Village of Homer Glen

14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

June 10, 2020

Board of Trustees
Board Meeting

Village Board Room
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491
A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on June 10, 2020 by Mayor Yukich at 7:01 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Yukich, Trustees Sharon Sweas, Ruben Pazmino, Beth Rodgers, Broque Backal, Carlo Caprio and Keith Gray. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Attorney Marjori Swanson, Administrative Analyst Matt Walsh, Economic Development Director Janie Patch, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, and Village Manager Karie Friling. Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troike was absent. A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None

E. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the following closed session minutes, all of which shall remain sealed until future Board consideration and approval to release March 20, 2019 and September 11, 2019.

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve the closed session minutes and the release of the March 20, 2019 and September 11, 2019 minutes, second by Trustee Caprio.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Broque and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1) Mayor’s Report –

AVOID LONG EMISSIONS TESTING LINES

Bell Side 7 has been inundated with vehicles for emissions testing. Waiting time has been as long as 2.5 hours. Please call first. If the line is too long, go to the Joliet testing facility (3501 Mall Loop Drive). The Secretary of State has extended vehicle registration renewals for at least 90 days. A schedule has been set for people to test their vehicles which aligns with the Secretary of States extension. The extension dates can be found on the Village’s website.

2) Trustee Gray – The Community and Economic Development Committee will be moving their regular scheduled meeting to June 23. On June 23 there will be a Special Meeting of the Community and Economic Development Committee and Stakeholders for Branding Project - Schematic Designs.
3) **Trustee Backal** – On behalf of the Public Services and Safety Committee, at the June 3 meeting they met with the residents of Long Run Creek in regards to the flooding issues they have been dealing with and had an exchange of ideas to help remedy some of these flooding issues.

4) **Trustee Sweas** – On behalf of the Environment Committee, Community and Nature Harmony applications have been posted on the Village website and the Village’s official Facebook page. The Village of Homer Glen and the Environment Committee honor people who have demonstrated their commitment to the environment through the preservation of wildlife, habitat, preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of their property. July 15, 2020 is the deadline for nominations.

The Environment Committee has finalized the lighting postcard that will be sent to the businesses as a friendly reminder to check with the Village in regards to changes to lighting fixtures.

The Environment Committee will continue to promote July as Plastic Free Month.

The Environment Committee would also like to make the residents aware that they have a few openings available on their committee and if interested to please contact the Village.

5) **Trustee Caprio**- On behalf of the Public Services and Safety Committee, with the weather getting warmer, drivers please be vigilant with your speed when driving in your surrounding communities due to more walking traffic with kids and families being home and outdoors.

Thank you to the Will County Sheriff’s Department, Homer Township, Northwest Homer Township Fire Protection District and EMA for keeping the residents of Homer Glen safe and promoting public safety.

6) **Village Manager Friling** – The Village received the State of Illinois guidelines for the opening of phase 4 which will begin on June 26. Included with those guidelines are the rules for the reopening of the video gaming machines in our local restaurants. The Village will be informing our local restaurants with this information so they can submit their plans to reopen.

G. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shawn Wayne Felgenhauer, Homer Glen Resident on Zoom – Had questions regarding the swings in Heritage Park. The Mayor suggested they discuss the question during Item I.6.

H. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. The Accounts Payable for the Period of May 29, 2020 through June 11, 2020 in the amount of $121,297.29.
2. TRIA Architecture’s Invoices No. 3321 and No. 3322 for Heritage Park Architectural Services, in the amount of $104,340.36.

   Trustee Gray motioned to approve the consent agenda, Trustee Caprio second.

   Trustee Gray noted that there have been questions regarding the TRIA invoices and wanted to note that these are payments from a contract that was approved back in February regarding the design phase of Heritage Park.
The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-006, a Resolution authorizing the release of Executive Session Minutes.

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve Resolution No. 20-006, Trustee Rodgers second.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio and Rodgers and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (1) Trustee Backal
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

2. Motion to accept Mayor Yukich’s appointment of Chris Locacius as Vice-Chair of the Homer Community Festival Committee

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve the appointment, Trustee Rodgers second.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

3. Motion to approve the Ace Pyro contract for the June 2021 Homer Fest Fireworks.

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve the contract, Trustee Gray second.

Trustee Caprio noted that Ace Pyro Contract was great to work with and the Homer Fest Committee appreciated them for being willing to forward the payment for the fest this year to next year, considering the fest will be canceled for the 2020 year.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.
4. Motion to approve an agreement with USIC, Based on Option 2 Pricing, to perform Utility Locating Services for the Village of Homer Glen as part of the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE) Program

Trustee Gray motioned to approve the agreement, Trustee Backal second.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

5. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-020, an Ordinance authorizing the adjustment of Traffic Control Devices (Speed Limit Signs) on 151st Street, between Bell Road and Cedar Road, reducing the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve Ordinance No. 20-020, Trustee Rodgers second.

Trustee Backal addressed concerns with the amount of time residents would be notified of the speed limit change. He stated that the speed limit had been 45mph for a number of years and wanted to ensure that the residents would be notified of the change in advance so they would not be ticketed for going 45mph because they were unaware of the change.

Trustee Gray recommended amending the motion to reducing the speed limit from Will Cook Road to Cedar Road, instead of only changing it from Bell Road to Cedar Road. The Board agreed.

Trustee Caprio rescinded his original motion and made a motion to amend the Ordinance authorizing the adjustment of Traffic Control Devices (Speed Limit Signs) on 151st Street, between Will Cook Road and Cedar Road, reducing the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH, Trustee Rodgers second.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
Present: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

6. Motion to approve award of contract to Claus Brothers, Inc. for the Heritage Park - Active Core Swings in the amount of $151,960.75.

Trustee Backal motioned to approve the contract, Trustee Sweas second.

Homer Glen resident Shawn Wayne Felgenhauer was attending the meeting through Zoom and had concerns regarding the funds being spent on the swings for the park while dealing with COVID-19. Village Manager Friling stated that the funds for the swings were rolled over from last year's budget. She also noted that the Village should be receiving State funds for the COVID-19 crisis.
The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

7. Motion to approve Ordinance 20-021, an Ordinance amending Drug Paraphernalia [Article II Drug Paraphernalia of Chapter 155 (Public Safety) of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen.]

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve Ordinance No. 20-021, Trustee Gray second.

Trustee Caprio noted that these are amendments to the State Code and the Village is amending their code to be consistent with the State of Illinois.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

8. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-022, an Ordinance amending Possession of Cannabis [Article VI Possession of Cannabis of Chapter 155 (Public Safety) of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen.]

Trustee Gray motioned to approve Ordinance No. 20-022, Trustee Sweas second.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

9. Motion to motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-023, an Ordinance Permitting the Off-Premises Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Certain Locations in the Village of Homer Glen and Amending the Village Code to Confirm with Such Permitted Sales.

Trustee Caprio motioned approve Ordinance No.20-023, Trustee Gray second.

Trustee Sweas asked for clarification regarding the Ordinance as far as allowing the off-premises sale of alcoholic beverages at restaurants in Homer Glen. Village Manager Friling explained that the State of Illinois, due to COVID-19, recently approved the sales and delivery of “to go” mixed drinks. Due to hardships on liquor license holders this would help the restaurants in Homer Glen and they would be following the same strict rules and regulations that the State of Illinois have put in place.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:
Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers and Backal
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (1) Trustee Pazmino (Trustee Pazmino holds a liquor license)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

10. **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-024, an Ordinance Granting Approval of Modified Standards in Lieu of § 220-1005-E.2 of the Homer Glen Village Code for Temporary Signs through September 15, 2020 as part of the 20/20 Economic Recovery Plan for Homer Glen.**

Trustee Gray motioned to approve Ordinance No. 20-024, Trustee Rodgers second.

Trustee Sweas stated that she is in favor of the Ordinance to help out the local businesses but had concerns with businesses using feather banners. She noted she is not in favor of the use of feather banners because they cause clutter to the road ways and can be a distraction to drivers.

Mayor Yukich stated that per the Ordinance, the use of temporary signs is limited to ninety-one (91) days of display time per calendar year. Under the proposed modified standards, the number of sign display days used is not counted against the normal annual temporary business sign permit allowance (91 days). Additionally, code enforcement would follow up with businesses exceeding the number of allowed signs, the type of sign, improper placement of ground signs and other complaints related to these modified standards.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*
Ayes: (5) Trustees Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (1) Trustee Sweas
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

11. **Motion to approve Rules and Guidelines for Use of Heritage Park by Health & Fitness Businesses as part of the 20/20 Economic Recovery Plan for Homer Glen.**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve the Rules and Guidelines, Trustee Backal second.

