



HOMER TOWNSHIP

Special Town Meeting Minutes October 13, 2021 at 6:00P.M. Village of Homer Glen, Board Room 14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen

The meeting will be conducted at the Village of Homer Glen in accordance with Illinois Gubernatorial Executive Orders, Restore Illinois Phase 5 and CDC Guidelines. An audio recording of the meeting will be available on the website: <http://www.homertownship.com/>

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order on October 13, 2021, by Village of Homer Glen Mayor George Yukich and Homer Township Supervisor Steve Balich at 6:03 pm at the Village of Homer Glen Board Room, 14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, Illinois 60491.
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call:
Present from the Village of Homer Glen were Mayor Yukich, Trustees LaHa, Pazmino, Rodgers, Fialko, Reynders, and Consolino.
Present from Homer Township were Supervisor Steve Balich, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio, Trustees Matt Connelly, Angela Adolf, Michael Bonomo, and Clerk Vicki Bozen.
Trustee Rob Rivera arrived at 6:04 pm. *A quorum was established*
4. Public Comment: none
5. Discussion and possible action to transfer Homer Township Parks to the Village of Homer Glen:
 - a. Culver Park located at 14600 S. Parker Road;
 - b. Goreham Park located at 14431 S Pheasant Lane;
 - c. Lamers Park located at 12307 W. Lakeview Trail;
 - d. Sendra Park located at 14727 S. Greenbrier Lane;
 - e. Yangas Park located at 12001 W. Venetian Way; and
 - f. The Ball Fields Park located at 14350 W. 151st Street.

Discussion began with the interim Village manager Matt mentioning that he had a memo on the potential costs and impact of taking over the parks. Most recent IGA reflects what most of the board wants.

Supervisor Balich discussed the reason we were doing this is that if Homer Glen existed when the park donations happened the Village would have received these and they are valued at about 10 million. Even after they were incorporated the Village was not ready to accept these parks. The Township Park levy should go down around 75%, but we still have to take care of Morris Park as that one is part of the City of Lockport, and we are working together with them. Township will maintain parks until May 1st and then the Village will take over and we will have a special town

meeting to have electors vote for this. Additionally, we will pass an ordinance. Question was raised if all parks that we are transferring are in the Village of Homer Glen and Balich answered that yes they are. The Township will continue to maintain parks and address if there is anything unsafe until they are transferred.

The inspection report addresses some issues including lack of mulch and this can be done by John Robinson their certified playground inspector and our park's guy Stan. Fialko mentioned it is built into the report, but it was realized that it is not in the IGA and Fialko recommend that it was put into IGA. Balich asked if his board is ok with this change, and they agreed.

John Robinson came forward to speak about playgrounds and said all playgrounds need to meet standards. Gorham playground needs safety mulch and rotted out timbers. Sidewalk that leads up to playground is cracked and should be addressed but this is not something Township needs to address. Culver Park basically same thing and most is just mulch. Inspection of sports field they did not find anything horrible. Other things that could be addressed but we were looking at immediate safety issues. Additionally, would like to talk to Parks Committee about accessibility issues. F2075 is the wood fiber mulch that they are following.

Lawyer mentioned about the indemnification issues we want to make sure that up until May 1st the Township is responsible and after that will be the Village's responsibility.

As per Trustee Fialko

Part 11 should be eliminated as there is no need to renew. It would start with...the obligation and terms and end with property. Also, page 2 the 3rd whereas...including the direct sale or lease of single township Road District property.... take out single and put Homer and take out Road District. Ross said that is a direct quote and Balich said we can take that out

Page 6 letter B take out "generally" need to be crossed out and period after property.

Page 7 number 10 it should say, and the Village of Homer Glen agreed to settle any issues with expedited arbitration process. Fialko said to create a new number so that this is added.

Page 7 the last sentence in section 11 where it says agreement to where it ends with property.

Ross clarified we will only keep the 1st sentence of number 11.

Attorney Ross says Part 9 on page 7 that starts with finally and ends with property we will strike that.

Motion to pass said changes and to proceed with transfer by Homer Township.

1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo

Roll Call

Ayes (5) Adolf, Rivera, Connelly, Bonomo, Balich

Nay (0)

6. Adjournment by both Village and Township

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

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