

VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

JANUARY 20, 2015

The Special Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Smith at Turnberry Country Club. Present were Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Sexson II, and Thomas. Trustee Davis was absent. Also present were Village Manager Catherine Peterson; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Chief of Police Leigh Rawson; Deputy Manager Shannon Andrews; and many members of the public.

PRESENTATION BY CHICAGOLAND SPORTSPLEX INC., N.F.P. FOR A DEVELOPMENT AT THE SOUTHWEST INTERSECTION OF ILLINOIS ROUTE 47 AND ILLINOIS ROUTE 176: Mike Turner, Vice President of the proposed Chicagoland Sportsplex Inc., NFP, project introduced Lou Tenore, President and Executive Director of proposed Chicagoland Sportsplex, Inc. NFP; Jack Porter project coordinator; Bud Daggett, Board Member and Real Estate Developer; and Townsend Albright, Borrower's Project Consultant. Mr. Turner highlighted the proposed project's design of an indoor and outdoor facility and retail center. The proposed venue will be suited for high end tournament sports; local regional, and international; with a training facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were a variety of comments and questions posed by the public. Several Village residents expressed concern over the establishment of a TIF District within the Village. Concerns ranged from taxpayer risk, increased property taxes; property values, and the use of TIF funds.

Other concerns consisted of soil testing, environmental studies, green space, recreational open space, traffic congestion, widening of Route 47, public safety, intersection safety and traffic control issues.

Many homeowners west of Route 47 are concerned about Hamilton Road access and the traffic impact on their subdivision. The proposed venue will have seasonal traffic and game/practices will have varied scheduling. Hamilton Road homeowners also expressed anxiety over light and noise pollution; property values.

Some were apprehensive about how much TIF money will be spent on proposed project and who is responsible if bonds are not repaid. Also discussed was the success/failure rate of the proposed project.

President Smith assured all that this is a private project not public. The venture will pay all applicable taxes and will not be tax exempt. President Smith commented that the Village is looking for the best use of this land parcel that will benefit all.

VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS: None

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With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Sexson II, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Sexson II, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried. The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen
Village Clerk

Approved: _____ January 27, 2015