

# VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD – STUDY SESSION MINUTES

JANUARY 09, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wright at 5:00pm.

## SUBJECTS REQUIRING DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

### OFF THE BONE – ANTHONY FORMAN & JAMES PRESTON

Mayor Wright informed the board that he had the old police station appraised & it came in at \$60,000. He mentioned some of the plans discussed with those interested in the building. Discussion ensued about where to park the police cars & working with the Historical Society should we sell the building. Mayor Wright said he wanted the board to think about putting it out for a bid to vote at the next meeting.

### TULIE'S PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Wright said he met with the owners of the Tulie's building on Thursday as there has been no activity since December 16<sup>th</sup>. He was assured by the building owner they will be open March 1. Mayor Wright asked the board to think about the TIF extension come the meeting next week. If there is no activity between now & next week, he recommends the contract not be renewed.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION - FIREWORKS

Planning has begun for next year's celebration. It will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Wright asked the board to think about using the same vendor & spending approximately the same money as this year for fireworks. The village spent just over \$15,000 on fireworks & launching them.

### KRT PAVILION DESIGN CONCEPT

The Rail Trail has come up with approximately \$40,000, & Mayor Wright asked the board to consider giving \$50,000 to the project. He informed the board that the simpler concept, standard pavilion design, was agreed upon by all parties. It will go northwest of the memorial, will be approximately 20x30 with 24' trusses, will have concrete flooring, and will have a roof.

### PICKLEBALL COURTS @ OAKWOOD PARK

Mayor Wright said that Dustin is working on pricing to put pickleball courts where the horseshoe pit is currently. Discussion ensued about postponing anything with the park until a grant was secured. Mayor Wright pointed out that no one is working on a grant to his knowledge. An OSLAD grant is a great idea, but someone needs to be working on that, & so far no one has been found or hired to write the application. And the grant, if awarded, will not be available to be spent until 2025. It was discussed to continue with getting a cost on a couple of pickleball courts with striped pads, nets, etc. & it should not be affected by the plans for park reconfiguration.

### SOUTH MAIN STREET ROADWORK

Mayor Wright discussed with the board the possibility of opening parking from Olmstead to Oakwood Street along South Main Street. The plan is to widen the road to the right-of-way on village property to add parking for car shows, fairs, festivals, & the pavilion. He is working with Lisa to get a cost estimate & for design work to be completed.

### SCOTT STREET BRIDGE PLANS

Mayor Wright said we must decide on exploring options for replacing the small walking bridge on Scott Street. He said that Lisa has been working with Jameson Steel along with Champaign County & Urbana on putting something together. He asked for opinions from the board on replacing the bridge, if galvanized or steel was preferred, etc. Cathi questioned if this really is a priority & if money needed to be spent on this bridge with so many other ideas for the village. Mayor Wright said that it's all something for the board to consider getting costs for & then deciding. He said that his concern was that it was a liability since it's in bad shape, and he's simply looking to do something small that meets the requirements. He elaborated a bit on the details of the ideal bridge.

### OAK TREES DONATED BY DR HALLORAN FOR RAIL TRAIL

Dr. Halloran has donated 25 oak trees to be planted near the rail trail. Dustin is working with the county to get them planted, but Mayor Wright said that we've requested weed barriers to avoid the extra weed-eating it will cause our public works department.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Wright said the need for an Executive Session exists. Mr. Parr motioned. Mr. Fegett seconded.

	ELLIOTT	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X	
NAYS						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						X

The board went into session at 5:57p. The board exited executive session at 6:15p.

### OAKWOOD ON THE MOVE – TIM LEE

Mr. Lee introduced himself to the board as a liaison between Oakwood on the Move, our village board, and the school district. He reviewed the committee's goals & invited everyone to the upcoming meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Parr.

	ELLIOTT	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X	
NAYS						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						X

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36p.

Submitted by,



Lindsay Light

Approved 2.19.2024