

ROUND LAKE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

October 18, 2017, 6:30pm

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Bergin
Trustee Gary Putman
Trustee Chris Nellissen
Trustee Heidi Parker
Trustee Paul Block

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Mazza
Peter Sheridan
Diane Marchand
Cindy Sabia
Denise McDonald
David Moore
Sylvia Sievers
Marybeth & Skip Murphy
Lydia Hoffman
Gary & Sue Jones
Scott Rigney
Tina Alviar
John Stevenson
Samantha Snyder
Steve Sabella
Bob Stromberg
Robert Davis
Fred Sievers
Matt Coldrick
Madeline Grosso
Annette Spano
Barbara Rotondi
Danielle Rigney
Victor Isca

The public hearing of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Bergin at 6:30pm.

Mayor Bergin opened the meeting stating that the previous Comprehensive Plan had been done in 2000. That version was reviewed and revised by himself, Diane Marchand, Gary Putman & James Carter 'The Admiral'. He stated that the 2000 version had been reduced, simplified and had maps added to it. He continued by saying that the comprehensive plan is neither a zoning plan nor does it dictate code. It is vague on purpose he noted. The Mayor continued by saying that once the plan is approved, then the work can begin on zoning and codes. He also noted that depending on the level of interest and number of questions, another public hearing can be set.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PRESENTATION

Denise McDonald addressed the Board. She drafted a letter – attached.

She highlighted the need for a visual buffer or 'green belt' for the Village. She recommended creating 'green' entrances to the Village to create a calming effect. She also expressed concern for the properties abutting the Zim Smith trail and discussed the possibility of partnering with another entity to preserve green space.

Fred Sievers addressed the Board. He commented that the adopted plan should be appropriate for the Village of Round Lake. He had some issues with the document and noted that the historic district indicated might be incorrect. He questioned whether it was the center of the Village only or was it the entire Village. He also pointed out that we should be careful when we compare the Village to surrounding communities. He expressed the need for an active plan to

replenish the trees. Preserving the quality of life is the most important going forward, Sievers noted. He continued by stating that the Fire House is not an emergency shelter. He noted that Rt. 9 is a state highway not a US highway. He also noted that parking was not addressed and stated that it should be a priority, as it is still a problem.

Tina Alviar addressed the Board. She recommended that guidelines for home repairs and a process to follow be clear. She noted the need to balance restrictiveness with common sense. She also stated she'd love to see more period street lighting be used in the Village.

Bob Stromberg addressed the Board. He requested the committee note the sources for the maps. He also noted the need to include a conservation/climate change section. He marked up his copy of the plan with numerous small grammar/typographical errors.

Matt Coldrick addressed the Board. He noted that traffic and parking needs more substance. He also mentioned needing assistance with controlling traffic.

Steve Sabella addressed the Board. He commented on Amazon possibly coming to the area and that if selected, this could impact us greatly.

Mayor Bergin closed the hearing at 6:59 and stated that another hearing would be scheduled as there was plenty of discussion to merit it.