

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,  
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE  
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050  
September 28, 2021  
All Village Board meetings will be tape recorded.**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Present:** President Shepit, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter

**Absent:** Attorney Shaw, Trustees Matthesius and Mazurek

**Minutes:** Trustee Fritz made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick=ayes. Trustee Walter=abstained. Motion carried.

**Bills Read and Approved:** Trustee Bogacz made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Parks & Beach:** Trustee Matthesius met with Paul regarding the Park. Picnic tables need to be replaced one (1) was damaged by the storm. Paul is going to pound out the sharp edges and repaint the wooden bench. Toddler slide, alligator and railroad ties around the playground need to be replaced. Recommend that the damaged bench be taken out of service and contact Prairieland to dispose of damaged table. Need a quote from Brian Gates on trimming the weeping willow. Paul will get a quote to remedy the front area between the parking area and the basketball court. Recommend getting a new sign stating Park and Beach are private and requires a Village sticker or permit to park there. Paul will also try to fix a bent bench that is in the playground area.

Deputy Clerk Prehn will look into the possibility of using Covid funds to use on the Park.

**Roads:** Pre-Construction meeting was done. Project on McCullom Lake Road starts October 11, 2021. From Gate 1 to Gate 5 they will be digging out the road and resurfacing it with a concrete base. They will be grinding down part of the road and resurface it with the cement and asphalt in the base. Trustee Vick feels that if the Village has to spend more to get the whole road done correctly that we should do it. Trustee Walter brought up that there is a drain in front of the Strip Mall. President Shepit replied that the engineers know this and that all drains, culverts & ditches will be replaced. Trustee Bogacz asked when the project will be done. President Shepit replied two (2) weeks. The deadline we have to get it completed is November 15, 2021. President Shepit stated the road will be closed except for local traffic only.

**Blight:** Trustee Walter gave President Shepit a few things for Blight to look over.

**Audience:** Mr. Gates asked who was doing the road and when told it was Geske he felt they were not a good choice because our road fell apart after the first time they did it. Both Trustee Vick and President Shepit stated that Geske has to follow IDOT's specifications. They will start with the culverts before road construction begins.

Ms. Hernandez brought up complaints about Fireworks and electric fences for dogs. She brought up the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the fireworks that were going off and stopped one of our officers that was driving around and asked if he was going to say something to them, he replied that they weren't making any noise. Ms. Hernandez also had reading material from two (2) different vets about why invisible fences don't work. Though she does not live on Spring Road it is where she chooses to walk in the morning and she is having issues with some dogs while walking down the street in the Gardens. When she's walking by, these dogs will rush up to her and its terribly frightening and it scares her. President Shepit asked if they have ever broken through the fence to which she replied no. She did videotape the dogs running up to her and how the home owners had verbally abused her for videotaping them. President Shepit stated that this is not a Village issue, that it's a civil matter and if she keeps choosing to walk that way and videotape the owners it sort of falls along the lines of harassment. Trustee Vick asked her what is the end result that she is looking for because electric fences for dogs is legal in our community and if they've never broken the fence then there's nothing that can be done and as President Shepit said it's a civil matter, not a Village matter. She felt that what Trustee Vick was saying to her meant he had already had his mind made up about this issue and proceeded to walk out.

**New Business:** Annual Treasurers Report – Trustee Vick mentioned the salary of Deputy Clerk Prehn and feels that it needs to be increased. Clerk Messina replied that, that would have to be discussed in Executive Session and would he like her to put it on the next meeting's agenda, to which he replied yes. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to accept the Annual Treasurers Report; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

An Ordinance Amending Appendix B, Article II, Section 4.9-3(E) in the Village of McCullom Lake (Dog Enclosures). Trustee Bogacz made a motion to accept Ordinance #539 An Ordinance Amending Appendix B, Article II, Section 4.9-3 (E); seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discussion:** Trustee Fritz brought up the Golf Cart Poker Run and how they had a lot more golf carts this year and that over \$3300.00 was donated to Neighbors Helping Neighbors and it was a great time. They are planning to have Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> here in the Village parking lot maybe from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. or from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and they will possibly be having a bonfire that evening on the beach.

Trustee Bogacz would like the board to look at the Ordinance for Dog Barking. A dog should not bark for longer than 15 minutes.

President Shepit brought up that we are replacing the motor on the old lawnmower and that it will be used as a backup.

There is speeding still happening on Maple Hill.

Trustee Walter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be October 26, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit  
Village President

Sherri L. Messina  
Village Clerk