Mayor Yukich gave a quick summary of the above motion. Under the Governor’s Restore Illinois plan, health & fitness businesses are allowed to reopen their place of business only for one-on-one training within maximum occupancy and other safety guidelines. Outdoor guidelines are more flexible allowing fitness classes limited to a maximum of 10 participants with social distancing. Rules and guidelines have been drafted in an effort to assist our local businesses. These rules and guidelines will allow local health & fitness businesses to use Heritage Park on a temporary basis until Phase 5 (full reopening) is achieved following the Restore Illinois plan. The proposed rules and guidelines are a new initiative of the 20/20 Economic Recovery Plan for the Village of Homer Glen.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Rodgers, Backal and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.
J. WORKSHOP ITEM –

1. Discussion of Heritage Park Designs

Village Manager Friling stated that tonight’s workshop is a summary of all the previous meetings held in 2019 and 2020 regarding the future phases of Heritage Park construction. Tonight’s workshop is a discussion regarding design engineering of the project.

The workshop was led by Jim Petrakos from TRIA, Lori Vierow from JSD, Mike Kren (Project Manager) from TRIA and Ted Hamilton from HR Green. Jim Petrakos noted that schedule wise, they would like to be out to bid in September and stated that the initial goal was to get certain things done such as the mass grading before winter but have fallen behind due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

They gave a brief discussion on the following items:

Sled Hill – Lori Vierow discussed the signage options that would be used on each sled hill to let the residents or anyone visiting the park know the difficulty ratings for each area. The different signage options were bunnies, beginner, intermediate and expert.

Cul-de-Sac – Lori Vierow gave a brief update on the location of the lighting around the cul-de-sac.

Village Hall/Veteran’s Memorial – Lori Vierow gave an update of the replacement and installation of the sidewalks and paths along Village Hall. Mrs. Vierow also discussed options on accessing the Veteran’s Memorial if Veteran’s wanted to use the Veteran’s Memorial area for large gatherings or to celebrate Veteran’s Day. It was noted that they would be able to fit around 316 chairs for events in the Veteran’s Memorial area. The placement and location of each of the flags was discussed. The Veteran’s Memorial would also include columns that would represent the branches of military, Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force.

Village Green / Amphitheater – Lori Vierow gave a brief update on the landscaping plans for the Village Green area and usage for events such as a farmer’s market. They discussed lighting and safety and seating around the amphitheater area as well as landscaping. Mike Kren discussed the lighting options and sound options for the stage of the amphitheater. He showed the Board different options as far as the structure of the amphitheater. He then gave a demonstration of the sound options for the Board to listen to.

Last Jim Petrakos discussed the importance of an irrigation system to maintain and water the grass at Heritage Park. Lori Vierow gave a brief description of how the irrigation system would work around the park and what would be needed to make it run properly.

K. OLD BUSINESS –

Trustee Gray noted that back in July 2019, the Village Board discussed allowing residents that live adjacent to Heritage Park to install a gate on the Village-owned fence. During that time the Village Board tabled the discussion to allow for the completion of construction of the new access paths and the Active Core. Trustee Gray requested that the discussion be brought up again. It was the consensus of the Board to have staff bring the topic back on the next Village Board agenda.

On April 8, 2020, the Village Board approved the deferral liquor license payment until July 31, 2020. Trustee Rodgers asked the Board to have it brought back to a July Board meeting to discuss further extending the deadline for payment until December 31, 2020. The Board agreed.
L. NEW BUSINESS –

At the May 27 Village Board Meeting, the Board approved rules and regulations for restaurants to expand outdoor dining in response to the Governor’s Executive Order. The regulations have allowed local restaurants to open existing outdoor patios, as well, as expand into appropriate parking lots. The program has worked well. Trustee Pazmino suggested permitting the seating after the state moves in to Phase 4. It was the consensus of the Board to have the item be put on a future agenda meeting to discuss further.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

1. Purchase or Sale of Real Property 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
2. Executive Session Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

Trustee Rodgers motioned to enter Executive Session, second by Trustee Gray. Time 9:19pm.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Holtz, Gray, Rodgers, and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The motion carried.

The Village Board, Attorney Marji Swanson and Village Manager Karie Friling reconvened to the regular board meeting at 10:00 pm. No action was taken.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gray motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Sweas.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Caprio, Gray, Backal, Rodgers, and Pazmino
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Gina Villasenor, Deputy Clerk
Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated October 14, 2020