

VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE
EMERGENCY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 14, 2020 * 3:15 P.M.
Minutes

Present: In person - President Palmer. By Zoom Video Conference - Trustees Haas, Cornell, Kressin, and Irwin, Domaszek, Michalski.
In person- Village Manager David De Angelis, Zoning and Planning Administrator/Assistant to the Village Manager Thomas Harrigan, and Village Attorney Linda de la mora.

1. Bring Meeting to Order and Roll Call
President Palmer brought the meeting to order at 3:17 P.M. Thomas Harrigan took the roll.
2. Discussion and possible action on re-opening Village facilities.

Mr. De Angelis provided a background summary related to the timeline of Governor Tony Evers Safer at Home order which was recently overturned by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Waukesha County has not provided and guidelines or specific orders related to the re-opening of business, public spaces, religious institutions or mass gatherings.

President Palmer noted the Village only has the ability to regulate the use of Village property and facilities. With that be stated, President Palmer asked the Board if:

- a. Outdoor Considerations: The Board is inclined to open tennis courts, basketball courts and playground equipment and post notice that Village staff is not sanitizing these spaces regularly.
- b. Indoor Considerations: The Board is inclined to open Village Hall for meeting room reservations and public restrooms.

Trustee Haas

- a. Outdoor Considerations: Commented that the playground area will most likely be the most contaminated location in the park with children playing on it.
- b. Indoor Considerations: Commented that he feels non Village groups should not be permitted into Village Hall for the use of meet rooms and other facilities at this time. Only Village held meetings should be conducted within the meeting rooms.

Trustee Michalski

- a. Outdoor Considerations: Commented the park should be opened to the public with notifications being posted which states, "use at your own risk". There should also be size limit on the total number of people that may congregate at the gazebo.
- b. Indoor Considerations: Commented the Village should proceed with increased caution for the indoor uses, rather than opening to the public completely.

Trustee Irwin

- a. Outdoor Considerations: Stated she is taking a more conservative approach. The park bathrooms should not be opened, gazebo rentals should be suspended at this time.
- b. Indoor Considerations: Village Hall should remain largely closed to the public for use and meetings should continue to be conducted via video conferencing.

Trustee Cornell

- a. Outdoor Considerations: Commented the park should be opened to the public with cautionary signage in place. This includes the bathrooms in Village park. The end users will need to assume the risk.
- b. Indoor Considerations: Meetings should continue via video conferencing and the number of public participants attending the meetings should be limited.

Trustee Domaszek

- a. Outdoor Considerations: Stated the park should be opened, the playground, bathrooms, gazebo and ball fields. There should be signage posted indicating users should proceed with caution.
- b. Indoor Considerations: Video conference meetings should continue and there should be a limited number of people allowed to attend in person.

Trustee Kressin

- a. Outdoor Considerations: Open the park, including the bathrooms, ball courts and gazebo rentals for no more than fifty people. However, the playground should remain closed as this is a high “touch” location.
- b. Indoor Considerations: Village Hall should continue operating as is until further notice.

Trustee Kressin motioned to continue operating the interior of Village hall as is until further notice and for the park to re-open bathroom facilities, basketball courts and gazebo rentals for no more than fifty people. However the playground is to remain closed.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

President Palmer motioned to continue the current practices for inside Village Hall for the foreseeable future with meetings continuing to be conducted via video conferencing. Public attendance at meetings will be limited on a first come, first serve basis, with six foot spacing to be enforced. Outside groups and organizations are not allowed to utilize inside facilities until a later date. The Public will be allowed to submit comments and questions via video conferencing, but not allowed to participate in the video portion of the meeting. Trustee Irwin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Attorney de la Mora stated the Village should be prepared to relocate the meeting when capacity of the room is unable to accommodate the number of people in attendance.

President Palmer called the question on the motion and the second.

Motion carried 7-0.

Prior to existing the meeting, Trustee Irwin opined that she opposed to the reopening of the Village Park at least until the 26th of May.

Trustee Michalski motioned to open the park with notifications posted that the public is to use the park at their own risk. The public bathroom will be opened and reservations may be taken for park facilities for no more than fifty people. The playground will also be opened for public use. Trustee Domaszek seconded. Motion carried 4-2.

Attorney de la Mora asked if the library is now re-opened.

President Palmer stated the library management will make the determination when to re-open.

3. Other Business

None.

4. Adjourn

As there was no other business, Trustees Kressin and Cornell moved and seconded to adjourn at 3:52 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Harrigan
Zoning and Planning Administrator/
Assistant to the Village Manager