

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) MEETING

Ela Township, 1155 East Route 22, Lake Zurich

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 - 8:30 am

Approved July 8, 2021

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Palmblad called the June 30, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. Board Roll Call: Present were Supervisor Palmblad, Clerk Prouty, Trustee Bowman, Trustee Sikes, Trustee Wilhoit, Assessor Barrington, Township Manager Stefaniuk, Highway Superintendent DePouw, Highway Foreman Meyer, and Community Programs Director Dillon. Trustee Ufodike was absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion – Updates by Chair:
 - a) Community Center Committee – Chair/Trustee Ufodike
Members: Gloria, Trustee Wilhoit, Susan D., Jim, Joe
Youth: Summer Camp going well, the numbers increasing, parents are signing up for later weeks after trying out first week or two. Campers had fun at Chicago Dogs game. Have been at Community Center several days due to constant rain. Homework Club is filling up. Not marketing to St. Francis since they have started their own after school program and we do not want to take from their needed revenue. Teen Club is on hold, we are waiting from word from LZ95 if they are going to provide transportation. Youth Staff is doing a great job! Joe has definitely grown into his role as Coordinator.
Senior: A Chef has been hired! Jim Abrahams will start as our chef on July 8. This will be a welcome relief! Our meals have been a great service to the community, and we have really grown because of them. In 2018/2019 our actual revenue amount from meals was \$11,200, this budget year we are aiming for \$22,000. This is a fantastic trend. In September, when we start in-person meals, we will not be using disposables any longer. We received a donation of plates, bowls, cups, and saucers and will be using these instead. This will be good for our environment and our budget. Long Distance Travel budgeted to bring in \$10,000 this year... will actually bring in over \$20,000 due to sold out trips. Grants budgeted to bring in \$3000, Thanks to Lisa Gaggiano we have already brought in \$6100. Programming is picking up and people are VERY happy to get back in the building.
 - b) Communication Committee – Chair/Supervisor Palmblad
Members: John B, Susan D, Jim, and Staff
The Resident's Guide is finished, and the Summer 2021 Newsletter is still being written.
 - c) Community Family Services – Chair/Trustee Wilhoit
Members: Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Sikes
Susan Fackler (Ela Township Social Worker) retiring party was June 25, 2021. A retirement party was held downstairs and was very well attended. Ela Township gave her a rocking chair with a plaque attached thanking her for her dedication of seventeen years at Ela Township.

- d) Parks & Recreation Committee – Chair/Trustee Bowman
Members: Gloria, Trustee Ufodike, Superintendent DePouw, & Highway Foreman Geoff Meyer
Trustee Bowman reported that they are looking at a combination of Tennis and Pickle Ball courts. Talking to landscapers about live and dead trees at Community Park. The next Parks meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021.
- e) Highway Committee – Chair/Trustee Sikes
Members: Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Bowman, Mike, & Geoff
Highway Department has purchase paint for Knox Park supply shed. The first Highway Committee meeting is July 1, 2021.
- f) Bus Service – Board Liaison – Supervisor Palmblad
Nothing to report, everything is running smoothly.
- g) Historic Society
A/C issue on the 2nd Floor. Replacement of the upstairs air conditioner compressor at the Historic Museum for \$1849.00. Final vote on this item will be at the July 8, 2021, board meeting.

5. Topics for Discussion:

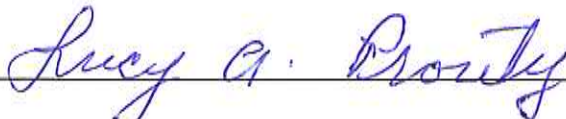
- a) Highway IGAs – Shared Equipment Usage.
All the IGA's will have the final vote at July 8, 2021 board meeting.
- b) Knox Park – Playground Equipment
Final decision for redoing the Knox Park Playground with foundation will be voted on at the July 8, 2021 board meeting. Noted that all equipment will be ADA approved. Trustee Wilhoit suggested that all Ela Township parks be equipped with bike racks.
- c) Old Business:
Peace Pole foundation is having a fund raiser at Mod Pizza tonight. Trustees Wilhoit and Ufodike have met with the Chairman to help with the project.
- d) New Business: Bids for the parking lot repairs are going out on July 1, 2021 and are due in on July 15, 2021. We may need to have a special board meeting to allow enough time for contractors to complete their work by September 10, 2021.

6. Set Date of Next COW Meeting (July 28, 2021 @ 8:30 AM)

The July 28, 2021 meeting is accepted, but will add a special meeting to it, to accommodate the dates on the paving bids.

7. Executive Session: None needed at this time.

8. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:41am



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June 25, 2021