

MINUTES OF THE LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2015, 7:00PM

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Venturi
- II. Roll call: In Attendance; Supervisor Venture, Trustee Beadle, Trustee McCollum, Trustee Berker, Trustee Stout, Clerk Smuda, Assessor Lee.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Supervisor Venturi
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 12, 2015 by Trustee Berker, Seconded by Trustee McCollum. Roll Call, all ayes, motions passes.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Lake Villa Township Community Center (West Campus): Job Fair will be held at the West Campus on February 19, 2015.
 - b. Peacock Camp: Discussion during New Business
 - c. Dering Park Trail Connection: Supervisor Venturi reported the Trail Connection plans have been submitted to the IDOT, Letting will take place in June 2015.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action Peacock Camp Summer program: The board was presented with the 2015 Peacock Summer Camp schedule, rates, discounts, counselors pay rate, timeline and projects. A motion to approve the part time summer counselors as presented, motion made by Trustee Beadle, seconded by Trustee Berker. Roll Call, all ayes, motions passes.
- VII. Approve Payment of Bills
 - a. Approve payment of current Town and Road district bills as amended, Legal Fees \$98.74, Ingleside Auto bus repairs \$1,084.11, park truck repair \$1,920.39, ComEd Peacock Camp \$769.83, motion made by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Stout. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
 - b. Approve payroll payments from last meeting; motion made by Trustee McCollum, seconded by Trustee Beadle. Roll Call, all ayes, motions passes.
- VIII. Public Comment: Tim Ryan addressed the board from the concerns of the Crooked Lake homeowners association over the summer camp fishing that takes place. Supervisor Venturi advised Mr. Ryan of the "Catch-n-Release" program that takes place during summer camp. Also advised Mr. Ryan that the township contributes to the lakes Milfoil treatments and fish stocking. County Board Commissioner Tom Weber announced "A Forum on Heroin and Opioid Awareness" on Tuesday, Feb 24th @7pm-9pm @Lakes Community High School.

Mr. Chris Courtney, Lake Villa Timberwolves President asked the board if they could hold a 5K run on May 17, 2015? The run would help support the LVT food pantry. Supervisor Venturi advised Mr. Courtney he will need a special use permit from the Forest Preserve, it will cost around \$100.00.

Chris Courtney advised the board of some concerns from the Timberwolves community regarding the sign for the North Jr. Knights Program because it is a Grayslake program not a Lake Villa program. Question from the Timberwolves parents is to what changed from this year to last year? Why the board wouldn't allow them to place their signs last year but allowed to happen this year? Supervisor Venturi stated: I don't know that we didn't allow the Knights to post their sign last year, what changed this year is they asked for permission". As I stated at the Timberwolves board meeting, Lake Villa Township consist of 40 thousand residents included in the township are children who attend Lake Community High School, Grayslake North and Grant High School. 40% of District 41

attend Lakes, 38% attend Grayslake North and 20% attend Grant the students, the role of the Township is to support youth and youth programs and he feels the board has done a great job. From the Timberwolves stand point you use more of the Township facility's than any other group in the Township, you have a field that is pretty much exclusively yours, the practice field, when you are in season everything at the Township is Timberwolves. We want all groups that are have a strong base in the Township and are Lake Villa Township tax payers to use the facilities. We will try and do it so it does not interfere with the Timberwolves programs but the public facilities are available and if there is a township organization that will benefit from using the facilities we want them to use them.

Mona Mustafa, Timberwolves Mom advised the board that she was concerned that there was no public hearing regarding the placement of the Knights registration sign. Supervisor Venturi state is was presented at a monthly scheduled township board meeting. Mrs. Mustafa has some concerns if the current organization "The North Jr. Knights" have actually been vetted and are they standing up to the integrity and quality that should be part of a Township program. Supervisor Venturi stated if the board receive a negative report we will look into it and we will investigate. If it is something that happens that the township board has control over we will take action and resolve the issue.

Chris Courtney requested that the knights use another room instead of giving them the use of the field house? Supervisor Venturi: The Timberwolves were giving the use of a room with a lock and a key but I cannot guarantee that no one else will ever have the use of the building. If it becomes an issue I'm willing to consider giving the Knights another room if there is another one available.

Trustee Berker questioned Chris Courtney on what caused the animosity between the two groups? Mr. Courtney explained to the board what took place that caused the issues. Trustee McCollum asked how many children are in each program; Chris Courtney gave the numbers for each team.

Brent Erwin has concerns regarding the reputation of the Grayslake Jr. Knights! Does the board and the Township want to support a group with this reputation? Supervisor Venturi; if an organization has a problem we need to work through it and correct it.

Mathew Mader stated to the board: the Knights are not a Grayslake program they are a Grayslake North feeder program which encompasses Lake Villa and Grayslake also explained every member of the IYFL is on probation. The Knights were not kicked out of the program they choose to join another program. Mathew asked to be on record that he has no animosity toward the Timberwolves. Jennifer Mader addressed the board and gave an explanation to why her son decided to join the Grayslake Jr. Knights. She stated that the signs are meant to remind parents to register their children for their team, they are not meant to sway them to join another team. Supervisor Venturi recognizes and commends the passion and commitment the volunteers, parents and coaches have for their youth organization.

Mona Mustafa stated her concerns for the financial aspect of the cost for maintaining the fields! Supervisor Venturi explained the Township covers the cost for the daily maintenance of the fields.

Brent Erwin has concerns that the Timberwolves use of the fields and field house will be reduced. Supervisor Venturi state there is no discussion on reducing what we are already providing the Timberwolves Supervisor Venturi stated the board would like to be informed of the teams schedule and is looking forward to a smooth year.

- IX. Assessors Report: Assessor Lee attended several seminars regarding the new tax software Lake County will be implementing in the future. Three vendors were selected, a vote will be taken to select the new vendor. Everyone is investing the time so the right vendor is selected.

X. Road Commissioners Report: None

XI. Supervisors Report: Next meeting the board will approve the agenda for the April Annual Town Hall Meeting. The cemetery take-over will be placed on the agenda. The Fire District Board appointments will be approved at the next scheduled meeting.

XII. Calendar Review

a. Next meeting Monday March 9, 2015

XIII. Closed Session: None

XIV. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the regular board meeting by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee McCollum. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes of the February 9, 2015 Lake Villa Township Regular Board meeting has been prepared and respectfully submitted for approve at the next regular board meeting on March 9, 2015