

State of Illinois
County of Will
Township of Crete

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CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 14, 2018

The regular scheduled meeting of the Crete Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – present, Trustee Grady – present, Trustee Hodge – present, Trustee Piacentini – present, Supervisor Liccar – present. Clerk Holubek was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor, minutes stand approved as submitted.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR – Discussion regarding possible land donation from Mr. Deel; Supervisor Liccar met with Mr. Deel, owner who is leaving the area for Florida and would like to donate 9 lots, located within the Village of Crete, located near Lincoln Oaks Golf Course to the Township. In the past, Mr. Deel has donated property to both the Village of Crete and the Crete Park District. These 9 lots are landlocked, therefore Supervisor Liccar has no knowledge of possible cost or risk to the Township. There would be the cost in getting the title transferred and then the Township would have to apply for an exemption, as not to charge taxes on them. Supervisor Liccar recommends approval of accepting the lots. Motion by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady to move forward in accepting this donation of 9 lots from Mr. Deel. Included in the motion is accepting any legal or title fees associated with this acceptance of land. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Discussion of Flooding issues:

With heavy rains recently, this has been an ongoing problem. Township reached out to Willett Hofman, which is an engineering firm used by Commissioner Recupito in the past. They will be putting a proposal for the Township, not yet received. An e-mail was received on Friday 7-6-18 stating they are still working on getting a goof scope but will have the proposal to Supervisor Liccar by close of business on July 16th at the latest.

Update from CSX – Message from Tom Livingston

He reported having some senior leadership coming in next week to further look at Crete/Chicago. It is a terrific site and I expect we'll know more soon as to what path they will want to discuss with you.

Update on Tax Objection – Message from Greg Moredock

We have a status hearing on July 17 to see how the Plaintiff and Defendants wish to proceed. Over the last few months, Plaintiff's counsel has been focused on negotiating with several defendant school districts that had multiple pending lawsuits for over-charging taxed. The school districts all entered partial settlement on July 2. Plaintiff's counsel has not reached out yet to discuss settlement, and the Defendant has not yet moved for dismissal. I anticipate I will have more to report to you after our July 17 status meeting.

Discussion and report on Solar Farms – Dist. 1 County Board – Judy Ogalla

Judy Ogalla gave an in depth report regarding Solar Farms as discussed at the County. She gave the Township booklet from Com Ed regarding solar farms, including the connection between Solar and Com, options, benefits, etc. She also gave the Township copies of correspondence she received from Community Power Group and GreenbergFarrow.

Community Power Group – Community Power Group is working to develop the community solar garden, Monee Sun 1, on approximately 20 acres on the corner of Governors Highway and W Offner Road, south of Monee. A visual map was included.

Community Power Group is working to develop the community solar garden, Beecher Sun 1, on approximately 15 acres off of E Corning Road, south of Beecher. A visual map was included.

GreenbergFarrow – On behalf of our client, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. (BSSI) we are providing the enclosed plans and following project narrative description as a notice of pending Special Use Permit application for two proposed solar farms located adjacent to each other on E. Goodenow Road.

For more information regarding Solar Farms and their proposed locations, paperwork is available for review at Town Hall during regular business hours.

CLERK

SSSRA – Janet Porter

Janet Porter, Director of South Suburban Special Recreation District addressed the Board and attendees with information regarding the programs offered to residents with disabilities. She also thanked the Board for their continued support of the programs for local residents. SSSRA was formed in 1973 through the cooperation of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, the Olympia Fields Park District, and the Park Forest Recreation & Parks Department, and has since grown to include 7 park districts and 3 villages. The administrative office is located in Tinley Park, but programs are held throughout the 10 member districts.

Throughout the year, SSSRA has an average of 5,500 program registrations.

It is funded 75% of revenue from local property tax dollars based on member agency property value, 15% of revenue is from program fees and 10% of revenue is from other sources including grants, fundraising, back interest and contributions. The average cost per home (fair market value) is \$19.99 cost per year.

The association has 13 full-time and regular part-time staff and more than 135 part-time staff and volunteers each year. SSSRA staff and volunteers receive ongoing training in areas such as Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI), Behavior Management, First-Aid, CPR and AED and disability specific training. The staff to participant ratio is 1:4

SSSRA offers 60 weekly programs and approximately 33 special events per season. They are offered for all ages, including early childhood, youth, teens and adults. A special series of programs are offered for individuals with severe intellectual disabilities, and special series of programs are offered for adults with physical disabilities, including veterans. These programs include door-to-door transportation services.

Included within the audience were participants of some of the programs.

Finally, a plaque was accepted by Supervisor Liccar on behalf of Crete Township for Supporting Township residents with Disabilities attending the programs at SSSRA.

For more information regarding SSSRA services, packets are available at Town Hall during regular business hours.

Crete Food Pantry – Donna Allen – Not available, but Trustee Elton stated Mrs. Allen was looking for the Townships Annual Insurance payment of \$1,000.00. Motion to approve payment of the insurance premium for the Crete Pantry was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Contribution to Steger for first responders Community Event.

Trustee Elton explained the event stating this is the first time for the event, and a way of thanking police and fire responders for service. Motion to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee

Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

TRUSTEE GRADY

.Fund Balances – See Attached

.Approval and Passage of the Investment Policy for Crete Township

Trustee Grady highlighted the purpose of this policy and asked for approval. The Investment Policy applies to the investment activities of all funds under the jurisdiction of the Crete Township Supervisor. Responsibility of all investment funds under the control of the Crete Township Supervisor is the direct responsibility of the Crete Township Supervisor. The Crete Township Supervisor shall be responsible for all transactions and shall establish a system of controls of the activities of all subordinates who are directly involved in the assistance of such investment activities. The township supervisor will coordinate all transactions with the Trustee Finance Chairperson for review and consent. All investment transactions shall be recorded by the Crete Township Supervisor or the Crete Township Supervisor's staff. A report will be generated at least monthly listing all active investments. The Crete Township Board of Trustees will have the responsibility to select which financial institutions will be depositories for Crete Township funds. At no time will the Crete Township Supervisor investments exceed 65% of the financial institution's capital and surplus. The capital asset ratio should be at least 6% Motion to approve the Investment Policy as presented was made by Trustee Grady, seconded by Trustee Elton. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Approval and Passage of the Capitalization Policy per auditor

Trustee Grady had questions regarding this policy and needed more information before he could recommend approval and passage. Motion to table was made by Trustee Grady seconded by Trustee Piacentini. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER – See Attached

ASSESSOR – See Attached

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Plan Commission – In the absence of Chairman Rzymiski, Trustee Grady read a Resolution #18-04 honoring the 10 years of service of George Gribbins and Supervisor Liccar awarded a certificate of service to Mrs. Gribbins, with the gratitude of the Township.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Hodge discussed the new security cameras proposed for Town Hall. The cost would be \$2,016.56 for the total job, but sending the requested \$1,008.28 (half of job total for ordering equipment). Motion to approve the total amount was made by Trustee Hodge, seconded by Trustee Elton. Roll call was taken as follows; Trustee Elton – yes Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Senior Transportation – Trustee Hodge report an upcoming meeting in September.

Youth – Trustee Piacentini had no report.

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini reported still waiting for the new truck. No date for arrival has been set.

Senior and Special Events – Trustee Elton reported the Senior Christmas Party is set for December 7th at the Country Club. Additionally, the newsletter is set to be out in October.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Second concert in the park is scheduled for July 14th.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: - Motion to approve the Town Fund bills as submitted was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Hodge. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Town Fund bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

Motion to approve the Road and Bridge fund bills as submitted was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Hodge. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes. Road and Bridge fund bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor, meeting stands adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kathie Holubek