

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS  
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL  
33 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
June 19, 2017 – 7:15 PM**

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Hayes; Trustees Baldino, Glasgow, LaBedz, Tinaglia, Scaletta, Sidor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Rosenberg; Trustee Blackwood joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus; Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. **INTERVIEW OF PAUL BALGA FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/19**

The Board reviewed Mr. Balga’s resume and discussed his interest in serving on the Environmental Commission. Trustee Sidor asked Mr. Balga about the GE Green Team he heads up and some of its initiatives. Mr. Balga said the team’s initiatives have included banning Styrofoam cups on the company’s premises and replacing with compostable paper cups, reusable drinking cups, and mugs. The company has annual earth day events and tries to bring visibility to reduction in energy.

Trustee Scaletta asked if he had attended an Environmental Commission meeting before and if he was familiar with the group. Although he has not attended a meeting, Mr. Balga said he was looking forward to becoming familiar with the group. He said he is committed to the environmental aspect and feels his background would be a good fit for the team and is anxious to join it. He said he would like to expand the mission of the Environmental Commission and continue with effective ideas, as was done with walking paths, idle-free zone, and anti-flooding initiatives. He said he would like to continue that type of impact and work within the team.

Following discussion, **TRUSTEE SIDOR MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF PAUL BALGA TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/19. TRUSTEE BALDINO SECONDED THE MOTION.** The motion passed 7-0.

2. **INTERVIEW OF AARON COON FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/20**

Mayor Hayes introduced Mr. Coon and said he has been a licensed architect for over 20 years with great experience that would lend itself to contribute to the Design Commission. Mayor Hayes said they talked about how Mr. Coon would approach various petitions that come forward before the Design Commission and said it was consistent with what the Design Commission has done over the years.

Mr. Coon said he has designed a house and is therefore familiar with the Design Commission guidelines. He said he is impressed with the guidelines and feels they are a good starting point for architects and developers.

Trustee Tinaglia said Mr. Coon will have an opportunity to grow and learn by observing the veteran commissioners on the Design Commission on how things work. Trustee Tinaglia said it is important to help petitioners through what can be a difficult process.

Trustee Scaletta asked Mr. Coon if he has ever represented residents before the Design Commission. Mr. Coon said he has represented a resident before. Trustee Scaletta said that his concern with the Design Commission is that comments made by commissioners can sometimes make a resident feel they will not get approval.

Mr. Coon said if residents are following the Design guidelines, the approach by commissioners should be to help them along to reach their goal.

Following discussion, **TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF AARON COON TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/20. TRUSTEE TINAGLIA SECONDED THE MOTION.** The motion passed 7-0.

3. **INTERVIEW OF BENJAMIN JAFFE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – TERM ENDING: 4/30/18**

The Board reviewed Mr. Jaffe's resume and discussed his interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Jaffe has been a long-time resident and wanted to get more involved in the community. He has been president of the Historic Arlington Neighborhood Association for a number of years and Mayor Hayes felt Mr. Jaffe would be a good fit for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Trustee LaBedz asked Mr. Jaffe what sparked his interest in the ZBA. Mr. Jaffe said he thought zoning would be a good opportunity to start to learn a number of different ways in which residents and commercial interests can sustain and continue to make Arlington Heights a great place to live. He feels he can contribute his time and talents in an area where he has had to learn from a business perspective how to navigate.

Trustee Glasgow said the ZBA is different from every other board and Mr. Jaffe has the ability to make decisions that can affect generations to come.

**TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BENJAMIN JAFFE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE LABEDZ SECONDED THE MOTION.** The motion passed 7-0.

Trustee Blackwood joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

4. **INTERVIEW OF CHARLOTTE OBODZINSKI FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/20**

Mayor Hayes introduced Ms. Obodzinski and said she is well qualified for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission and appreciates her willingness to serve.

Trustee Sidor asked Ms. Obodzinski to share her thoughts about Arlington Heights. Ms. Obodzinski said she was a reverse commuter on transit for eight years. Her first exposure to the Village was trying to cross Algonquin Road to and from her bus stop on a regular basis. She has been an urban planner for Pace Bus for nine years and said access to transit is important and more can be done to connect routes in the region. She said she had discussed with Mayor Hayes some of the initiatives Pace is doing on Interstate 90 with making big changes in pedestrian environments around the Interstate. She feels Arlington Heights is a candidate for these improvements.

Trustee Glasgow talked about the Walk Arlington project that advises people about routes to Arlington Heights, making it easier for people to walk. Ms. Obodzinski said she would like to make bike, pedestrian and transit use more about people and less about vehicles. She commended the work the Village did on the CMAP update to the bike and pedestrian plan that includes the Walk Arlington project.

Trustee Scaletta thanked Ms. Obodzinski for her willingness to serve and asked if she had background on applying for grants. She said as the rapid transit project manager for Pace she is familiar with and routinely works on grants.

**TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF CHARLOTTE OBODZINSKI TO THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/20. TRUSTEE LABEDZ SECONDED THE MOTION.** The motion passed 8-0.

5. **INTERVIEW OF JOHN WALSH FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/18**

The Board reviewed Mr. Walsh’s resume and discussed his interest in serving on the Arts Commission. Mayor Hayes introduced Mr. Walsh as someone familiar with the Village and said he appreciated his willingness to serve on the Arts Commission.

Trustee Scaletta said it is good to have someone on the Arts Commission who is familiar with the arts but can also help the Commission move forward. He said Mr. Walsh’s experience in infrastructure along with his experience as a team leader would be good for the Arts Commission.

Trustee LaBedz said Mr. Walsh’s openness and willingness to serve on the Arts Commission and bringing a fresh perspective will be beneficial to the Commission and to the Village.

Trustee Glasgow said Mr. Walsh will be an excellent addition to the Arts Commission.

**TRUSTEE LABEDZ MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN WALSH TO THE ARTS COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE SCALETTA SECONDED THE MOTION.** The motion passed 8-0.

6. **INTERVIEW OF SCOTT MAHON FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/18**

The Board reviewed Scott's resume and discussed his interest in serving on the Youth Commission. Mayor Hayes introduced Scott, a student at Buffalo Grove High School, as being a very involved individual.

Trustee Scaletta thanked Scott for his willingness to serve. He urged Scott to make time for the Youth Commission because he would get a lot out of it. Trustee Scaletta said he believed that with the ideas Scott has he would be a good fit for the Commission.

Mayor Hayes asked Scott what the concerns are for teenagers at Buffalo Grove High School and throughout the Village. Scott said some topics are bullying, how to stop bullying as a bystander, and how to tell a teacher before a problem gets worse. He said it is also important for teenagers to have a place to hang out without feeling out of place.

**TRUSTEE SIDOR MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT MAHON TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE TINAGLIA SECONDED THE MOTION.** The motion passed 8-0.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Scaletta moved, and Trustee LaBedz seconded the motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.