

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE MEETING VILLAGE HALL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

**Call to Order**

President Pro Tem Elster called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:30PM, Tuesday, February 2, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

**Roll Call**

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

PRESENT: President Pro Tem Elster, Trustees Cope, Patel, Spino, Klatzco, President Turry (via SKYPE)

ABSENT: Trustee Bass

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Douglas Petroschius, Assistant Village manager; Amanda Pazdan, Management Analyst; Charles Greenstein, Village Treasurer; Aaron Cook, Acting Community Development Director; Robert LaMantia, Police Chief; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 19, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Cope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Voice Vote.

**Regular Business**

**1. Discussion Concerning a Proposal from Laredo Hospitality for a Video Gaming Facility**

This item was presented by Mr. Wiberg using PowerPoint.

Representing Laredo Hospitality were:

Brian Wilson, Director of Operations and Charity Johns, Partner and COO

Mr. Wiberg presented background information including the fact that in 2009 the Village Board decided that no Video Gaming was to be allowed in the Village. Information was provided via photos and charts, which demonstrated the background and experience of this company. They have locations in various municipalities around the state.

Questions and discussion ensued, with clarification from Mr. Wiberg and the Laredo representatives.

The consensus was that more information is needed.

## **2. Discussion Concerning Proposed Modifications to the “Vicious Dog” Ordinance**

This item was presented by Chief LaMantia using PowerPoint.

Trustee Cope requested a summary of proposed Ordinance.

### Discussion Regarding Regulation of Dogs

#### December 17, 2015 Committee of the Whole Regulation of Dogs

The Village Board agreed to revisions to definitions, regulations and process. However, during the meeting two trustees inquired about the need or benefit of breed specific language.

In a publication distributed by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AMVA) titled “Literature Review on the Welfare Implications of the Role of Breed in Dog Bite Risk and Prevention” (February 6, 2015), the AMVA cited the following information:

- “Owners of dogs that are identified by the community as ‘pit bull type’ may experience a strong breed stigma, however, controlled studies have not identified this breed group as disproportionately dangerous.”
- Breed is a poor sole predictor of dog bites. Controlled studies reveal no increased risk for the group blamed most often for dog bites, ‘pit bull type’ dogs. Accordingly, targeting this breed or any other as a basis for dog bite prevention is unfounded”
- “As stated by the National Animal Control Association: ‘Dangerous and/or vicious animals should be labeled as such as a result of their actions or behavior and not because of their breed.’”
- In a 2014 article written by the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB) titled: “Position Statement on Breed Specific Legislation”, the AVSAB wrote: “The AVSAB’s position is that such legislation – often called breed-specific legislation (BSL)- is ineffective, and can lead to a false sense of community safety as well as welfare concerns for dogs identified (often incorrectly) as belonging to specific breeds.”
- In an article written by the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) titled: “Information Regarding Proposals to Ban Specific Dog Breeds”, ISVMA noted: “A dog’s tendency to bite depends on at least six interacting factors: heredity, early experience, socialization and training, physical and behavioral health, victim behavior and environment. Breed specific approaches ignore five of the six and are not likely to result in effective injury control.”

Lincolnwood Resident Marcia Kramer of 3929 West Jarlath and Steve Dale of 650 W. Sheridan, Chicago addressed the Board, in favor of eliminating breed-specific language from any proposed Ordinance.

Attorney Elrod presented two options for Ordinance preparation.

- a. Continue breed designation
- b. Prohibit breed specific language

A “problem pet owner” provision could be included. The Hearing Officer could identify “problem pet owners” and deal with them appropriately.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus: No breed designation.

**Adjournment**

At 7:30 PM Trustee Cope made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Trustee Spino.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Beryl Herman  
Village Clerk