

Village of Deer Creek

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Deer Creek, IL 61733

Tuesday July 19, 2023

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEER CREEK HELD AT DEER CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER.

Village President Jim Hackney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I.) ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Judy Cremeens, Grant Hackney, Ross Kraemer, Stefanie Lee Berardi, Josh Rossman

Absent: Jake Smith

Also Present: Attorney Pat McGrath, PWS Gordon Robertson, Jeff Rogers, Clerk Lori Lewis

II.) APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Lee Berardi seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Cremeens, Hackney, Lee Berardi, Kraemer, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 - Smith

There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

III.) PUBLIC COMMENT – None

IV.) REPORTS

A. Public Works Department – Park improvement information:

#1 alt Main Street west side (170' culvert, pea gravel, white rock, 10' wide	\$2,600
#2 alt Main Street east side, white rock	\$1,755
Park Street (12' wide, white rock delivered)	\$2,700
Concrete around blue bench @ playground	\$ 200
4 park benches @\$726 each	\$3,000
3 picnic tables @ \$1,500 each	\$4,500
Basketball hoops (full replacement)	\$2,400
10 yd concrete for pickleball court	\$1,500
Spring rider toy – there are 3 now	\$ 500
Replace lights at benches around walk	\$40 - \$90 each

No prices yet on pea gravel, mulch, concrete. Need to mulch or put down some kind of fall surface around swings, slide, and playground equipment.

The public works department is working on mapping storm sewers and will prioritize repairs when needed.

- B. **Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals** – Discussed in New Business.
- C. **Police Chief** – None.
- D. **Engineer** – None.
- E. **Attorney** – None.

V.) **OLD BUSINESS** – Main Street reconstruction project is complete, and all documents have been submitted to IDOT for approval to pay.

VI.) **NEW BUSINESS** –

Trustee Kraemer moved, and Trustee Cremeens seconded the motion to approve the Class “B” liquor license for Casey’s Retail Company d/b/a Casey’s #1570 for a term of one year, beginning August 1, 2023, and expiring July 31, 2024, as recommended by the police chief and liquor commissioner.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Cremeens, Hackney, Lee Berardi, Kraemer, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 - Smith

There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Cremeens seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-2, a resolution for the release of closed session minutes.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Cremeens, Hackney, Lee Berardi, Kraemer, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 - Smith

There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

At this time, Village President Hackney reported that the zoning board has recommended approval of the special use permit requested by Hawk Energy Solutions for a 22-acre solar farm. Attorney McGrath recommended proceeding with the approval only if contingent upon the following issues being addressed specifically in writing:

- Bond increases over time to assure enough funds available for decommissioning
- Greater setback and additional special conditions
- Emergency response plan in place
- Specific fencing requirements
- Locked entrances
- Specific vegetation requirements
- A decommissioning plan
- Highway authority plan

This is the time to put these conditions in writing.

Trustee Lee Berardi moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to authorize the village attorney to prepare an ordinance laying out the necessary special conditions for a solar farm to be located within the village limits.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Cremeens, Hackney, Lee Berardi, Kraemer, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 - Smith

There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

The action on the special use permit for the construction of a solar farm will be carried over to next month.

VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS

Committee Meetings	August 14	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	August 15	7:00 p.m. at village hall
Senior Lunch (open to the public)	July 25	11:30 a.m. at the park

VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to conduct, Trustee Cremeens moved, and Trustee Hackney seconded the motion to adjourn.

The board unanimously approved the motion by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis
Village Clerk