

Village of Riverwoods
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 19, 2022
APPROVED

Present:

Michael Clayton
Liliya Dikin
Andrew Eastmond
Michael Haber
Henry Hollander
Rick Jamerson
Kris Ford, Mayor

Also Present:

Bruce Dayno, Police Chief
Bruce Huvad, Village Attorney
Katie Bowne, Deputy Village Clerk
Carissa Smith, Village Engineer
Steve Zimmerman, Village Ecologist

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Document Approval

Trustee Jamerson moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Hollander seconded the motion. Trustee Jamerson made a correction to the minutes. The motion, as amended, passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Hollander, Jamerson (6)

NAYS: None (0)

Approval of Bills

Trustee Jamerson moved to approve the bills. Trustee Clayton seconded the motion. There were a couple questions from the Trustees. The questions will be investigated further. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Haber, Hollander, Jamerson (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report

Trustee Clayton noted the statement for the first quarter is included in the packet along with a brief explanation. Expenditures are below budget. Administration is ahead of budget in revenue due to better-than-expected sales tax receipts.

Director of Community Services Report

Mayor Ford reported the hazardous tree project for residents has been completed by Lucas and they are beginning to work on the trees on Village property. They are also working to ensure the marked trees have been removed. Second notices will go out this week.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Huvard reported Baby Vegas is moving forward and should apply for a liquor license shortly. Thorntons has submitted their plans to the County for review.

Engineer's Report

Ms. Smith has received numerous drainage calls. There have been two sink holes on Village right-of-way.

Ms. Smith reported the new control system is online. She presented a report on residential meters.

Trustee Haber asked about the corner that was dug up by ComEd. He asked about restoration of the property. Ms. Smith will contact ComEd to ensure it gets restored.

Village Ecologist's Report

Mr. Zimmerman presented highlights from the Riverwoods 2022 State of the Woodlands report. He provided a summary of the woodland types as well as the ecological health of the four woodland types within the Village.

In 2018, the Village Board approved a 10-year Woodland Stewardship plan, which is contracted for Village-owned property each year. Most of the work was completed in 2018-2019. The plan is currently in the maintenance phase. Mr. Zimmerman noted all Village logs are in good ecological health.

Mr. Zimmerman discussed the Oak Declining Syndrome, which is caused by long-term stresses (climate, age) combined with short-term stresses (defoliation, drought, flooding) and often followed by insect and fungal issues causing red oak to die in a year and white oak to die over several years.

Mr. Zimmerman discussed the seven eco cost share program that was created as an incentive to help maintain the character of Riverwoods. The programs include the canopy tree removal, invasive shrub removal, garlic mustard removal, native tree and shrub planting, native seeding and planting, rain garden and prescribed burning. Mr. Zimmerman noted residents can only apply for cost share programs that make sense for their property. From 2016 through 2021, the Village reimbursed residents an average of more than \$53,000 per year. 118 residents have applied for the invasive shrub removal program since 2016.

Trustee Jamerson asked how the Village can enforce the Woodlands Ordinance. Mr. Zimmerman believes that is the most difficult part of the Ordinance. Mayor Ford asked how often the ecological maps should be completed. Mr. Zimmerman noted that is an expensive proposition that should be updated every 10-15 years. Trustee Jamerson asked if the woodland health in Riverwoods is better because of these programs. Mr. Zimmerman explained it can take 100 years to realize the benefits, but it is slightly better. Trustee Dikin asked how the Village can enforce a maintenance program after a program has been completed. Mr. Zimmerman explained he makes recommendations during his consultation.

Plan Commission Report

Ch. Laurie Breitkopf reported the Plan Commission did not meet.

Police Report

The police activity report is attached to the end of the minutes.

Information items from the President

1. Proposal to Evaluate the Deerfield Road and Riverwoods Road pathways

Mayor Ford has asked Trustee Hollander to lead the effort. She asked Ms. Smith for a cost estimate as well.

2. Reminder: Statement of Economic Interests

Mayor Ford reminded the Trustees to file the Statement of Economic Interests before May 1, 2022.

Visitors wishing to address the Board

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board in person, via Zoom or via email.

New Business

1. Approval of Project for the Maintenance and Replacement of Paths in the Flatwoods Heritage Center at a Cost Not to Exceed \$76,000

Mayor Ford explained the short paths along Village Hall were part of the OSLED Grant. The larger path is not going to be discussed at this time. Ms. Smith presented two options for the Village Hall pathways. The first option has decorative granite stone while the second option has a limestone. The \$24,000 difference in cost is the final course. Ms. Smith explained there was also an estimate of \$30,000 for a pathway to the demonstration center. Mr. Huvad explained the health of trees would not be affected by the Village's selection of decorative granite or limestone. Ms. Smith noted granite requires less maintenance than limestone, but ADA requires a non-slip surface. Trustee Haber indicated it is more an aesthetic decision, because they are both extremely sturdy. Ms. Smith noted the limestone needs to be compacted every so often. Trustee Clayton believes the granite is better for wheelchairs.

Trustee Dikin asked about the lifespan for granite. Ms. Smith explained the top course needs to be maintained, but should last a long time. The maintenance consists of coating and rerolling the top surface every 3-5 years. She will provide an estimate. Trustee Clayton noted the Village has \$220,000 budgeted for path maintenance in the capital plan.

