MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING OF
THE TINLEY PARK VILLAGE BOARD
AND
THE TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT BOARD
HELD ON MAY 15, 2014

The joint meeting of the Tinley Park Village Board and the Tinley Park-Park District Board of
Commissioners scheduled to be held at the Bettenhausen Recreation Center on May 15, 2014 was called
to order by Commissioner Younker at 6:50 p.m.

Village Board Members Present:  Mayor Edward J. Zabrocki
                                    Trustee Brian S. Maher
                                    Trustee Thomas J. Staunon, Jr.
                                    Trustee Patricia A. Leoni
                                    Trustee T.J. Grady (arrived after roll call)

Village Staff Present:  Village Clerk Patrick E. Rea
                        Michael Mertens
                        Brad L. Bettenhausan
                        Steve Tilton

Commissioners Present:  Tom Mahoney
                        Michael Panitto
                        Marie Ryan
                        Robert Sanfilippo
                        Brian H. Younker

Park Staff Present:  John Curran
                    Sandra Chevalier
                    Ryan Veldman
                    Karol Komar
                    Kelly Downes
                    Matt Libs
                    Sandy Ardolino

Open the Meeting
Commissioner Younker welcomed the Village of Tinley Park for attending the meeting this evening. At
this time introduction were made of attendees.

Park District Updates
Mr. Curran reported on the following capital improvement projects.
- Dog Park- Construction of the 10 acre dog park started in April with a planned opening in
  October 2014. 7 acres of the site will provide three fenced off leash dog areas, an access path
  and parking for 30 cars.
- St. Boniface- The Tinley Park-Park District is in the process of acquiring St. Boniface with a
  50% OSLAD grant. The Park District will be seeking another grant to help renovate the park
  site and the planning of a proposed path connecting to the Forest Preserve path.
- Fitness Center- The old fitness center at 17500 Duwan Drive was sold for $470,000 and funds
  will be used for future capital improvement projects.
• Community Park- A new handicap accessible playground and bocce ball court is being built at Community Park just west of the new fitness center.

Recreation Programming
Ms. Chevalier reported that the average number of participants a month attending programs at the Recreation Center is over 15,000. This represents registered participants only. We estimate 28% are 6 years and under, 29% are youth and teens, 32% are adults and 11% are seniors.

Of those 15,000: 17 years and under is 50% male / 50% female, 80% Residents and 20% Non-resident 18 years and older is 45% male / 55% female, 72% Residents and 28% Non-residents.

Our Pit Stop teen center has been recently relocated downstairs in the recreation center and updated to include a Freedom Climber, gaming bikes, Teen Wall and Eye Play area. It has seen an influx of teens since opening in January. The park district has had as many as 75 teens at one time utilizing the state of the art equipment in the teen center and most evening’s average 25-30 teens.

Tinley Fitness
Ms. Komar presented the following information on Tinley Fitness. The new Tinley Fitness opened in November 2013. The opening membership was 1,800 members. Today’s membership is over 4,000.

Tinley Fitness membership breakdown is 80% Residents and 20% Non-residents. 38% Seniors (60 and older), 32% Ages 40-59, 30% under Age 40.

The fitness centers offer 42 classes per week at no additional cost. In addition to those classes we have a growing personal trainer programs, swim classes and birthday parties. We have had 350 children go through our swim lessons just since January of this year.

Our membership attendance at the Tinley Fitness averages over 16,000 per month and the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center averages over 9,000 visits per month. If we put these visits together with the recreation class attendance we are seeing approximately 40,000 people walk through our doors in a month. This number does not include special events, outdoor concerts, movies in the park, rentals or attendance to the water park.

Challenger Field
Mr. Veldman gave an overview on Challenger Field. This is a baseball diamond for individuals with disabilities. The Grand Opening is May 18 at Bettenhausen Park.

Challenger Baseball is a sanctioned division of Little League Baseball, with 75 participants.

The ball diamond is an asphalt base with rubberize playing surface, enclosed fencing and scoreboard.

The Bobcats Organization raised and exceeded their budget of $261,085.

The Park District provided the land; player and spectator benches; dugout roofing; signage and site restoration.

The Bobcats Organization and volunteers are to be commended for their fundraising efforts and dedication to developing Challenger Field-serving the special needs population of Tinley Park and its surrounding communities.
Employment and Economic Impact
Ms. Downes presented a summary of the Park District’s employment and economic impact. In 2013, the Tinley Park-Park District employed 354 part time and seasonal employees. 14% of these employees the Tinley Park-Park District was their first employer.

18% of our permanent part-time employees started their careers with us as seasonal employees. The average wage for a part-time or seasonal employee was $10 per hour.

The Park District has 30 full-time positions. Of those 30 full-time employees, 43% started out as seasonal or a part-time employee.

The expansion of Tinley Fitness produced 23 additional jobs.

255 (67%) of all Tinley Park-Park District employees live in Tinley Park.

88% of Park District vendors are located in the state of Illinois. Of those businesses 42% are based in Tinley Park.

Village Updates

Proposed General Fund Revenue Rebalancing
Mr. Mertens spoke on how at the end of winter the Village Board recommended adjusting a Home Rule Sales Tax. Current revenue stream is 42% property tax, 28% sales tax, 12% income tax and 18% all other. The Village Board made an adjustment to change revenue stream to property tax to 36% and sales tax to 35%. The Village Board has made a commitment to reduce their tax levy over the next five years. The Village estimates about 55% of all sales tax comes for consumers outside of Tinley Park.

Infrastructure Improvements
Trustee Staunon gave updates on the below infrastructure improvements.

- Timber Drive Traffic Signal- Where Freedom Park and the Library come out at 80th Avenue it is a busy rush hour area when commuters are getting off the train. The Village is planning on using grant monies to cover a large portion of the estimated cost of this project of $750,000. This project is estimated to be completed within two years. The reason for the cost is due to the train crossing right there and the different signals that need to go in there. The Village is looking to go out to bid possible at the end of the summer.

- La Grange Road Expansion- The Illinois Department of Transportation is in the process of a road widening project along LaGrange Road from 131st to 179th streets. The estimated completion time of the Tinley Park portion of the road may be a least two more years.

- 191st Street Expansion-Right now, 191st Street ends about a quarter-mile east of Harlem, where it connects with Prosperi Drive, which leads north and then veers east to Oak Park Avenue. An expanded 191st Street would head south and east toward Oak Park Avenue, where it would link up with an existing road; one leading into the First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre. 80% grant funding is available for this project.

- 183rd and Oak Park Avenue Roundabout-The roundabout will help cut back on traffic problems, which sees traffic converge from First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre, Tinley Park Convention Center, and I-80. The roundabout funnels drivers around a center island, only allowing righthand turns. The Village of Tinley Park has received grant funding to help pay for a substantial portion of the cost of the this project. Work on the roundabout could begin as early as 2015. Mayor Zabrocki noted that on the northwest corner of this area Mack Industries purchased this property
and is doing renovation to the building. Their long range plan is to build in the green area condo apartment complex.

- Complete Streets-South Street through 183rd street along Oak Park Avenue will be resurfaced and widened by 2 feet and a bike path constructed between South Street and 174th. Federal monies will be used 70/30 split.

- Also, 191st street through the south Village limits (approximately Mary Drew Parkway) along 80th Avenue will be resurfaced and bike lanes put in. Both of these projects will be funded via Federal monies at a 70/30 split.

- Panduit Legacy Pond-Mr. Mertens spoke on how MWRD has updated their storm water retention standards. Partnership between The Village and Panduit (old site). Panduit will donate to the Village donate three to four acres for a centralize retention pond. This will hold storm water requirement for the entire downtown area.

**Active Approved Development**

Mr. Merten provided updates on the active approved developments.

- 159th Street Auto Row- Renovations being done up to current standards. Auto dealers are about 35% of the Village's sales tax.

- Menards and Golden Corral-Located at Brementowne Shopping Center (southwest corner of 159th and Oak Park Avenue) Menards is now the largest Menards in the country. Business is booming at Golden Corral.

- Dunkin Donuts-179th and LaGrange Road

- Liberty Building-169th and Oak Park. Renovations are being done to add an apartment and construct an addition to the front of the building.

- Always Open-183rd and Oak Park Avenue Renovation being done to help marketing the building.

**Areas of Interest**

- 80th Avenue Train Station-Mayor Zabrocki spoke in detail about the Old Tinley Park Mental Health property. There is 280 acres on this site. The State has offered the land to the Village for 4.1 million. There are several potential environmental issues with this land. The Village is continuing to work on their due diligence of this property.

- Downtown Tinley-Mr. Mertens spoke about the former Central Middle School site, North Street and South Street redevelopment able after the pond system is completed. The Village has a draft RFP ready for the Central Middle School location. The Village is in continued talks with the developer for North and South Streets development.

**Special Events**

Mr. Merten highlighted the following public events the Village is offering.

- Benches on the Avenue May 8th - October 1st
- Cruise Nights Tuesdays June 3rd - August 26th
- Farmer’s Market Saturdays June 7th – October 11th
- Music in the Plaza
- Race Around the World Duathlon June 22th
- Caribbean Block Party July 20th
- National Night Out August 5th
- Memorial Day Ceremony May 26th
- Tinley Park White Sox Night June 13th
- PAWS Pet Parade September 14th
Other
Trustee Staunon spoke on the following:

- Street maintenance program. Resurfacing of streets throughout the village based on their need. The Village is spending approximately 3 million this year on this project. The project consists of 10 linear miles of roads to be redone and should be started soon.
- EAB. The Village is looking to have all Emerald Ash Borer-affected ash trees removed by October 2014. Total cost of the removal is approximately 1.5 million dollars. Homer Tree Care in Lockport is in the process of completely removing the approximately 9,200 ash trees that are damaged beyond repair due to Emerald Ash Borer infestation. The home owners must remove their decorate stone or brick around tree areas before the stumps can be grinded. The Village is hoping to have all trees replaced within three years with 7 or 8 different types of species at a cost of 1.3 million dollars.

Ongoing and Future Joint Efforts between the Village and Park District
Mr. Curran asked if the attempt for hospital campus at 179th and Lagrange was a dead issue. Mayor Zabrocki explained how there is a certificate of need for a new hospital. Mr. Mertens commented on how there is not a need for new beds due to all the other hospitals in the area.

Commissioner Sanfilippo asked since we were making the village bike friendly perhaps we look at a joint effort in providing bike rentals. Mayor Zabrocki noted that perhaps this will be something to look into.

Commissioner Younker asked if there may be a partnership between the Park District, Village and Cook County Forest Preserve on the property on the northeast corner of 183rd and Ridgeland. The idea being that Cook County Forest Preserve would allow us to have recreational activities such as travel baseball soccer etc. thus allowing revenue to be brought into Tinley Park. Mayor Zabrocki commented if there are possibilities why not.

Mr. Curran commented that one of the number one request the Park District gets is people want to see more bike paths. Mayor Zabrocki stated that they are currently in the process of putting in a bike path between 183rd and 191st Street to tie people south of I-80 to the people north of I-80. Mayor Zabrocki hopes that eventually to tie into the Oak Plank Trail system.

Mayor Zabrocki expressed his thanks the Park District and the very positive relationship between the Village and the Park District. He looks forward to the continued relationship going forward. The people who end up benefiting the most from this positive relationship are the Tinley Park residents.

Mr. Curran commented on the Park District appreciation of all the support from the Village.

Adjourn
Mayor Zabrocki moved to adjourn to the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ryan, and carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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