

April 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deerfield was called to order by Mayor Harriet Rosenthal remotely on April 20, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. The clerk called the roll and announced that the following were:

Present: Harriet Rosenthal, Mayor
Robert Benton
Tom Jester
Mary Oppenheim
William Seiden
Dan Shapiro
Barbara Struthers

and that a virtual quorum was present and in attendance. Also present via teleconference were Kent Street, Village Manager and Steven Elrod, Village Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Village Manager Kent Street lead those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

DOCUMENT APPROVAL

Trustee Benton moved to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Shapiro, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Struthers moved to approve the Bills and Payroll dated April 20, 2020. Trustee Jester

seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Shapiro, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Street read the comments from residents that have been received by the Village.

Ron Schwartz, 1260 Greenwood Avenue, noted at the April 6, 2020 meeting, someone in the public comment section suggested landscapers should be ticketed. This is incorrect as landscaping services are included in the essential services.

REPORTS

REPORT FROM STAFF RE: COVID-19
AND VILLAGE OPERATIONS

Assistant Manager Andrew Lichterman presented highlights from the staff report dated April 20, 2020.

Governor Pritzker has ordered all schools in the State to be closed for in-person learning for the remainder of the school year. Today, Mayor Rosenthal issued a supplemental order, effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 22, 2020, requiring everyone over the age of five to wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth while engaging in the following activities: working or patronizing an essential business, engaging in essential activities, working in or visiting an indoor construction site, performing landscape services and riding in public transportation, taxis or ride share vehicles. Mr. Lichterman noted business owners and operators shall refuse admission or service to any individual not wearing a face mask. Medical-grade masks and N-95 masks are only recommended for first responders and health care professionals.

The Illinois Department of Health reported there are 30,357 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1290 deaths in the state; 2,162 cases are confirmed in Lake County and at least 50 cases are confirmed in the Village.

Last week, Mayor Rosenthal launched the #DoItForDeerfield campaign in response to the outpouring of residents and businesses asking how they can help. Residents have donated homemade cloth masks for seniors, signed up to deliver food and to be a “Senior Buddy” making well-being calls.

The Village is working with the DBR Chamber of Commerce to promote local businesses and communicate policy changes. The Chamber will be providing local businesses with a 1-page information sheet about the Supplemental Order as well as a supply of non-surgical face masks and signage to post in their windows. They will also text information to their subscribers.

The Police Station remains open while all other public buildings are closed during the pandemic. All departments in the Village are operational. The Police Department is enforcing the stay at home order as well as the Village’s supplemental orders. If necessary, offenders will be cited. Deerfield police officers are also participating in the Books and Badges program, where officers are recorded while reading a children’s book.

The Finance Department is reviewing the financial impact of the pandemic on the Village. Vehicle sticker sales are planned to begin in May, as usual. Residents will be receiving vehicle sticker applications in the mail and residents can purchase their sticker online, through the mail, or by using the drop box at Village Hall.

The Community Development Department continues to process permits and conduct inspections during regular business hours. The Plan Commission will host a video conference meeting on April 23. The Appearance Review Commission will hold its first video conference meeting later in May. All five divisions of the Public Works Department are operational.

The Administration Department is working closely with the Mayor and Village departments to ensure essential Village services continue uninterrupted. Department staff continues to prepare and issue regular and timely communication updates to the public, utilizing all of the Village’s communication tools.

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Waste Management has increased the size of their crews in an effort to increase efficiency and reduce the amount of time it takes to service the Village. Residents need to have their refuse and recycling containers at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the day of their scheduled pick up.

Several professional landscape services have been observed working in the Village on Sundays. Please be advised that landscape services and other construction related activity are prohibited from working on Sundays and holidays.

The Trustees thanked Mayor Rosenthal and Village staff for their dedication and hard work.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO A SPECIAL USE TO ADD FOUR (4) PICKLEBALL COURTS TO DEERSPRING PARK (DEERFIELD PARK DISTRICT) TO BE DEFERRED TO 2021 AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARK DISTRICT.

The Deerfield Park District has requested consideration for the four pickleball courts proposed for Deerspring Park be deferred until 2021. This deferment was part of a number of capital projects and services that the Park District has put off due to the COVID 19 virus and the financial effect it has had to date on the Park District. The Park District anticipates returning to the Village in early 2021 to continue the zoning approval process.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION ON THE REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRIVE-THRU FOR A WALGREENS PHARMACY STORE AT 95 S. WAUKEGAN ROAD (CHICK-FIL-A, INC. AND WALGREENS CO.)

The Plan Commission held a Public Hearing on February 27, 2020, to consider a request for a 2500 square foot Walgreens store with a drive-thru to occupy the northernmost space of the approved 8000 square foot multi-tenant building located south of Chick-Fil-A. The Plan Commission voted 7-0 in favor of the request.

Per the Zoning Ordinance, the Plan Commission has to submit its recommendation to the Board of Trustees within 60 days after the conclusion of the hearing. Due to the remote nature of the Village Board meeting, this matter will be tabled until the May 18, 2020 meeting.

Trustee Jester moved to table further discussion to the May 18, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Shapiro, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF THE EXTENSION Mayor Rosenthal issued a Declaration of OF MAYOR ROSENTHAL'S MARCH 16, Emergency on March 16, 2020, related to the 2020 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY COVID-19 emergency. The Declaration will expire on April 30, 2020, unless the Village Board extends the duration of the Declaration.

Mr. Elrod noted the Trustees discussed the possibility of extending the Emergency Declaration past April 30, 2020, at the last Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Oppenheim moved to extend the Mayor's March 16, 2020 Declaration of Emergency until the end of the next regular meeting of the Village Board, which will be May 4, 2020. Trustee Seiden seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Shapiro, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

DISCUSSION

THANK YOU

doing a wonderful job.

Trustee Seiden and Trustee Struthers commended Mayor Rosenthal, Mr. Street and Village staff for

#DOITFORDEERFIELD

She also thanked Vicki Street, Executive Director of the DBR Chamber of Commerce, for all her hard work keeping businesses informed. She has taken the extra step to ensure everyone knows what is going on.

Mayor Rosenthal reminded residents to send in pictures and positive stories to #DoItForDeerfield,

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

encouraged the Village to ask them to host a basketball clinic for adults with special needs.

Village resident Veronica Boyajian saw on ESPN that some WNBA Stars live in the Village and

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Struthers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

There being no further business or discussion, Trustee Shapiro moved to adjourn the meeting.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Village Clerk