

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2004**

Present: Mayor C. Kent Kroeber
Trustee David du Pont
Trustee Nancy Hays
Trustee Oliver Parker
Trustee Russell Vernon

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Richard Morrow, Dep. Chief Culhane, Jim Burger, Sally Sonne, Peter Regna, Michele Lindsay, Lili Neuhauser

Mayor Kroeber called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Hays, seconded by Trustee Parker that the minutes of the January 21, 2004 Board of Trustees meeting be approved.

Vote of the Board: Trustee David du Pont - aye
Trustee Vernon – aye
Trustee Parker – aye
Trustee Hays – aye
Mayor Kroeber – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Sally Sonne stated that the lock on the Dow gate was not operating properly. A discussion was held.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - The report, read by Trustee Parker, was discussed. A copy is attached. Mayor Kroeber stated that he met with Peter Regna regarding the BAR Procedures and that he is editing the latest draft of the procedures. Mr. Morrow is continuing to look into the warranty on the RBC's at the sewer plant.

DPW REPORT – The report was discussed. A copy is attached. Mr. Morrow reported that the repair of Tuxedo Road near the Breezes will be done in the Spring.

POLICE REPORT - The synopsis of the monthly report is attached.

911 Addresses: Dep. Chief Culhane reported that his department is personally contacting each of the 65 households (where the discrepancies exist) so that the information can be put on the appropriate form before being forwarded to the 911 Center. Trustee Vernon reported that only one third of the Emergency Information Forms have been completed and returned to the Police Department.

BUILDING PERMITS

A motion was made by Trustee du Pont, seconded by Trustee Vernon that the building permit application of Projector 80 (Hellman residence/formerly Liebowitz), East Lake Road, for interior renovations at a cost of \$300,000 be approved.

Vote of the Board: Trustee Hays – aye
 Trustee Parker – aye
 Trustee du Pont – aye
 Trustee Vernon – aye
 Mayor Kroeber – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Trustee Vernon reported that 12 deer were culled in January. A report published by Cornell University, *Learning by Doing: Deer Management in Urban and Suburban Communities*, includes a section on Tuxedo Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Trustee Hays reported that the Board continues to receive copies of correspondence regarding the Conjunction LLC Application from municipalities that are opposed to the project. A seven-page letter dated January 22, 2004 was also received from the NYSDEC stating their preliminary comments and questions. Trustee Hays also reported that her Committee has concerns regarding the use of landscaping pesticides in the Village and their possible runoff into the lakes. She read statistical excerpts from a brochure on pesticides published by an organization called *Beyond Pesticides*. The Committee recommended that some type of monitoring procedure be established for the use of pesticides in the Village.

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Mayor Kroeber reported that the Committee met on February 10th and appointed member Alan Heywood, as Deputy Chairman. Each member was asked to make a wish list of projects that would improve and enhance the Village's properties. A proposal from the Garden Club for improvement of all (13) triangles (Islands in the Park) within the Village was presented by Michele Lindsay. She stated that the Club will approach landscapers, who work in the Park, to improve selected islands on a pro bono basis. The focus will be on four for this year. An Oversight Committee was also established with the members being Michele Lindsay, Chauncie Rodzianko and Lili Neuhauser. Mrs. Neuhauser stated that trees and shrubs (that will be plaqued with the donor's name) are the preferred donation rather than money. The Board approved the Garden Club's Islands in the Park proposal.

WEE WAH BEACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Mayor Kroeber stated that Philip Tavani, Chairman of the Wee Wah Beach Advisory Committee, will give a presentation at the April 21, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION DAY – Mayor Kroeber announced that the Village Election will be held on June 15, 2004 from noon to 9:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, with two Trustee positions open currently held by Nancy Hays and Russell Vernon.

TOWN RECREATION – Mayor Kroeber stated that the Town Recreation Department has again requested use of the Wee Wah Beach for the summer months. Trustee du Pont stated that he had previously discussed, with Supervisor Magar, an increase in the fee to the Village. The fee was not mentioned in the Recreation Department's request and the matter will be tabled until the March Trustee meeting.

DPW UNION NEGOTIATIONS – Mayor Kroeber stated that he has begun contract negotiations with the DPW union, IBEW. The current contract expires May 31, 2004.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – Mayor Kroeber stated that he has forwarded a draft copy of the Employee Handbook, as requested, to the Village's insurance carrier for their review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Trustee du Pont stated that some residents have asked him for a report of the Fire Department expenditures. He will obtain the report and make it available at the Village Office. He will also contact the Fire District for a copy of their latest income and expenditure statement.

AUDIT OF BILLS– Bills in the amount of \$69,141.79 for the General Fund, claim numbers 2-1 to 2-103 and \$24,512.67 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W2-1 to W2-21 were audited and ordered paid.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Mayor Kroeber, seconded by Trustee du Pont, that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss a specific personnel issue and union negotiations. The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

REOPEN REGULAR SESSION - The regular session was reopened at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Hays, seconded by Trustee Parker that the meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m. The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer