



Village of Itasca  
Intergovernmental Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 24, 2019  
5:45 p.m.  
Itasca Municipal Complex, Board of Trustees Room

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Pruyn called the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

**Roll Call**

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Trustee Dino Gavanos.

ABSENT: Trustee Ellen Leahy (Chair), Trustee Jeff Aiani (Co-Chair), Trustee Frank Madaras, Trustee Kathy Linsner, Trustee Mike Latoria.

Others Present: Village Administrator Carie Anne Ergo, Village Clerk Jody Conidi, Park District Executive Director Maryfran Leno, School District Board Member John Los, School District Superintendent Craig Benes, Fire Protection District Deputy Chief John Radzinski, Library Director Tuki Sathaye.

**2. Audience Participation**

No Audience Participation.

**3. Intergovernmental Committee Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2019**

School District Superintendent Benes moved to approve the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2019. Trustee Gavanos seconded. Library Director Sathaye abstained. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**4. Village of Itasca Update**

Village Mayor Pruyn reported:

- The Village Board has been learning about Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for a possible TIF district at Irving Park Road and Rohlwing Road; any residential developments west of Rohlwing Road would impact Medinah School District; a TIF 101 meeting with other taxing bodies will be scheduled if a TIF is pursued
- Haymarket Center has plans for a drug rehab center in the Holiday Inn; Village concerns are loss of approximately \$250,000 of tax revenue and supporting the facility on a public service level; plans may be on Plan Commission's August 21, 2019 agenda; all related documents will be posted online; Fire Deputy Chief Radzinski voiced concern about the loss of revenue; School Superintendent Benes is speaking to Wheaton's school district superintendent and will report any information to the committee
- No news on the Bank of America property; Pulte Homes is interested in acquiring the property to solve issues with access on Irving Park Road and will be able to resubmit plans after July 8, 2019
- Residents are interested in a Christmas tree lighting event in Usher Park; the event could be held at the Historical Depot Museum in conjunction with the Community Library's Santa event or at Springbrook Nature Center in conjunction with their Santa event

Village Administrator Ergo reported:

- The CBS tower should be coming down in the next four weeks
- The Bridge Development has received all approvals; the industrial buildings are scheduled to be completed in one year; there are access issues with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- Raging Wire's new development at Hamilton Lakes changed from one large building to two smaller buildings; once all approvals are received the project will move as quickly as possible
- A Coffee with the Mayor was held Tuesday, May 28, 2019 for resident feedback about the Starbucks property; the majority consensus was for the Village to acquire the property and convert it into a community use or sell/lease it to a specific type of business
- The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) grant for creating a downtown development plan will be received late summer or early fall
- The Eaglewood Resort and Spa is for sale and a hospitality group has an option to purchase the property
- The Village is discussing an intergovernmental agreement with the School District for the care of Village buildings
- The Village Hall has had some vandalism in the public areas; the building will now be cleared by personnel at the end of each day and after meetings

#### **5. Itasca Park District Update**

Park District Executive Director Leno reported:

- 3.33 acres of land on Mill Road are being purchased from the School District with the assistance of funds from a natural resources grant; the property will need to be developed within three years; possible uses are a soccer field and boardwalk to the forest preserve
- An exterior signage project at Springbrook Nature Center will be in late August and early September with funds from the Village and Itasca Bank and Trust Co.; plans will be presented to the Village Board for review; signage will include large wayfinding signs with content, solar posts with recordings about the area, wayfinding signs with directional arrows, and a binocular on top of a hill
- Applying for a museum grant for repairs related to Springbrook Nature Center and Historical Depot Museum sheds
- Applying for local grants to add artificial turf to the final playgrounds without turf
- The tear down of the Waterpark bath house may be on hold until next year due to the bid amounts received plus a new set of grants are available to help provide additional funds for the project
- The Recreation Center parking lot and main entrance will not be accessible after July 18, 2019 due to parking lot construction; temporary parking will be at Raymond Benson Primary School and the temporary entrance will be the south side doors

#### **6. Itasca Community Library Update**

Library Director Sathaye reported:

- Renovating space in the former conference room
- Purchasing new furniture for the youth area
- Adding a new collection in the fall of adult video games
- The front entrance doors were replaced with automatic sliding doors
- September 2019 will be Fine Forgiveness Month to welcome back library cardholders with large fines

**7. Itasca School District 10 Update**

School District Superintendent Benes reported:

- Work began on the Raymond Benson Primary School playground
- A long-term vision for space utilization in the schools is being worked on with a consultant
- Bonds are being restructured in the fall to save money over the next eight years
- Teacher negotiations are ongoing
- Next school year having one-to-one technology for students
- Evacuation drills with the fire and police departments were conducted and included moving students to off-site locations
- With Dr. Turner's retirement, each school will now be staffed with an assistant principal; Jason Taylor will be the principal for Raymond Benson Primary and Elmer H. Franzen Intermediate Schools; Heidi Weeks will be principal at F.E. Peacock Middle School and will handle additional responsibilities
- Land on Mill Road is being sold to the Park District

**8. Itasca Fire Protection District Update**

Fire District Deputy Chief John Radzinski reported:

- Itasca and Wood Dale's union presidents are meeting to discuss additional potential consolidations between the two fire districts
- The fire engine hit on I-390 is repaired and back in service
- Itasca is hosting a large scale drill with Metra on Saturday, September 14, 2019 with an expected 600 participants; Police Sergeant Jim Duda is assisting from the Police Department
- Highlands games went well and now the department is planning for the Fourth of July event

**9. Closed Session**

No Closed Session.

The next Intergovernmental Committee Meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.

**10. Adjournment**

School District Superintendent Benes moved to adjourn the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting at 6:57 p.m. Fire Deputy Chief Radzinski seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted this 24th day of June 2019:

  
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Jody A. Conidi, Village Clerk

