

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017
4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER made by Village President Paula McCombie at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Abbate, Guranovich, Kerman, Stagno.

Absent: Cohen and Patel

Others present: Administrator Palmer, Police Chief Roman, Financial Officer Bodie, Village Engineer Karney, Building Officer Moreland, Arboretum Manager Cory Born and Arboretum Marketing Manager Monika Kalicki. Also present by telephone: Mark Salmon with Starwood and Chris Burka representing the Rascal Flatts Restaurant interest.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of minutes of Special Meeting of February 16, 2017.

Motion made by Trustee Guranovich to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 16, 2017. Seconded by Trustee Kerman. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

2. Approval of Warrant Run #1 in the amount of \$15,669.21.

Motion made by Trustee Abbate to approve Warrant Run #1 in the amount of \$15,669.21. Seconded by Trustee Kerman. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Rascal Flatts

Ms. Born opened the meeting with Mr. Burka and Mr. Salmon on the conference call. Trustee Kerman asked about the ratio of restaurant to bar area. Mr. Burka explained that the concept is a restaurant with live music, and not a night club. The focus will be on the food and include a live music venue. Mayor McCombie asked how national musical acts would be handled at the venue, selling tickets etc. Burka explained the hours for shows and how ticketing would be handled. It is expected that eight ticketed events would be held per year. Hours would be dependent upon the parameters of the liquor license, but were planned to be Monday thru Wednesday, 10 AM – 10 PM, Thursday 10 AM – 11 PM, Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 1 AM. Mayor McCombie asked about the patio seating as part of the restaurant. Burka explained that speakers outside the building would be positioned downward to reduce spreading noise. Decibel levels would be in the 90-100 decibel range. Burka said the bar and stage area would be approximately 7,000 square feet, with the bar area alone being 1,500 square feet. The Board briefly discussed the location of the restaurant within the Arboretum. Trustee Stagno asked about parking for the restaurant, noting the shortage of parking in the area. Ms. Born commented that the center is working on adding more parking. The Board discussed the outside seating, how it would be covered and how it would be closed off in winter. Burka explained that their first opening would be in Stamford, CT on May 1st and would be a free-standing building. Their next location would be in Cleveland and would be opening in the summer. Burka explained his connection to the Chicago area, being born in Bartlett, lived in Chicago and

Schaumburg. Trustee Abbate expressed concern regarding the concert nights, which are late nights and essentially turns the venue into a bar. Burka explained that the restaurant would be open for late meals. Mayor McCombie asked if the eight shows per year could become more. Burka explained that logistics would prevent more than eight shows per year. Trustee Guranovich asked about security at the major events. Burka explained the use of a private firm that is brought in on event nights for such purposes. Trustee Guranovich asked of the possibility that the Village's off-duty officers might be hired for assistance with large expected crowds. Burka indicated being open to the suggestion. Board discussed the general concerns for the proposal, the late nature of the operation, lack of parking, large groups and noise. Burka explained how the artists are paid and that the revenue from ticket sales covers security expenses. The Mayor and Board ended the conference call and continued to discuss the restaurant concept. Consensus was in favor of the restaurant/entertainment concept for the Arboretum going forward.

NEW BUSINESS – Development at Rt. 59 and Higgins Road

Trustee Kerman asked for an update on the proposed development at the northwest corner of Rt. 59 and Higgins Road, where Hoffman Estates is holding hearing on a proposed Tax Increment Financing District. Mayor McCombie gave a brief update on the upcoming Joint Review Board meeting that was being held on March 21st in Hoffman Estates at 1:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Kerman to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Stagno. The motion passed by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by
Bob Palmer, Administrator