

Village of Gilberts  
87 Galligan Road  
Gilberts, Illinois 60136  
Committee of the Whole  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Zirk called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He proceeded to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call/Establish Quorum**

Village Clerk Meadows called the roll. Roll call: Members present: Trustees Corbett, Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell, Hacker and President Zirk. 1-absent: Trustee Clark. Others present: Administrator Keller, Finance Director Blocker, Assistant to the Village Administrator Beith and Village Clerk Meadows. For members of the audience please see the attached list.

**Presentations**

**Prairie Valley Family YMCA**

Ms. Jennifer Alberts, Operations Executive introduced the YMCA Staff. In attendance were Mr. Brad Duewel, Youth Sport Coordinator, Christine Guihan, Youth and Family Coordinator and Jason Behrends, Associate Vice President of Operations. Operations Executive Alberts proceeded to provide the Board Members with a brief overview of their FY2013-2014 programs. The YMCA will continue to offer after-school programs, baseball, soccer and basketball. In addition, they have tried offering a variety of adult fitness classes at their new location 50 Industrial Drive. However, the new programs have not been successful.

Ms. Alberts reported that the YMCA is not utilizing a good portion of the space available at the 50 Industrial Drive facility. They are interested in sharing the space with other non-profit organizations. Trustee Mierisch suggested the YMCA might want to consider contacting the Fox River Valley Library.

Administrator Keller reported that he and Ms. Alberts had discussed the possibility of the YMCA offering a pre-school program. Ms. Alberts reported that there are a lot of DCFS licensing requirements. However, she will continue researching the possibility.

Vice President of Operations Behrends reported that the YMCA's Board will meet Friday to consider adopting a management agreement with the Schaumburg YMCA. If adopted the agreement would allow for both organizations to share the expertise of each other's staff members including Schaumburg's CEO.

There was some discussion with respect to the loss of the Gilberts Elementary Preschool Program. The Board discussed the fact that the elimination of program has created a void that the community needs filled. Ms. Alberts acknowledged the void and was hopeful this type of programming was within the realm of Schaumburg's YMCA staffs' expertise.

Ms. Alberts reported that she is in the process of assembling a task force. In addition, the YMCA will be inserting a survey in the next Village newsletter. The task force will use the community surveys and other information to develop programming goals.

Ms. Alberts reported that the YMCA has partnered with Indian Hills Training Center and now will be offering horseback riding lessons.

The Board Members thanked the YMCA Staff Members for their time.

#### **Items for Discussion**

##### **Minutes from the February 5, 2013 Village Board Meeting**

President Zirk asked if there were any comments on the February 5, 2013 Village Board Meeting Minutes. There were no comments. The minutes will be placed on the next consent agenda.

##### **January 2013 Treasurer's Report**

President Zirk asked if there were any comments on the January 2013 Treasurer's Report. There were no comments. The Treasurer's Report will be placed on the next consent agenda.

##### **Resolution 02-2013, a Resolution approving the Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

There were no comments on the Executive Session Meeting Minutes. This matter will be placed on the next consent agenda.

##### **Resolution 03-2013, a Resolution authorizing the approval of the CY-2013 Recreation Programming Agreement with the Prairie Valley Family YMCA**

Trustee Mierisch inquired if there had been any changes from the previous agreements. Administrator Keller replied no. The Village will still be providing the garbage, port-a-potties services along with routine maintenance. Trustee Corbett inquired if the goal post required anchoring. Ms. Alberts replied yes. The YMCA will need to anchor the goal post. Trustee Corbett asked if there have been any conflict with other organization with respect to the field use. Staff replied no, to their knowledge there were no conflicts last season. Resolution 03-2013 will be placed on the next consent agenda.

**Resolution 04-2013, a Resolution authorizing the approval of the CY-2013 Programming Agreement with the Gilberts Grizzlies**

There were no comments on Resolution 04-2013. This matter will be placed on the next consent agenda.

**Staff Reports**

Assistant to the Village Administrator Beith reported that he along with Fox Valley Web Works is working on updating the Village web site. Trustee Mierisch inquired if residents could contact the Village via the web site. Staff replied yes, under the "Contact Us" tab.

Finance Director Blocker reported that this water billing cycle they had received over 250 late water payments from the online banking processing centers. In most cases the banks are willing to refund the customers late fees. Staff will place an article in the next newsletter reminding residents that if they are paying their utility bills online to allow 10-14 days for processing.

Village Clerk Meadows reported that she will be hosting a NIMCA Clerks meeting on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Currently 25 Illinois Municipal Clerks will be attending. Attorney Tappendorf will be presenting a session on Social Media & Governments-Legal and Ethical Issues.

**President's Report**

President Zirk inquired if Orion Landscaping is still donating turf fertilization services to the Waitcus and Memorial Park fields. Administrator Keller replied yes. President Zirk reported that he had been approached by another landscaping company also looking to donate services to the Village. Administrator Keller asked for their contact information. He will have Chief Building Inspector Swedberg contact them.

President Zirk expressed his deep frustration with District 300's School Board and their lack of empathy with respect to the proposed redistricting. President Zirk commented on the fact that the Village has been very supportive of the Gilberts' Elementary School. The past Board had loaned the School District 1.5 million dollars for the school site and 120,000 dollars for road improvements. In addition, the Village continues to pay for police services to direct traffic at the elementary school. The fact that they stated in the past that the school would grow with the community is now being ignored. In his opinion D300 is framing a different argument essentially trying to rewrite history.

A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to District 300's redistricting process. District 300's School Board reported that the process could take 1-2 years.

Trustee Zambetti passionately expressed his concerns with the School District's elimination of the pre-school program and the possibility of redistricting. He noted that the school was built to allow for expansion to accommodate an increase in the community's population. However, instead of expanding the school facility the School District would prefer to redistrict the schools which could divide the community and have the children attending various surrounding schools.

The Board Members collectively discussed what they believe to be their level of involvement in objecting to the proposed redistricting. Trustee Mierisch supports opposing the D300 redistricting. However, she believes it would be more effective to have the opposition resident driven with the Board acting as an advocate and providing the public with information.

There was some discussion on how the addition of the elementary school had brought connectivity to the neighborhoods. In addition, the elementary school has provided a sense of community.

Trustee Farrell commented on the hardship the D300 redistricting could impose on Gilberts' families.

There was some discussion on the various ways the Village Board could express their opposition to the D300 redistricting.

The Board Members discussed the need to collect information on the redistricting process and pass the information onto the residents via the Village Newsletter, website and hand out flyers at the Village's special events. In addition, the Board discussed drafting a Resolution opposing the redistricting.

Trustee Corbett will contact the PTO President and see what their position is on this matter and report back to the Board. Staff will continue to gather information and publicize the information as it becomes available.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, **a Motion was made by Trustee Zambetti and seconded by Trustee Farrell to adjourn from the public meeting at 8:34 p.m.** Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes by unanimous voice vote. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Meadows

