

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE
TRUSTEES MINUTES

September 25, 2017
6:00 PM

Trustees

Susan Mills, Acting Chair
Chris Hunter
Doug Conly
Heather Bollman

Press

LSC, News 7

Public

Justin Smith
Lottie Nelson
Jean Guest
Steve Gray
Bill Humphrey
Leah (tenant 208 Depot St.)

1. Justin Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and asked for nominations for an Acting Chair in Ron Aiken's absence. Heather Bollman made a motion to nominate Susan Mills to Act as Chairperson for the meeting. Doug Conly seconded, and the motion carried 3-0-1 with Susan Mills abstaining.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda: There were no adjustments to the agenda.
3. Minutes: Heather Bollman made a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2017. Chris Hunter seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.
4. Orders: The Board signed the orders for weeks 38-39.
5. Bandstand Park Requests: The Lyndonville Chamber of Commerce has requested the use of Bandstand Park for their annual Trunk or Treat Event. The request is to use the Park on Tuesday October 31st, 2017 from 4-8 PM. They would like the opportunity to use electricity. Justin Smith noted that Chief Harris had requested that Maple Street be blocked off last year for safety reasons and Mr. Smith recommended adding that condition again this year. Chris Hunter made a motion to approve the Lyndonville Chamber's request with the condition that Maple Street be closed off. Doug Conly seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Catherine Barrows requested the use of Bandstand Park for her wedding on June 2, 2018. Her request was for two hours of time using the gazebo, there will be no electricity required, and the reception will be held off site. Chris Hunter made the motion to approve the Barrows' request. Heather Bollman seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

6. Depot Street Sidewalk: Jean Guest presented a letter requesting the Trustees reconsider removing the sidewalk on Depot Street East of the Railroad tracks (letter attached). Mrs. Guest main concern was safety, as a resident and landlord of several nearby buildings she felt uncomfortable walking without a sidewalk with her back to traffic. She was also afraid that small children in the apartments would be in danger walking. Ms. Guest was also afraid without a sidewalk the area would become commercial instead of residential. Lottie Nelson commented that there were sidewalks in much worse shape than this one. Susan Mills gave an explanation on behalf of the Board of the cost and work required to complete the project she noted that even after the project was paid for there still would not be a resolution to the on-going maintenance issue in the winter. Mr. Smith said that unfortunately there is not a good solution to this problem, on a yearly basis the Village budgets \$10,000 dollars for sidewalk replacement and repair. He continued by saying that this one stretch of sidewalk would cost the same

amount as what the Village spends in five years on sidewalks currently. He promised to continue looking for grants that could potentially be used to complete or replace sidewalks, but grant money is drying up. He said it is very difficult to raise the tax rate \$.07 for a relatively small project when people come into his office regularly saying they cannot afford to take another hit because they are on a fixed income.

7. Bandstand Park Trash and Waste: The Board discussed the trash situation in the Park. Justin Smith said it would be a fairly sizable time commitment to add trash barrels and recycling bins back to the park. Several, years ago when the crew could just go and grab trash bags toss the garbage and replace the bag it took them two hours per week. With the new recycling laws, the crew would likely spend hours sorting through the trash removing the recycling from the trash and the trash from the recycling. Mr. Smith felt that the recent appearance of an uptick in litter in the park may be due to the fact that we are only mowing every 8-10 days not every five or so as fall approaches. We have to pick up litter to mow so that we are not shredding it. Now that we are mowing less frequently there is 10 days' worth of trash not five that we are looking at. It was agreed that we have to depend on the public to be responsible and pick up after themselves it can't all fall on the Village Crew.

8. Other:

None.

Having no other business the meeting was turned over to LED at 6:48 PM.