Trustee Clayton moved to approve the project for maintenance and replacement of paths in the Flatwoods Heritage Center with crusted granite at a cost not to exceed \$76,000. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Hollander, Jamerson (6)

NAYS: None (0)

2. Approval of a Project for the Installation of a Path from the Parking Area by the Police Department Building to the Demonstration Center at a Cost Not to Exceed \$27,473.

Mayor Ford explained there is no good way to get from the parking lot to the demonstration center, which limits participation.

Trustee Haber moved to approve the project for installation of a path for the parking area by the police department building to the demonstration area at a cost not to exceed \$28,000. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. Trustee Haber does not believe a path will draw people to something that has no demand. He would not want to spend the money. Trustee Jamerson noted there is no parking lot there because Lake County will not allow a curb cut. He questioned what could be put there. Trustee Jamerson sees people walking through the area, but does not believe the amount of use would be changed. Trustee Dikin asked if residents have requested better access to the area. Trustee Clayton noted there have been four community events there in the past three years. The process of accessing the facility has been an impediment to the use of the space.

Ch. Breitkopf believes if there were programs and a path, more people would use it.

The motion did not pass by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton (1)

NAYS: Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Hollander, Jamerson (5)

The Trustees will discuss possible uses for the demonstration center including disc golf or an open exercise area.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

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Trustee Haber noted the revenue is down from court fines in the amount of \$5000 per month. He asked if there should be any consideration on the prosecutor's salary as she is doing less. Mr. Huvad will look at the contract.

Trustee Clayton noted there was a nice gathering in Northfield last night to honor Patrick Glenn. There were donations for an annual \$5000 scholarship program in Pat's honor. Mayor Ford noted the Village will hold a tree dedication in Pat's honor on May 14, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Clayton moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eastmond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Hollander, Jamerson (6)

NAYS: None (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on May 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm at Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bowne
Deputy Village Clerk

Transcribed by:
Jeri Cotton

Attachments:
Police Report



Riverwoods Police Incident Analysis Report

Summary by Incident Type

4/19/2022



Activity is Through April 14th of Each Year

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
46 (7503) (Mortorist Assist)	32	28	17
50 PD (7572) (Crash Property Damage)	26	18	28
50 PI (7571) (Crash Personal Injury)	4	-	6
50 Priv Prop (7573) (Crash Private Property)	2	1	2
911 Hang up (7911)	5	5	5
Ambulance (7021)	67	37	70
Animal Problem (7245)	19	24	17
AOA (7001)	70	51	53
Armed Robbery (0310)	-	-	-
Assault (0500)	-	-	-
Attempt Suicide (7221)	-	-	-
Battery - Simple (0460)	-	-	-
Battery (0400)	-	-	-
Burg - From Motor Veh (0760)	-	-	-
Burglar Alarm (7082)	53	59	56
Burglary - Residential (0625)	2	-	1
Burglary (0600)	1	-	-
Cell 911 (7912)	1	-	1
Child Seat Inspect (7042)	1	3	1
Construction Comp (7078)	-	1	1
Controlled Substance (2000)	-	-	-
Credit Card Fraud (1150)	1	-	1
Crim Damage to Prop (1310)	-	-	-
Crim Sexual Assault (1563)	-	-	1
Crim Trespass to Land (1330)	-	-	-
Crim Trespass to Veh (1360)	-	-	-
Death Investigation (7231)	1	-	1
Deceptive Practice (1110)	2	1	-
Domestic Battery (0486)	-	1	2
Domestic Trouble (7130)	8	6	6
DUI (2410)	12	12	15
Fingerprinting (7039)	-	-	3
Fire Alarm (0733)	11	14	14
Fire Call (7024)	8	9	17
Fireworks Complaints (3001)	-	-	-
Forgery (1120)	-	-	1
Found Animal (7246)	3	5	1
Found Prop. (7156)	-	-	1
Harassment by Telephone (2825)	-	1	-
Hold Up Alarm (7083)	3	2	7
Identity Theft (7198)	6	33	4
Lock out - Vehicle (7051)	2	6	9
Lost / Mislaid Prop (7144)	3	1	2
Missing Person (7178)	2	1	1
Noise Comp (7078)	4	-	2
Notification (7049)	2	5	8
Other Comp (7079)	15	13	8
Other Investigation (7199)	8	11	7

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
Other Trouble (7139)	-	1	-
Parking Complaint (7522)	3	3	2
Premise Exam (7041)	534	358	233
Public Service (7040)	12	13	15
Roadway Debris (7250)	5	8	5
Solicitor (7063)	1	-	3
Suicide (7211)	-	-	-
Suspicious Auto (7123)	18	9	26
Suspicious Person (7123)	9	7	9
Telephone Threat (2820)	-	-	-
Theft from Motor Veh (0710)	2	-	-
Theft of Motor Veh (0910)	-	-	-
Theft Over \$500 (0815)	-	4	-
Theft Under \$500 (0825)	1	1	2
Traffic Complaint (7521)	16	9	16
Turned in Weapon/Ammo (7160)	1	-	1
Village Ord. Violation (7500)	3	4	6
Well Being Check (7045)	9	13	14
Total:	988	778	701
Crime Prevention Notices	172	159	199
Case Reports	51	80	61
Traffic Stops	421	622	504
Number of Citations issued	153	201	182
Number of Persons Issued Citations	103	141	114

16 houses are currently on the Vacation Watch list and are checked regularly.