



CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 10, 2022

Present: Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Art Woods, Pam Wawczak, Edna Manganello, Ryan Sauers, Anna Szostek, Isaac Capistran

Absent: John Abbate, Paula Masilotti, Deborah Andonoplas, Pattie Scott,

Guests:

Meeting Commenced at: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Convened at: 7:43 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Roll call taken.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- 1st motion – Ryan Sauers
- 2nd motion – Pam Wawczak

DISCUSSIONS:

- CIC member expressed concern about speeding in the streets on Hemlock in the evening – east of Central Park. It needs speed control.
- A request for more variety of food at Prairie Fest
- Potential mariachi band, Polka band, Italian band
- CIC members expressed interest in a waste station for dog waste. Has WD or PD considered this? It would cost non dog owners tax money
- Vito Provenzano passed away
- Totem ribbon cutting – hardware store. Janelle to connect with them and offer to schedule a ribbon cutting event.
- 2 blocks of hemlock, east of Edgewood before Foster there is a tree blocking the sidewalk.
- The School District is in need of funds, student enrollment is down.
- CIC members inquired what is happening at the Radcliff. There are no kids there currently. Member Pam stated that there are rumors about kids living there. There is no

proof that kids are living there, and it remains a senior living center. Radcliff offers free movie nights; they offered a free meal as well.

- What is the status of the Community Garden?
- Status of Yesterday's Farm? CIC members discussed possible health issues of managers there.
- Ryan request that we invite a representative from Clarke Mosquito to provide education to citizens and staff about their abatement process. Possibly at Night Out.
- Could there be a community day clean up – combined with Move with the Mayor. CIC member invasive plants on the path of the Forest Preserve. Could there be volunteers to clean up?
- The Bensenville Park District bus is no longer in service. CIC member shared that they believe the Wood Dale Park District pay less per hour compared to other communities and that's why they cannot keep good people.
- District 7 stopped assisting the Park District because they were never paid. It is noted that the Director is leaving at the end of the year.
- The Mayor provided an update on the rail merger. Stop CPK is filing a complaint. A public forum was held on Tuesday - September 12 Itasca NTSB hearing testimony. There's a negotiation of how many trains can run – about 2 miles long potentially. Discussion of underpass at Irving Park and WD Roads. Chicago has historically been a hub for the east, west, north and south for all delivery industries as a transportation hub. There are potentially 30% delays for Metra.
- A request for the Special Events signs at Commercial and Wood Dale Road to be repositioned.
- The letters on the Prairie Fest sign were too small this year.
- Water bill has two lines of cost on the water bill. One is for the treatment plant and the second is for the fixed rate. It is noted that the water rates are high.

Motion to adjourn Mayor 1 /Woods 2 and all said yes.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2023

ADJOURNMENT:

7:43 p.m.