.55 total
Message Board	\$160.00		\$192.00	-107,108.50 less huge ticket items
Tree care	\$300.00			\$18,973.05
July 4th Decorations and flowers	\$21.81	FY11-12	Irregular	
Fan	\$39.64	Windows/Siding	\$30,645.00	
Locksmith/Keys	\$125.00	Bookcase	\$104.67	
Buckthorn removal	\$2,000.00	Burglar alarm repair	\$170.00	
Roof repair	\$650.00	Plumbing work	\$180.00	
	\$3,347.45		\$31,099.67	
FY04-05	Irregular	FY12-13	Irregular	
Plants	\$127.15	Air conditioner	\$99.99	
Lumber	\$42.22	Furnace Repair	\$1,214.50	
Lumber	\$33.00	Electric Repair	\$210.00	
	\$202.37		\$1,524.49	
FY05-06	Irregular	FY12-13	Irregular	
Lumber	\$231.30	Basement Repair	\$816.00	
CO2 Detector	\$38.89	Paint	\$74.08	
Library sign	\$220.00	Mold Testing	\$1,650.00	
	\$490.19	Furnace repair	\$183.00	
			\$2,723.08	
FY06-07	Irregular			
Parking lot	\$38,310.00			
Parking lot striping and signage	\$1,400.00			
Plumbing repair	\$1,736.12			
TV/DVD combo	\$299.00			
Dehumidifier	\$189.00			
Sealing of Well	\$875.00			
Electrical repair	-\$1,400.00			
	\$41,409.12			
FY07-08	Irregular			
Electrical Work	\$1,095.59			
Gate	\$6,085.00			
Gate Parts	\$144.66			
Plumbing Work	\$1,770.81			
Sign Letters/ Flag	\$118.85			
Fence	\$7,354.00			
Toilet Seat	\$17.99			
Kitchen Table	\$25.00			
Grading	\$1,617.50			
Furnace Maintenance	\$246.00			
	\$18,475.40			

Heritage Center receipts

June-03 Donation	\$100.00	
December-03 Book Sale	\$87.65	
December-04 Donation	\$15.00	
May-05 Donation	\$100.00	
October-05 Book Sale	\$168.00	
May-06 Donation	\$50.00	
August-06 Donation	\$7,500.00	For parking lot
April-07 Book Sale	\$345.50	
May-07 Donation	\$100.00	
July-07 Donation	\$100.00	
November-07 Book Sale	\$332.50	
December-07 Donation	\$200.00	
May-08 Donation	\$300.00	For painting house
October-08 Book Sale	\$280.00	
November-08 Book Sale	\$106.00	
May-09 Donation	\$200.00	
November-09 Book Sale	\$313.06	
May-10 Donation	\$150.00	
October-10 Book Sale	\$730.00	
May-11 Donation	\$100.00	
October-11 Book Sale	\$341.35	
December-11 Book Sale	\$12.00	
February-12 Donation	\$100.00	for landscaping
May-12 Donation	\$100.00	
October-12 Book Sale	\$368.26	
December-12 Book Sale	\$56.00	
May-13 Donation	\$100.00	
June-13 Donation	\$50.00	
November-13 Book Sale	\$501.00	
November-13 Book Sale	\$50.00	
June-14 Donation	\$150.00	
	\$13,106.32	
	<u>-\$7,900.00</u>	specific
	\$5,206.32	