

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 2022**

(Approved: May 17, 2022)

A record of a legally convened regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Pro Tem Andy Cripe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Village Manager Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Robert Apatoff (remote), Andy Cripe, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn (remote), Kim Mancini, and John Swierk. Absent: President Christopher Rintz. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Community Development Director David Schoon, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, and approximately 9 persons in the audience.

President Pro Tem Cripe confirms that Trustee Apatoff and Trustee Dearborn have provided the required notice that they will be unable to attend the regular meeting due to work obligations. The Village's policy provides that Trustee Apatoff and Trustee Dearborn may participate remotely unless 2/3 of the Council objects. With no objections, Trustee Apatoff and Trustee Dearborn participated remotely fully in the meeting.

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Pro Tem Cripe led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3) Quorum.

- a) May 3, 2022 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- b) May 10, 2022 Study Session. All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- c) May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Dearborn stated that he will not be present.

- 4) Public Comment. None.

- 5) Reports:

- a) Trustees.

- i) Trustee Dearborn states that there is a group of volunteers that have assisted in cleaning the Green Bay Trail.

- b) Attorney. None.

- c) Village Manager. None.

- d) Village President. None.

- e) 2022 Arbor Day Proclamation

President Pro Tem Andy Cripe declares April 29th as Arbor Day in the Village of Winnetka.

Village Forester Andrew Lueck confirms that the Village will be giving seedlings on April 29th.

f) Mayors' Monarch Pledge and Proclamation

President Pro Tem Andy Cripe declares April 22nd as Monarch Remembrance Day in the Village of Winnetka.

Charles Dowding commends the Council for their initiative in supporting Monarch butterflies.

g) Environmental and Forestry Commission 2022 Green Awards

Each year the Environmental & Forestry Commission awards recipients based on their sustainability actions. Environmental & Forestry Commissioner Chair Charles Dowding presents the award to the Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Winnetka Public Works Department.

6) Approval of the Agenda. Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to approve the Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.

7) Consent Agenda

a) Village Council Minutes.

i. April 5, 2022, Regular Meeting

b) Approval of Warrant List dated March 22, 2022 – April 4, 2022 in the amount of \$421,508.18.

a) Resolution No. R-36-2022 – Purchase of Pedestrian Crossing Signs (Adoption)

b) Resolution No. R-40-2022 – Approving Change Order No. 2 to the Contract with Maple Cable Construction, Inc. for Directional Boring Work (Adoption)

c) Resolution No. R-47-2022 – Winnetka Music Festival License Agreement (Adoption)

d) Resolution No. R-49-2022 – 2022-2023 Dutch Elm Disease Prevention Program (Adoption)

e) Resolution No. R-50-2022 – Winnetka Farmer's Market License Agreement (Adoption)

f) Resolution No. R-51-2022 – Approving a Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement for Construction and Maintenance of Public Water Main (Adoption)

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions:

a) Ordinance No. M-07-2022 – Amending a Special Use Permit and Variations for Playground Improvements at Hubbard Woods Elementary School, 1110 Chatfield Road (Introduction/Adoption)

Assistant Community Development Director Brian Norkus informs Council of the request for an amendment of a special use permit and approval of zoning variations, proposing improvements to an already existing playground at Hubbard Woods

Elementary School, zoned R-5 Single Family Residential. Mr. Norkus reviews the improvements and the play equipment that has been proposed.

Trustee Dalman questions the height of an existing play structure that may propose safety concerns and the planned construction timing. Kathryn Talty, Landscape Architect for the School District, confirms that the conditions have been improved during the planning process and is anticipating construction to begin during summer break.

Council deliberates the overall construction process, ADA accessible use for children, and the structural components and material that will be used with the proposed improvements presented.

Kathryn Talty confirms that the plans have been carefully reviewed and considered by the Village's lower advisory boards prior to coming before Council. Ms. Talty provides a detailed review of that proposed surface structures and material that have been enhanced to improve the overall playground.

Public Comment.

Tom Brown expresses his concern regarding heavy rain fall that causes woodchips from the playground to affect storm drainage.

Village Manager Rob Bahan confirms that Engineering staff will not issue any permits until final plans have met all Village standards. Ms. Talty also confirms that the playground improvements do not include woodchips, indicating that this will not present a hazard for stormwater related matters.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-7-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Mancini, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-7-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

b) Ordinance No. M-08-2022 – Amending a Special Use Permit and Variations for Playground Improvements at Greeley Elementary School, 275 Fairview Avenue (Introduction/Adoption)

Assistant Community Development Director Brian Norkus informs Council of the request for an amendment of a special use permit and approval of zoning variations, proposing improvements to an already existing playground at Greeley Elementary School, zoned R-5 Single Family Residential. Brian Norkus confirms that the playground equipment and the woodchips will be replaced and improved to make it more ADA accessible for children with mobility challenges. While the final plans will be submitted at a future date, Brian Norkus confirms that the stormwater plans have been reviewed by Engineering staff.

The application, considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals, Design Review Board, and Plan Commission, unanimously recommended approval by each advisory board, finding that the plans met all Village standards.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-8-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried

Trustee Mancini, seconded by Trustee Swierk, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-8-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

c) Resolution No. R-52-2022 – Approving Amendments and Vacation of Easements in the Harza Subdivision (Adoption)

Assistant Community Development Director Brian Norkus reviews a request from the subject owners requesting to obtain approval to vacate portions of an easement in the Harza Subdivision, in addition to vacating a tennis court easement that was established with the recordation of the subdivision.

Council deliberates the subdivision from a beneficiary standpoint, approval process of the plat, and the accessibility of the private roadway for emergency vehicles.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-52-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments. None.

12) Adjournment. Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Dearborn, moved to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary