

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
350 VICTORY DRIVE
PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS**

Village Hall

Board Room 7:00 p.m.

May 15, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Trustee Theresa Settles, Trustee Tiffani Graham, Trustee Maya Hardy, Trustee Erin Slone, Trustee Randall White, Trustee John Moore, and Mayor Joseph Woods

ABSENT: none

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager Tom Mick, Assistant to Village Manager Jason Miller, Police Chief Paul Winfrey, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok, Village Attorney Priscilla Centeno, Director of Finance Mark Pries, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Health Margaret Lewis, Director of Community Relations Larrie Kerestes, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, Assistant Director of Finance Sharon Floyd, IT Coordinator Mark Giesing, Village Planner Andrew Brown, Communications Coordinator David Vinson, and Communication Specialist James Guirguis

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Judge Raymond Funderburke, friends and family of Trustee Graham; family and firefighter family of Firefighter/paramedic Jonas Campbell; EDAG Chairman Phil Perkins and other EDAG members; and Businessperson of the Year Fershawnda Green

Roll Call

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. and asked Clerk McGann to call the roll.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Woods led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in of Re-Elected Trustee

Trustee Graham was sworn in for her third term as trustee by Judge Raymond Funderburke. Trustee Graham thanked her family and expressed her appreciation of the residents. She added a special thanks to her mother and father. Mayor Woods asked if the Board wished to make any comments. The Board thanked her for her service to the Village and noted their excitement to continue to work with her. Mayor Woods said the meeting was in recess at 7:09. The meeting convened at 7:18 pm.

Mayor Woods read the proclamation for the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. He asked residents to be aware of motorcycles on the roadway and consider safety and safe sharing of the roads.

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor

Mayor Woods reported that Park Forest Baseball is opening this weekend. There will be an information tea for Female Veterans on May 7. He wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

He enjoyed the Move with the Mayor event. With Trustee Slone, Trustee Settles, Margaret Lewis, and residents, they walked and cleared litter along Old Plank Trail and Logan Park.

Village Attorney

No report

Village Manager

Manager Mick congratulated Trustee Graham and thanked her family for sharing her with the Village. He also congratulated Fershawnda Green as Business Person of the Year. Park Forest and Richton Park are looking for survey responses on Facebook for the Park Forest Richton Park Neighborhood Network program. Cop of the Rooftop will take place this week in Chicago Heights as a fundraiser for Special Olympics. Early bird membership discounts are available for memberships at the Aqua Center. Park Forest will host the Memorial Day event on Monday, May 29. The Saturday Rules Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, and is open to the public.

Manager Mick introduced and read the bio for Firefighter/Paramedic Jonas Campbell. He was sworn in by Clerk McGann. The Mayor and Board congratulated and welcomed him to the Park Forest family.

EDAG Chairman Perkins said the group annually chooses a recipient of the Business Person of the Year Award. This year's winner is Fershawnda Green of Poppin' Plates. He talked about her business model that accounts as an incubator and allows others to follow their dreams and open their own business. She caters hundreds of meals daily and shares her knowledge and expertise with others. Ms. Green is an inspiration.

Ms. Green thanked the Board members and the residents. She is happy that the Village has opened its doors to her so she can see how others can grow.

Village Clerk

No report

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

Trustee Settles said the Women Veterans Tea was a success with Rich Township 227 culinary students doing the catering. She enjoyed the Recreation and Parks Mother's Day event at Freedom Hall. She thanked Manager Mick, the Board, and the staff for the transparent and informational budget review sessions. The Park Forest Veterans Commission is sponsoring an essay contest.

Trustee Graham noted that the job fair will be sponsored by the Youth Commission and the Commission on Human Relations on May 27. She congratulated Fershawnda Green on her award. Trustee Graham humbly thanked the residents for allowing her to serve the community. Trustee Graham also thanked Judge Funderburke for swearing her in all three of her terms.

Trustee Hardy thanked the staff for their budget review session. She congratulated Fershawnda Green adding that she grew her business during covid pandemic. She reminded residents to do the survey for Park Forest and Richton Park. They would like to receive your feedback.

Trustee Slone also congratulated Fershawnda Green on the Business Person of the Year award. The Senior Commission hosted a mental health workshop on May 4th. She enjoyed the Mother's Day Brunch and walking with the Mayor to clean up the trail. Trustee Slone thanked the Department heads and staff for their work on the financial report. The Beautification Committee will meet on May 23.

Trustee White congratulated Poppin Plates and Fershawnda Green on tonight's award.

Trustee Moore thanked Manager Mick and the staff for a great orientation of the budget review. As a member of EDAG, they first talked of an incubator for businesses, and now that is a success that has led to many more businesses.

Each of the Trustees wished Chief Winfrey a happy birthday.

Citizens' Comments, Observations, Petitions

Terry Foote, 265 Dogwood, expressed his concerns about the Manager's salary as listed in the draft of the budget.

The owner of All Out Smoke Pit, Antwon Hardy, thanked everyone for their support of their business. They have been residents in Park Forest since 2001. He congratulated Trustee Moore, Graham, Trustee White, and Mayor Woods on their new terms of office.

Motion: Approval of Consent

CONSENT:

MOVED that the Consent Agenda and each item contained therein be hereby approved:

1. Motion: A Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Rules meeting of May 4, 2023, and the Special Rules meeting of May 8, 2023

2. Resolution: Approval of a Supplemental MFT Resolution to appropriate money in additional Motor Fuel Tax – REBUILD ILLINOIS Funds for construction and Construction Engineering costs associated with improvement to NONFAU portion of Shabbona Dr. and South Orchard Dr.

3. Motion: Somonauk Park Pavilion Construction

4. Motion: Fiscal 2024 Sidewalk and Curb Restoration Program

5. Motion: Contract for Fiscal 2024 Pavement Crack Sealing

6. Motion: Engineering Services Agreement with Dixon Engineering for Construction Engineering Services for the Blackhawk Tower Overcoat

7. Motion: Contract for the Blackhawk Tower Overcoat

8. Motion: Engineering Services Agreement with Baxter and Woodman for design of Forest Brook Lift Station Replacement

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Trustee Slone and seconded by Trustee White. Mayor Woods asked if anyone wished any items be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, a roll call vote was called by Mayor Woods on the motion to approve the consent agenda.

The consent agenda was approved with the following results:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

The consent agenda was adopted with seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays and no (0) absent.

DEBATABLE:

None

Adjournment

This concluded the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business. Mayor Woods called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Hardy, seconded by Trustee White and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned unanimously with a voice vote with the following results:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Mayor Woods adjourned the Rules Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila McGann

Village Clerk