

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: July 17, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Deerfield Township was called to order by Township Supervisor Alyson Feiger at 7:00 p.m. at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield, Illinois.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Trustees Ron Levitsky, Ron Schwartz, and Supervisor Feiger.

Present from the public was Susan Trieschmann of Curt's Café.

Trustees Kaye Kharasch and Paras Parekh arrived at 7:06 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2018 Board meeting and was seconded by Trustee Levitsky. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Trieschmann outlined plans for opening a Curt's Café in Highland Park to serve Lake County. Curt's Café, which currently has two locations in Evanston, seeks to equip underserved youth and young adults with workforce and life skills through restaurant training, mentoring, tutoring, and social services when necessary. The Board asked various questions and thanked Ms. Trieschmann for her presentation. Supervisor Feiger noted that she will place on the August agenda a possible donation to Curt's Café Highland Park.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Approve Disability Grant Committee recommendations

Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the recommendations of the committee as presented (summary attached.) Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), Parekh (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of various issues including a) the upcoming Friday with Friends event at the Patty Turner Center on July 20th; b) the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) Educational Seminar being held August 9 in Naperville; c) that she is gathering quotes for the repaving of the

Township parking lot; d) that a problem with the office air conditioning system is being reviewed; and e) she is seeking input from the transportation drivers on a new van for the Going Places program.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

At Trustee Levitsky's request, Supervisor Feiger provided a brief recap on the Zion Lutheran Church housing project. Trustee Schwartz expressed his feeling that Margie Fischer provides a valuable service to Township residents as Senior Services consultant to the Patty Turner Center; Trustee Levitsky asked again that Ms. Fischer discuss in detail her work on behalf of the Township at a future Board meeting. Trustee Schwartz had several questions on the Treasurer's Report, which Supervisor Feiger answered. He also inquired when the next Township newsletter would be produced; Supervisor Feiger plans to have a newsletter reach residents by October 1.

Trustee Levitsky suggested submitting the recently completed Township History brochure to the TOI Annual "Mighty Message" contest, which Supervisor Feiger agreed to handle. He also asked the Board to consider offering four scholarships of \$5,000 each to College of Lake County students instead of two \$10,000 awards as in the past, so that students pursuing skilled trades as well as associate's degrees may benefit. Trustee Levitsky suggested providing flyers detailing services that NiCasa offers on gambling addiction to clients and Township office visitors, and proposed that the Board consider financial support of the "Farm Workers and Landscapers Advocacy Project" (FLAP), which represents migrant and other workers, many of whom live in Lake County, who have been denied fair treatment by their employers.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following brief discussion, Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the bills as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Levitsky. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), Parekh (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the bills were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Schwartz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Parekh seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk