

## **MINUTES FROM NORTHFIELD VILLAGE CAUCUS MEETING** September 8, 2022

The in-person meeting was called to order at the Clarkson Park Lodge at 7:03 PM by Chair David Woodyatt and the following current Caucus members were present: David Woodyatt, Cricket Hauff, Beverly Smith, Al Chircop, Keith Reed, Michael Cohen, Mark Gantner, Kathy Estabrook, Shelley Cohen, Ericka Foster, and Larry Russell

The following guests were present: Becky Newport, Tom Whitaker, Barnaby Dinges, Charles Orth and Matt Galin.

### **CAUCUS BUSINESS**

Approval of the June 29, 2022 minutes. Keith moved and Al seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Caucus balance started and ended at \$937.86. There was no revenue and no expenses.

**Membership:** Bev Smith introduced guest Becky Newport. She is a retired. She lives in Precinct 37. David explained that we usually require new members to attend two meetings. We are having another meeting October 13 before the interviews. That will give us four regular meetings for this year. There will be a Caucus meeting in January. We will elect new executive officers.

The October 19-21 candidate interview meetings will be at Clarkson Park Lodge at 7:00 pm.

**Governance Report:** The main discussion at Board is renovations of the Board Room. The cost is \$237,000. The Village will be funding it with the budget surplus of \$450,000. There was a discussion of water meters being replaced. If residents do not replace the meter by third request, there will be water shutoff. The Board discussed that the Skokie Trail design phase 2 will be starting soon. There was Board discussion of a roundabout with a water fountain. The Village is going to buy some license plate readers and adding an additional police officer temporarily. In the past year, there were 350 police shifts that were not served by appropriate officer. Village finances are coming along very well versus the budget.

**Survey:** Larry, Ericka, Bev, Keith and David served on the Survey Committee.

Larry sent the survey of the survey results to the Caucus members today. It represents a fairly good sense of what the Caucus members think regarding the survey. Larry asked if the Caucus is comfortable with the survey being based on more than just platform and being based on the Comprehensive Plan. There was a discussion of whether the cannabis question should be asked. There was discussion that the purpose of the survey is not clear. There was discussion that the cannabis question is not actionable. Larry invited Caucus members to send in edits to the cannabis question. There was a suggestion that the survey should link to the Vision 2040

plan. There was some suggestion to reduce the number of questions. Some suggested that the questions are too long. Larry request that edits be sent to him by September 15, 2022. Discussed potentially including open ended question at end such as "What do you think the top 3 issues facing NF are?"

The Caucus discussed whether the survey should be discussed with the Village.

The Caucus discussed the lack of access to email addresses. The methods of distribution of the survey include the Northfield publication, HOA addresses, the library newsletter and social media. Discussed inquiring whether the Village can reference the survey in its newsletter.

The meeting moved to Executive Session.

Cricket Hauff moved to adjourn and Bev Smith seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm