

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

President Counley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: By the Village Clerk, Sherri L. Messina

Present: President Counley, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Glave, Matthesius, Shepit, Walter.

Absent: Attorney Shaw

Minutes: Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Glave, Matthesius, Shepit, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Trustee Matthesius made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Glave, Matthesius, Shepit, Walter=ayes. Trustee Fritz=Abstained. Motion carried.

Bills: Trustee Matthesius made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Glave, Matthesius, Shepit, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Park & Beach: Trustee Glave passed out a flyer on Tree Management Plans & Your Community. There will be a Garden Meeting on Monday March, 27th. There will be a sign up sheet for anyone wanting to volunteer. Trustee Glave gave Clerk Messina the Beach license renewal that can be done online. Clerk Messina will check into the online renewal otherwise it will be turned over to the girls in the office. Trustee Glave was talking with Pauly about decreasing the size of the beach because of the upkeep. It could possibly leave some room for a turnaround by the boat launch or just a wider area by the launch. Pauly mentioned when he moves the machine that is supposed to keep the geese away the geese then move over to the playground and then they make a mess over there. Trustee Matthesius mentioned that there is a spot when coming on to the grass by the basketball court that just always seems to be wet and muddy probably because when it rains it tends to pool right there and no grass can grow. They were thinking about possibly digging it out and having it drain behind the bus stop. Trustee Glave brought up a Tree Planting project along

with Morton Arboretum and that there are financial funds available for Villages that have Tree preservation programs. Trustee Glave would like to start a tree registry throughout the Village and stated that most of our trees are on private land and we have a lot of beautiful trees in our community. Trustee Glave would like to propose planting five (5) trees in the park in several areas. 1.5 caliber trees would be around \$1400.00 planted or 2.0 caliber trees would be around \$1800.00. The trees are about seven (7) or eight (8) feet tall. Trustee Glave was also thinking about hiring an Arborist to assess the trees we have in the community for disease etc. Morton Arboretum also has free classes. President Counley stated that he could ask Tru-Green to come out and assess some of our trees. Trustee Glave will look at the application for Federal Grant money with Morton Arboretum. If we already have a project in place for the trees our chances of getting the grant would be higher. Clerk Messina will add the purchasing of five (5) trees to the next meeting's agenda.

Communications: The Village is still having a geese issue. It's been suggested to maybe get another geese removal machine for the beach or planting tall grass by the beach because if the geese can't see the water they won't stay in that area. The issue that was brought up at the last board meeting about coyotes in the Village, the girls added it to the newsletter letting residents know about it and asking residents if there are any sightings to please contact the village.

Audience: Glen Gates asked why the trees were cut down by the memorial rock and also the flag pole from there is gone. A long time ago someone brought up moving the rock memorial until it was brought to the board's attention about the significance of the rock and the three (3) soldiers listed on it in their memory. No one is sure why the trees were cut down or what happened to that flagpole. President Counley suggested we could plant new trees and put another flagpole back up there.

New Business: Earmark Money Received from the LESO Program – President Counley had the board members look at the list of what the Village had available for sale. The fork truck was already sold for \$8000.00. Discussion went on about what percentage should go where. Trustee Shepit made a motion to table this until the next board meeting; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Glave, Matthesius, Shepit, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Proclamation – Designating the Month of March as Certified Government Financial Manager Month. Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve the Proclamation; seconded by Trustee Walter. Bogacz, Fritz, Glave, Matthesius, Shepit, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property of the Village of McCullom Lake – Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve Ordinance #487 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property of the Village

of McCullom Lake; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Glave, Matthesius, Shepit, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion: Take a Book, Leave a Book Lending Library. Margie would like to get a bookcase and have it put in the foyer for anyone wanting to donate books and anyone who is interested in taking a book. The board thinks that that is a great idea. The property at 2913 Spring has a for sale sign on it and the house has never been hooked up to the sewers. The Trustees feel this should be addressed before anyone buys it and that it gets hooked up. President Counley stated that Attorney Shaw is working on that. There was a house on Hickory that was loaded with garbage. President Counley had a dumpster brought in to clean the area up and had a lien placed against the home and charged the homeowner for the dumpster along with what it cost to have the two (2) men clean it up. The Village did receive money back for the cleanup. The landlord that the Village has been trying to contact on Parkview contacted the renter who is behind in her rent and the renter brought up all the problems with the home and letters that were sent to her from the Village. The landlord stated that she did not know what she was talking about. Attorney Shaw will be informed of this. Trustee Matthesius brought up the log cabin with the insulation attached on the outside of the home with plastic over it, which is very unsightly. She is sure the renters put it up because it's cold inside the home but that it looks really bad by being on the outside of the house.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be March 1st at the Village Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Trustee Matthesius made a motion to close the meeting at 8:51 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Shepit. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Glave, Matthesius, Shepit, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next board meeting will be March 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Hall.

Terry Counley
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk