

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND
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OCTOBER 8, 2020**

Call to Order

Presiding Officer Trustee Nickell called the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees via GoTo Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Thursday, October 8, 2020, meeting held via GoTo Meeting and available live at WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

Before calling the roll the President Officer read into the record the requirements for public comments for later in the meeting.

On roll call by Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

PRESENT: Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Klatzco, Hlepas-Nickell, Sargon (Via GoToMeeting), Patel Trustee Cope (Joined meeting at 6:50 p.m. Via GoToMeeting)

ABSENT: President Bass

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Management Analyst; Steve McNellis, Community Development Director; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Anna Koperski-Walsh, Superintendent Parks and Recreation Department; Melissa Rimdzius, Director of Parks and Recreation; Doug Hammel, Development Manager; Steve Elrod, Village Attorney.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 15, 2020 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole were presented for approval.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020 of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi

Clerk Herman called the roll.

Ayes: Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Sargon, Patel, Hlepas Nickell, and Klatzco

Nays: None

Regular Business

1. Human Relations Commission Biennial Report

This item was presented by HRC Commissioner Jennifer Costantino by PowerPoint.

Police Chief, Jay Parrott introduced HRC Commissioner Jennifer Costantino.

Commissioner Costantino presented the biennial status report of the Human Relations Commission (HRC). The HRC Commissioner explained the mission and events that the HRC puts on annually, including the Memorial Day Parade and Iron Chief's Competition. The commissioner also discussed the winner and process of the annual HRC person of the year. The flags of diversity program was discussed and programs that promote the donations to the Niles Township Food Pantry. Future program goals and projects were discussed, including continuing the current programs, creating diversity month activities, and bring more awareness of humanitarian issues in our community.

Trustee Patel thanked the commission for all their work and brought up the point that the HRC might be involved in the future planning of Lincolnwood Fest.

All the Trustees thanked the HRC for the work they do in the Commission.

2. Discussion Concerning Lincolnwood Fest

This item was presented by Melissa Rimdzius, Parks and Recreation Director, using PowerPoint.

Ms. Rimdzius presented general information and the history of Lincolnwood Fest. Ms. Rimdzius went on to discuss the Friends of Lincolnwood 501(c)(3) organization. Ms. Rimdzius explained the scope and amount of work entailed in the planning and implementation of the event. Financial support for the event, including income and expenses, were discussed. The Friends of Lincolnwood indicated they would no longer be planning the event, and the Village is looking for a future community member or non for profit group to run the event. Ms. Rimdzius asked for the Village Board's directions for the vision and future of the Lincolnwood Fest.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi asked if the group was willing to run the event in the 2021 season.

Ms. Rimdzius said the group is willing to do it in 2021.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi discussed planning difficulties due to the pandemic.

Ms. Rimdzius explained the friends of Lincolnwood Fest might be willing to extend it one more year if this group is canceled.

Trustee Patel acknowledged the work that the Friends of Lincolnwood has done. Trustee Patel would like the Village to research similar events and involve the Park Board and Human Relations Commission to create future recommendations for the event. Patel mentioned more contemporary events such as food trucks and pizza might be considerations.

Trustee Sargon also agreed that our Boards and Commissions should make a recommendation, but suggested getting resident feedback on the event. She suggested possibly have a town hall or putting together an ad-hoc committee.

Ms. Rimdzius mentioned that a survey might be used to help direct this project. She also brought up which parts of the fest raise money.

Trustee Klatzco echoed the other Trustees and would like Ms. Rimdzius to keep the Board updated.

Presiding Officer Trustee Nickell echoed the same thoughts as the other trustees and asked how far out do we have to make decisions due to deposits.

Ms. Rimdzius answered that planning would not have to take place until December 2021.

3. Discussion Concerning Derelict Vehicles and Storage of Vehicles

This item was presented by Jay Parrott, Police Chief, using PowerPoint.

Chief Jay Parrott presented the current Village Code as it concerns to abandoned vehicles. Chief explained common situations in which residents call in relation to vehicles being abandoned. Chief went on to explain that some other villages examine unlicensed vehicles and have codes based upon unkempt vehicles. He then presented on expanding the definition of abandoned. Other communities allow temporary parking waivers with Police Department approval and remove or modify overnight parking. Staff recommended that the Village further define an abandoned vehicle and add a requirement for valid state registration into the code.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi agreed with the seven day rule and asked if vehicles are being towed currently.

Chief explained the process and said that the Village does not usually tow cars.

Trustee Cope asked if the car is properly licensed, what difference it makes if it is parked on the street for two weeks.

Chief Parrott said it would require the motorists to move their vehicles every seven days or call the Police for a waiver. A discussion ensued. Trustee Cope asked if we can legally limit other municipalities from parking on our streets.

Steve Elrod explained it is a gray area and that there is process for receiving a waiver. A discussion ensued.

Trustee Cope said he does not seem a large need for these changes to the Code.

Presiding Officer Trustee Nickell explained that there are some areas in the Village where this issue exists in which inoperable or poor condition vehicles create an obsolescence. She explained that it sometimes causes issues with street sweeping and snow removal.

Trustee Patel explained that this is a complicated issue with many different challenges. A discussion ensued. Trustee Patel said that we might want examine other items related to this topic including parking pads.

Trustee Sargon explained that she finds value in expanding the definition of an abandoned vehicle, but does think banning overnight parking would work in all neighborhoods. She believes this item should go to the plan commission for more detailed discussion.

Trustee Klatzco expressed the concern that some people do not move their cars and the streets are then not cleaned or plowed. He suggested it be set to the Planning Commission.

Presiding Officer Trustee Nickell asked if this would be appropriate to send to the Traffic Commission.

Village Manager, Anne Marie Gaura answered it would be appropriate if it was sent to the Traffic Commission.

4. Discussion Concerning Halloween Trick-or Treating Guidance

This item was presented by Melissa Rimdzius, Parks and Recreation Director, using PowerPoint.

Ms. Rimdzius presented background information on Trick or Treating due to COVID-19. Ms. Rimdzius explained that the CDC listed trick or treating as a high-risk activity, other public health organizations such as IDPH recommendations were discussed. Traditionally the Village Board does not take action on the status of Trick or Treating. Due to the pandemic, staff is seeking guidance on Trick or Treating this year.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi asked Melissa to explain the Parks Department alternatives for Trick or Treating.

Ms. Rimdzius discussed programming in the Department including Mad Scientists, Creepy Crawl, Pumpkins Picassos and trick-or-treat to go bags.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi asked what SD74 was planning to do for Halloween.

Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura, explained the SD74 was waiting on direction from the Village.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi has reservations about trick-or-treating due to COVID, and rather fall on the side of caution. Trustee would like to not have trick-or-treating out of caution and thanks Parks for the programming they are offering.

Trustee Cope sees no problem with children trick-or-treating as long as guidelines are followed. Trustee Cope also commended the Parks and Recreation Department for their Halloween programming.

Trustee Patel asked if Skokie is prohibiting trick or treating.

Ms. Rimdzius explained that they are discouraging it, and not posting hours. A discussion ensued on the hours of trick-or-treating.

Trustee Patel would lean to providing signage for residents, but allowing trick-or-treating.

Presiding Officer Trustee Nickell says we should coordinate with the schools but not encourage trick-or-treating.

Trustee Sargon discussed the uptick in COVID-19 cases that we should discourage trick-or-treating, but provide guidance. Trustee explained communication and signage is key to getting the message out.

Trustee Klatzco also expressed concern in the rising numbers, and children's ability to follow safety guidance. Trustee explained that he believes we should strongly discourage trick-or-treating and pay for signage for people who want no trick or treating signs.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi also expressed support for the Village to pay for the signs.

Presiding Officer Trustee Nickell expressed concern that free signs would not be fiscally responsible at this time. A discussion ensued.

Trustees Cope and Sargon both agreed that the Parks and Recreation Department can handle the coordination and decisions regarding signage.

Trustee Klatzco expressed concern that by selling signs we are encouraging trick-or-treating. He asked if there are legal concerns with us selling signs and maybe promoting trick-or-treating.

Village Attorney Elrod said it would not be a liability issue.

A discussion ensued on the selling of signs. The Trustees concluded to only sell the closed for trick-or-treating signs.

Presiding Officer Trustee Nickell summed up that the Village will not post trick-or-treating hours this year. A discussion ensued on discouraging trick-or-treating. Trustee Nickell

reviewed and stated the direction from the Village Board is to discourage trick-or-treating this year due to the pandemic.

A public comment was read by Assistant Village Manager, Chuck Meyer.

From Steven Ruben: 6511 Longmeadow Avenue

“I am concerned with the possibility of allowing trick-or-treating on Halloween. My wife and I are both in high risks groups and believe the Village should cancel the event due to the pandemic. There are many residents who are in high risks groups, and for the safety of our community this event should be canceled. We are disappointed as well, and look forward to passing out candy every year. But the health and wellbeing of all residents should be the priority.”

Adjournment

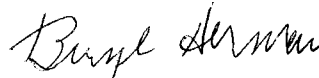
At 8:02 P.M. Trustee Sargon made a motion to adjourn the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Hlepas-Nickell, Patel, Cope, Ikezoe-Halevi

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,



Beryl Herman
Village Clerk