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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILMETTE, ILLINOIS HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF SAID VILLAGE HALL, 1200 WILMETTE AVENUE, WILMETTE, ILLINOIS ON TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007.

The Village President called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Item:

1.0 ROLL CALL:

President	Christopher S. Canning
Trustees	Alan Swanson
	Lali Watt
	John Levin
	Mari D. Terman
	Karen Spillers
	Mike Basil

Staff Present:

Michael J. Earl, Village Manager
Maureen M. Barry, Assistant Village Manager
Mary Beth Cyze, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Barbara L. Hirsch, Deputy Village Clerk
Lisa Roberts, Director of Community Development
Kyle Perkins, Deputy Police Chief

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 2.1 Trustee Terman moved approval of minutes of the Regular Board meeting held June 26, 2007, seconded by Trustee Watt. All voted aye, the motion carried.
- 2.2 Trustee Watt moved approval of minutes as corrected of the Special Board meeting held June 26, 2007, seconded by Trustee Terman All voted aye, the motion carried.

3.0 PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Ronald Cope, attorney for Robert and Rosa Levin, asked for a motion to reconsider the Village Board's vote from the June 26, 2007 Regular Board meeting regarding the 2122 Old Glenview Road proposal for subdivision. He also suggested the Levins would be amenable to tabling the motion to a later date rather than discussion the issue this evening.

President Canning asked if the Trustees wished to make a motion to reconsider the vote.

Trustee Swanson asked if it was possible to make a motion to reconsider and then table the motion to reconsider.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Mary Beth Cyze said yes it was possible.

Trustee Swanson made a motion to reconsider the Village Board's vote from the June 26, 2007 Regular Board meeting regarding the 2122 Old Glenview, seconded by Trustee Terman.

Trustee Swanson made a motion to table that motion, seconded by Trustee Terman.

Voting yes on the motion to table: Trustees Swanson and Terman. Voting no: Trustees Watt, Levin, Spillers, Basil and President Canning. The motion to table failed.

Trustee Swanson said he does not believe the Village Board should negotiate on issues or issues will not be decided. He believes a reconsideration of the vote would be setting a dangerous precedent.

Trustee Terman said the logistical alternative to discussing the previous plan would be to submit a new plan.

Mr. Cope said it took two years and thousands of dollars to go through the previous plans and that would mean starting all over for the Levins. He believes if enough neighbors are against a new plan, the Village Board would not approve it. He would like to poll the Village Board to see if they would be in favor of a two lot subdivision.

President Canning said he does not believe the Village Board should grant an advisory opinion, which seems to be what Mr. Cope is asking for in polling the Board. He also believed it would be setting a dangerous precedent. He asked why the applicant did not start over and meet with Community Development, Engineering and Corporation Counsel if needed.

Mr. Cope said the Levins are just looking for simple direction from the Board.

Trustee Watt said she takes exception to Mr. Cope's words "that depending upon the number of people that show up for a meeting, the Board makes up their mind how to vote". She said that is not true for herself. She believes the guidance the Levins are looking for resides in the Village Ordinances. The petitioners should also minimize the variations and submit a new plan.

Trustee Levin suggested the Levins review the tape from the previous meeting as there was a lot of comment from the Trustees that gave a clear indication of the Trustees views.

Voting yes: none. Voting no: Trustees Swanson, Watt, Levin, Terman, Spillers, Basil and President Canning. The motion failed.

4.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Michael J. Earl, Village Manager, presented the Clean Air Counts Award that was previously awarded to President Canning recognizing the Village of Wilmette achieving platinum status for clean air initiatives. He said the Village is one of only five communities in the area to receive the award.

President Canning announced that the Wilmette Sidewalk Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14. He also noted the Friends of Thornwood Park were holding their annual concert on Sunday, July 15 from 3-7pm.

4.1 Consent Agenda. Trustee Watt moved approval of the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 6.11 Temporary Use Permit #2007-20 for the Brennan-Hart Turkey Ministry and the Community Church of Wilmette 5K Run to be held on October 20, 2007.
- 6.12 Temporary Use Permit #2007-TU-21 for Red Seal Sales Office located at 225 Sheridan Road.
- 6.13 Temporary Use Permit #2007-TU-22 for M.E. Olson Construction Inc. construction trailer located at 1255 Green Bay Road (Fifth Third Bank).
- 6.14 Temporary Use Permit #2007-TU-26 for the Harper Elementary School PTO Harper Hoedown to be held September 16, 2007.
- 6.15 ARC Report, 1115 Central Avenue, Lad & Lassie, Case #06-AR-19 regarding a request for a sign variation to install one additional descriptive word on the awning sign.
- 6.16 Adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-36 amending the appearance review standards for native plantings.

- 6.21 Minutes, Finance Committee.
- 6.22 Presentation of the May 31, 2007 Revenue and Expense Report.
- 6.23 Presentation of the May 31, 2007 Treasurer's Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.
- 6.24 Presentation of the May 31, 2007 Cash and Investment Summary.
- 6.25 Approval of Disbursements for the month of May 2007.
- 6.26 Approval of Resolution #2007-R-28 approving investments as previously authorized in the Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool (IPTIP).
- 6.27 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-54 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation bonds, Series 2007.

- 6.41 Approval of contract, Meridian Construction Company, Lake Bluff, IL for the construction of Fire Station No. 26 Bike Path.
- 6.42 Approval of payment, Patricia Garretson Declaration of Trust, 1315 Sheridan Road, Wilmette for compensation of right-of-way associated with the Sheridan Road Reconstruction Project.
- 6.43 Approval of payment, David J. Lies and Linda M. Lies, 1210 Sheridan Road, Wilmette for compensation of right-of-way associated with the Sheridan Road Reconstruction Project.

- 6.51 Minutes, Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

- 6.52 Approval of purchase, L3 Communications, Boonton, New Jersey to replace squad in-car video camera system units.
- 6.53 Approval of purchase, AT&T, Inc. to upgrade the current 9-1-1 telephone system to allow for receipt of Phase II Wireless information (location data) and an interface to the village's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.
- 6.54 Approval of request for authorization to proceed with the hiring of one Police Officer prior to a planned vacancy and temporarily exceeding the authorized strength for the department.

- 8.1 Notice of vacancy, Senior Resources Commission.
- 8.2 Notice of vacancy, Commission for Persons with Disabilities
- 8.3 Notice of vacancy, Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 8.4 Notice of vacancy, Community Relations Commission.
- 8.5 Notice of vacancy, Community Relations Commission.
- 8.6 Notice of vacancy, Senior Resources Commission.
- 8.7 Notice of vacancy, Senior Resources Commission.
- 8.8 Notice of vacancy, Appearance Review Commission.
- 8.9 Notice of vacancy, Community Relations Commission.
- 8.91 Notice of vacancy, Historic Preservation Commission.

- 8.92 Notice of vacancy, Youth Commission.
- 8.93 Notice of vacancy, Youth Commission.
- 8.94 Notice of vacancy, Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 8.95 Notice of vacancy, Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

- 9.1 Notice of vacancy, Board of Health.
- 9.2 Recommendation of reappointment, Appearance Review Commission.

Trustee Terman seconded the motion. Voting yes: Trustees Swanson, Watt, Levin, Terman, Spillers, Basil and President Canning. Voting no: none. The motion carried.

5.0 REPORT OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER:

No Report.

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6.1 LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- 6.11 Approval of Temporary Use Permit #2007-20 for the Brennan-Hart Turkey Ministry and the Community Church of Wilmette 5K Run to be held on October 20, 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.
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- 6.16 Adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-36 amending the appearance review standards for native plantings was handled with the Consent Agenda.

- 6.17 Zoning Board of Appeals Report, 3000 Glenview Road, Case #2007-Z-23 regarding a request for a special use to expand an existing park, (Hibbard Park), a 119 space parking variation, and a 12 decibel variation to permit the construction of a 7,500 square foot skate park in accordance with the plans submitted. The use shall run with the use; adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-56.

Trustee Swanson moved to grant a request for a special use to expand an existing park, (Hibbard Park), a 119 space parking variation, and a 12 decibel variation to permit the construction of a 7,500 square foot skate park in accordance with the plans submitted. The use shall run with the use, seconded by Trustee Watt.

Terry Porter, Wilmette Park District Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed the case as presented in the Zoning Board of Appeals Report. He noted that skate boarding has become a mainstream activity over the years and the Park District has received many requests for a skate board park. The Park District's goal is to provide a safe place to skate board in Wilmette with equipment that is designed for a skate park. The proposed site for the skate park is Hibbard Park a 13 acre park where the current Community Recreation Center is located. There are also tennis courts and two baseball fields. The proposed skate park will be less than 2% of the site. The noise experts state that there will be insignificant impact and no extraordinary noise action is needed. The Park District did receive comments from concerned residents regarding noise generated from the skate park and after the ZBA hearing proposed building a higher berm along the eastern border.

Fay Paras, 416 Skokie Court, said she lives across from the proposed skate park. Many of the neighbors that border Hibbard Park formed the "Hibbard Park Neighbors Committee of Concerned Citizens. For the past two years, they have expressed serious objections to the Park District proposing to place a skate board park at Hibbard Park. She noted the process that the Park District has gone through over the past two years and the neighbors' objections to the process. The committee agrees that a skate board park will alter the essential character of the neighborhood and will not be consistent with the goals and objectives set forth in the Wilmette Comprehensive Plan. The neighbors believe the sound study provided by the Park District was flawed as spike noise from skate board parks can be heard quite a distance from those parks. The neighbors believe there are four other larger parks available for the proposed skate board park. The neighbors are not against skate board parks for young people in Wilmette, they asked the Board to consider that Hibbard Park is the wrong location for a skate board park.

President Canning asked why after 30 years the Park District was placing a skate board park at the Hibbard Park location.

Mr. Porter said skate boarding has become a mainstream activity and more and more young people in the Village are skate boarding. The sport has grown in popularity and he believes it is the fastest growing sport in the United States. Hibbard Park met the standards for a skate park location as a park must be more than four acres (Hibbard Park is 13 acres) and the skate board park could not exceed 10% of the volume of the park. The proposed skate park will only be 2% of the park. The Community Recreation Center will be adjacent to the proposed skate park and there is also a five lane US Highway with existing noise. The Park Board narrowed the choice of parks to two, one being the Community Playfield, but received a letter from the Wilmette School Board asking the Park District not to place a skate park in Community Playfield as it was adjacent to two schools and could possibly interfere with the education process.

President Canning said he believes the Park District has fulfilled their mission over the past 30 years. He asked how a skate park will help them fulfill their mission.

Mr. Porter said more and more residents are asking for a skate park and it is not much different than the current sports of tennis, baseball and soccer that the Park District currently supports.

Trustee Swanson asked for an explanation of how sound works and affects different sources.

Dr. Thomas Thunder, Acoustic Associates acoustical engineer, explained the scales to measure frequency of sound as perceived by human ears. He noted that background sound has to be taken into consideration when measuring other sounds for impact. He noted the background noise of the Edens Expressway, Skokie Boulevard and the well populated area surrounding the park.

Trustee Swanson asked if there was anything different in the frequency of skate noise.

Dr. Thunder said different sounds have different characters which are taken into consideration with the sound scales.

Trustee Swanson asked if sound barriers actually make a difference or if it is psychological.

Dr. Thunder said he didn't believe as much money would be spent on sound walls in our country if the sound walls were just psychological. Sound walls become less effective the farther away you get from them but they are effective to the person living next door to the noise.

Trustee Swanson asked if a berm would make a real difference in the noise to those who live 150 feet away.

Dr. Thunder said if you block the line of the source of the noise there would be a five decibel reduction at 150 feet away.

President Canning asked if it would make a difference if the skate park was sunk into the ground rather than having a berm next to it.

Dr. Thunder said either way would work and achieve the same result acoustically.

Trustee Watt asked if there was something that could be used in the base of the skate park construction to deaden the sound.

Paul Fyle, Thompson Dyke & Associates landscape architect, said the ramps have materials to attempt to deaden the sound but the preferred surface is concrete.

President Canning said he understands that concrete is the preferred surface but is there another material that would have sound absorption.

Mr. Fyle said he is not aware of any other options besides asphalt or concrete for the surface of a skate park.

Trustee Levin said the variation is from 45-57 decibels because the skate board park would create 57 decibels. Is the 57 decibels the spike of sound and is that how the sound is measured?

Dr. Thunder said no, they use the LAQ equivalent level to measure sound, which has been endorsed for 30 years all over the world. It is a level weighted average that would favor the peaks of noise.

Trustee Levin said the human perception of white noise from the Edens Expressway and Skokie Boulevard would mitigate the variation in sound coming from the skate park.

Dr. Thunder said before making a measurement to determine if someone is exceeding the ordinance, the background noise has to be taken into consideration. It is embodied in the Illinois State Pollution Control Board and is what the Village Ordinance refers to.

Trustee Terman asked if there was a difference in frequency in the ride up on the ramp by skate boarders and the skate board striking the surface on the way down.

Dr. Thunder said he has not done a study on that type of frequency but there are distinct components to skate boarding and parts of skate boarding have been minimized due to the design of the skate board park. Sound barriers will also do a lot to reduce the high frequency content of the wheel noise.

Trustee Terman asked if a high frequency sound dissipated more rapidly in the air.

Dr. Thunder said yes, as high frequency sounds are more susceptible to attenuation through the atmosphere by wind and vegetation.

Trustee Terman asked if the skate park structures are insulated underneath.

Mr. Fyle said there is an insulating sound deadening layer below the skate surface.

Trustee Spillers asked if the proposed skate board park would be viewed as beginner, moderate or experienced.

Mr. Fyle said he would consider the proposed skate park as a beginner to intermediate level park.

Trustee Spillers asked if the noise was more excessive for beginner skaters or experienced skaters.

Dr. Thunder said experienced users would be on the skate board more, therefore would generate more noise.

Trustee Basil said there is a letter from a resident that notes an abatement opportunity exists to make the flat concrete surfaces as smooth as reasonably possible. He asked if that would be considered in the design.

Mr. Fyle said skate park design includes the texture of the surface. A very light finish is the standard that is used for a skate park, which is less rough than a sidewalk surface.

Trustee Basil asked if a pre-cast concrete feature would be used for the proposed skate park.

Mr. Fyle said pre-cast concrete features are typically more expensive, but he will make inquiries to the manufacturers.

Trustee Spillers asked if there would be kids using the skate park all day long.

Mr. Porter said the hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. to sunset and the doors will then be locked.

Trustee Spillers asked if the skate park would be open during rain or snow.

Mr. Porter said if the skate park conditions became unsafe, they would lock the park.

Trustee Terman asked if there would be professional monitoring of the park.

Mr. Porter said the recreation center manager at the Community Recreation Center would monitor the park regarding safety issues.

Trustee Terman asked how many kids would be able to use the park.

Mr. Fyle said given the layout of the park, there would be approximately 6 people skating at a time.

President Canning noted the proposed fence was to be chain link. He asked if a wrought iron fence had been considered.

Mr. Porter said his suggestion would be a wrought iron fence along Skokie Boulevard but he believed a black, vinyl coated chain link fence would be more sturdy inside the park area.

President Canning declared a recess at 9:20 p.m.

President Canning brought the meeting back to order at 9:29 p.m.

Marlo Goldstein, 136 Maple Avenue, said she has been a big proponent of the proposed skate park. She has been working with the Park District and believes the skate park is something that is needed in the community.

Alex Litten, 1114 Lake Avenue, said he has been working for the past three years for the proposed skate park. He does not believe noise will be an issue.

Trustee Terman asked if Alex believed the skaters would just skate exclusively in the park if there was a skate park.

Alex Litten said skaters would rather skate in a park than on the streets or sidewalks. Currently, kids who like to skate board have to spend their money on public transportation to be able to skate at other skate parks.

President Canning asked if it would be difficult for kids living on the east side of the Village to travel to the west side of the Village to use the proposed skate park.

Alex Litten said he would rather skate board to the proposed skate park than have to travel to another suburb that has a skate park.

Karen Van Balen, 339 Romona Road, said she currently hears noise from the park and traffic from Skokie Boulevard. She believes the noise from the skate park will be louder than anticipated. She believes the skate park will be detrimental to the residents of Wilmette and urged the Village to keep the current green space and reduce noise pollution.

Graham Crosh, 2339 Thornwood, said he has been skateboarding for the past four years. He said there are many kids who skate board in the Village and he enjoys the activity.

Trustee Swanson said the Park District is considering a berm of five feet along the skate board park, and encouraged them to build the berm as high as possible for the area. He asked how high the asphalt would be on the other side of the skate park.

Robert Hamilton, Gewalt Hamilton & Associates engineer, said the asphalt would be slightly higher than it currently is. They would not be able to lower the proposed skate park due to the existing storm water system and that is why they would build up a berm.

Trustee Swanson said if parking restrictions were put in place on the side streets surrounding the Park District, would the Park District be confident there would be sufficient parking at the site.

Mr. Hamilton said the Community Recreation Center currently has a minimum parking vacancy of 10%, therefore he did not believe parking would be an issue.

Trustee Watt said she is at the Community Recreation Center several times per day with her children and has never had a problem parking. She said there is a problem with the flow of traffic and there is no where to wait for picking up children.

Trustee Terman said one of the expectations of the skate park is to drop off and pick up. She asked where the anticipated drop off and pick up area would be.

Mr. Hamilton said he anticipates the drop off and pick up area will be the closest aisle to the proposed skate park.

Mr. Porter said the entrance drive would be on the west side of the proposed skate park and there is a secondary drive on the south side of the proposed skate park. He believed the traffic flow would be very good past the proposed skate park.

Trustee Watt said she does not like the look of the chain link fence and would like to see something else used.

Mr. Porter said the design is preliminary and they will consider something else but price is an issue in the project.

Trustee Terman said a fence will be needed that will take the weight of a child that is not able to stop.

Mr. Porter said that is a concern of the Park District and if chain link fencing is used they will go with a darker color to fit in better with the area.

Charlene Holtz, attorney for the Park District, said the Park District will have to consult with their risk management to make sure they will use the safest design.

President Canning said if the skate park goes forward, how will the Park District solicit input from the neighbors.

Mr. Porter said the Park District will work with the neighbors on the berm, vegetation and final design issues if the basic plan is approved. The Park District believes the plan if approved, meets the standards of review for a 12 decibel variation.

President Canning said from his experience with other issues in the Village, Mr. Porter is quite responsive to neighbors' issues. He encouraged the Park District and neighbors to work together.

Mr. Porter said they will certainly work with the leadership of the residents who have concerns with the proposed skate park.

President Canning asked if Mr. Porter knew what the annual use of the other communities skate parks was.

Mr. Porter said other communities do not keep track of use but they do keep track of major injuries or lawsuits. There have been no major lawsuits over the past 20 years with the 61 surrounding communities that have skate parks.

President Canning asked for public comment from those who were in favor of the proposed skate park.

Betsy Sillers, 1507 Washington, said she is an elementary school teacher and on mornings before school she usually sees 6-8 kids on skate boards in the playground. She believed the proposed skate park would be beneficial to an up and coming age group of children.

Tim Frost, 909 Seneca, said the process for the proposed skate park has been long, extensive and involved many public meetings. The application focuses on parking and noise. Typically, skaters are dropped off at the skate park and picked up later. Skaters will also skate board to the skate parks or take public transportation. He also noted that the skate park will be between two busy roads, Skokie Boulevard and the Edens Expressway. He urged the Board to support the request.

Mark Litten, 1114 Lake Avenue, said if the skate park is built, there will not be a large amount of traffic or overuse of the park as the focus of kids is not to go to the same place every day. He believes the proposed skate park will be appreciated beyond words from the kids who have waited for so long.

Trustee Basil asked if skate boarding was self limiting.

Mr. Litten said if there is over crowding, skate boarding is not fun and does not work well.

Trustee Terman wondered if there was a need for an adult presence at the proposed skate park.

Ms. Goldstein said she has never been to a monitored skate park. It is understood by skate boarders that you do not do things you do not think you can handle.

Trustee Spillers asked if there would be a benefit to where the proposed skate park will be located.

Ms. Goldstein said yes the proposed site will be beneficial as the Community Recreation Center will have bathrooms, air conditioning and phones if needed.

Jim Brault, 2619 Kenilworth, said he is a member of the Park Board. He said the Park Board voted 7-0 to have a skate park. There has been a lot of discussion on where to build the park. He said the Park District provides programming and organized activities for children. He said they do not provide services to kids who do not like to be in an organized environment. Skate boarding is an opportunity to provide something that does not exist today and allow children to express themselves.

Mark Weyermuller, 208 Lawndale, said he has been to many meetings over the past two years and believes there has been due diligence for the process. His son inline skates and he would like to see higher ramps, BMX bikes and scooters. He is in favor of the proposed skate park as he believes it will be a great benefit to the community.

Ms. Goldstein said both she and her brother are skate board instructors at surrounding communities. She said the Wilmette Park District would also be able to add skate board lessons to their class activities that are offered.

President Canning asked for public comment from those who were in opposition to the proposed skate park.

George Karagus, 319 Kilpatrick, said he is not against a skate park but he does not believe the proposed location is the right place for the skate park. The neighbors have had flooding issues over the years, and he believes the proposed skate park will add to the flooding issues. Mr. Karagus also believes the sound from the skate park will be an issue for the neighbors.

President Canning asked if Mr. Karagus' flooding has improved based on the sewer work that has been completed recently.

Mr. Karagus said there has not been a substantial rain for a few years so he can not answer the question. The drainage in the park is also a problem for the neighbors as well as flooding.

George Karkazis, 2932 Iroquois, said he is opposed to the proposed skate park location and believes there are larger parks in the Village that would be a better location.

Gary Ioffe, 240 Thelin Court, said he is opposed to the proposed skate park as he believes the noise of the skate park will be an issue for the neighbors. He also believes the children at the skate park should be supervised.

Joel Kurzman, 243 Valley View Drive, said he is opposed to the proposed location of the skate board park as he believes noise will be an issue for the neighbors. He has also been very discouraged with the process that the proposed skate park has gone through. He urged the Board to vote against the proposed skate park as he believes it should be in a more secluded area.

Mr. Porter said the Park District noticed residents within 250 feet of the 13 acre Hibbard Park for the hearings regarding the proposed skate park. The skate park will give kids an opportunity to skate where there is a place designed for it. Mr. Porter said he has been the director for 35 years and has been through many issues that have generated community discussion and community disagreement. As he looks back at the issues he believes the fear of the unknown has ended up being worse than what the reality of the issue has been. The Park Board Commissioners live in the Village also and face a difficult decision in a relatively land locked community regarding where to build a desired community amenity. The Park District will work with the neighbors regarding the final design of the proposed skate park. Mr. Porter said the kids who skate board are good kids from the community and believes they will be responsible in taking care of the skate board park. He does not believe the proposed skate park will have a negative impact on the community and urged the Board to grant their request.

Trustee Spillers asked if skate board park classes would generate income for the Park District.

Mr. Porter said classes could generate income but the revenue would be minimal.

Trustee Terman said she did not believe that a secluded area would be the best place for the proposed skate park in terms of monitoring the skate park.

Mr. Porter said the Park District will build a berm and landscape the area for the neighbors but would also like to have some visibility into the park.

Mr. Kurzman said he does not believe other communities have problems with the skate parks in secluded areas. He believes that everything should be done to keep neighbors from being negatively impacted from the sound.

Ms. Holzman said she would like to stress that the testimony that was presented to the ZBA regarding noise was measured in accordance with the Village's ordinance in the environmental section. The Park District is complying with the standards articulated in the Zoning Ordinance. She noted that relevant testimony is testimony by individuals who possess special expertise as opposed to testimony that reflects a matter of taste, personal opinion or speculation. She noted that there has been absolutely no evidence presented by persons with specialized expertise to suggest that the addition of the recreation equipment to the actively used 13 acre park is likely to create an impact that is substantially inconsistent with the character of the surrounding area.

Trustee Swanson said it is his opinion that the Park District knows their mission and he believes they are correct in their mission to have a skate park. He agrees that there should be a skate park. He also believes that the Park District went through a series of meetings and reached a conclusion regarding what they thought was the right thing to do in terms of a location. The ZBA agreed with the Park District's conclusion regarding location of the proposed skate park and he has not seen any hard evidence to the contrary. He said Dr. Thunder's testimony answered his questions regarding noise and how it would affect the neighborhood. He believed there should be a berm and he would like to see the berm built as high as possible. He also believes sufficient parking is available at the proposed site and that the request should be granted.

Trustee Watt said she appreciates that all comments have been polite and to the point. She does not believe that flooding will be an issue in regard to the proposed skate park as it will not add any paved surface. In regard to sound, she personally prefers to hear kids on skate boards rather than the sound of traffic. She does believe skate boarding is a legitimate sport and believes it is appropriate for kids to be on a skate board on the sidewalk. On a personal note, she believes the skate park could be located somewhere else but that is not the issue in front of the Board. The skate park plans are conceptual and the final plans will be submitted once the Park District has completed the variation process which is no different from other plans and variations that are submitted and go through the process. She believes the skate park is a good thing to do, a community asset and she supports the request.

Trustee Levin said the discussions and arguments for the request have been reasonably presented. He said the Village Board is only considering a zoning matter and he agrees with the ZBA's positive recommendation. Once another legislative body does something, it becomes accepted and used. The net result in the community is a benefit and the net detriment to the people who are around it does not turn out to be as significant as may be thought.

Trustee Terman said in terms of noise and parking, she agrees with Ms. Dalman's comments from the ZBA report that "she was convinced by the preponderance of evidence and that she took the expert information that was provided as something which she believed was going to be sufficiently mitigating to the concerns of the neighbors that they would not be injured". From all the reading and listening that she has done, it is her belief that creating the proposed skate park will not be injurious, that there are physical features that will be constructed to mitigate the noise, the parking will be complimentary and the shared use in a parking lot makes enormous sense to her. She believes if there is not a negative sound equation and if there are not people parking additionally on community streets, there will not be a negative impact on the neighbors. She believes the proposed skate park will be an attractive and useful addition to the community.

Trustee Spillers said the expert testimony has been well received by her. She has a son who skate boards and she has been to many skate parks. The issues before the Board are parking and noise and she believes the experts regarding the parking and noise issues. She supports the petitioner's request.

Trustee Basil thanked the neighbors for their perseverance and dedication to the issue. He also noted the issues before the Board is noise and parking. The Park District has said they will address some of the neighbors' concerns and accept further input from the neighbors. He believes the proposed berm will have significant impact on the area. He supports the petitioner's request.

President Canning thanked all those who participated in the process and wrote letters and emails. With respect to the parking and noise variations, he believes the elements have been met. With respect to the special use request, he believes the presumptions have been met at the proposed location but believes they could have been met elsewhere. The members of the Park Board have had meetings and public hearings and have decided that Hibbard Park is the best location for the proposed skate park. The Park District has marshaled their facts, presented their evidence and made their case. He supports the request.

Voting yes: Trustees Swanson, Watt, Levin, Terman, Spillers, Basil and President Canning. Voting no: none. The motion carried.

Trustee Swanson moved adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-56, seconded by Trustee Spillers.

Voting yes: Trustees Swanson, Watt, Levin, Terman, Spillers, Basil and President Canning. Voting no: none. The motion carried.

6.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- 6.21 Presentation of minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held May 1, 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.22 Presentation of the May 31, 2007 Revenue and Expense Report was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.23 Presentation of the May 31, 2007 Treasurer's Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.24 Presentation of the May 31, 2007 Cash and Investment Summary was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.25 Approval of Disbursements for the month of May 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.

- 6.26 Approval of Resolution #2007-R-28 approving investments as previously authorized in the Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool (IPTIP) was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.27 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-54 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation bonds, Series 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.3 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT:
- No Report.
- 6.4 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT:
- 6.41 Approval of contract in an amount not to exceed \$201,894.10 with Meridian Construction Company, Lake Bluff, IL for the construction of Fire Station No. 26 Bike Path was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.42 Approval of payment in the amount of \$42,000 to Patricia Garretson Declaration of Trust, 1315 Sheridan Road, Wilmette for compensation of right-of-way associated with the Sheridan Road Reconstruction Project was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.43 Approval of payment in the amount of \$18,566.56 to David J. Lies and Linda M. Lies, 1210 Sheridan Road, Wilmette for compensation of right-of-way associated with the Sheridan Road Reconstruction Project was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.5 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:
- 6.51 Presentation of minutes of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meeting held June 11, 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.52 Approval of purchase in the amount of \$4,995 per unit, at a total cost not to exceed \$36,000 in 2007, with L3 Communications, Boonton, New Jersey to replace squad in-car video camera system units was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.53 Approval of purchase in the amount of \$12,142 from AT&T, Inc. to upgrade the current 9-1-1 telephone system to allow for receipt of Phase II Wireless information (location data) and an interface to the village's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system was handled with the Consent Agenda.

6.54 Approval of request for authorization to proceed with the hiring of one Police Officer prior to a planned vacancy and temporarily exceeding the authorized strength for the department was handled with the Consent Agenda.

6.6 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

No Report.

7.0 REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

No Report.

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8.1 Notice of vacancy on the Senior Resources Commission due to the resignation of Michelle Teal was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.2 Notice of vacancy on the Commission for Persons with Disabilities due to the term expiration of Walter Reed was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.3 Notice of vacancy on the Commission for Persons with Disabilities due to the term expiration of Linda Layfer was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.4 Notice of vacancy on the Community Relations Commission due to the term expiration of Pam Mondschein was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.5 Notice of vacancy on the Community Relations Commission due to the term expiration of Alice Chow was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.6 Notice of vacancy on the Senior Resources Commission due to the term expiration of Susan Lin was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.7 Notice of vacancy on the Senior Resources Commission due to the resignation of Faqir Vohra was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.8 Notice of vacancy on the Appearance Review Commission due to the resignation of Stuart Berger was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.9 Notice of vacancy on the Community Relations Commission due to the term expiration of Harry Rhodes was handled with the Consent Agenda.

- 8.91 Notice of vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission due to the resignation of Mary Abroe was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.92 Notice of vacancy on the Youth Commission due to the resignation of Alison Field was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.93 Notice of vacancy on the Youth Commission due to the resignation of Rita Strang was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.94 Notice of vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to the resignation of Kristina Dalman was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.95 Notice of vacancy on the Commission for Persons with Disabilities due to the term expiration of Diane Wojcik was handled with the Consent Agenda.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

- 9.1 Notice of vacancy on the Board of Health due to the resignation of Raymond Lechner was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 9.2 Recommendation of reappointment of Paul Holzman to the Appearance Review Commission from August 2007 to August 2012 was handled with the Consent Agenda.

President Canning noted there was an extra item of new business.

- 9.3 Recommendation of reappointment of Daniel Sullivan to the Zoning Board of Appeals from August 2007 to August of 2012.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Terman moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 p.m., seconded by Trustee Watt. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Barbara L. Hirsch
Deputy Village Clerk