



# Village of Savoy

Savoy Municipal Center

611 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874

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| <b><u>MINUTES OF</u></b><br><b><u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING</u></b> |
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DATE: September 14, 2016

PLACE: Savoy Municipal Center  
611 North Dunlap Ave.  
Savoy, IL 61874

TRUSTEES PRESENT: President Robert C. McCleary, Trustees John Brown, Joan Dykstra, Jan Niccum, Becky Pittman, Dee Shonkwiler, and William Smith

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

OFFICERS AND

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Richard Helton, Village Manager  
Levi Kopmann, Director of Public Works/Engineer  
Jesse Stephens, Operations Superintendent  
Dennis Donaldson, Director of Planning and Economic Development  
C. David Well, Village Treasurer  
Mike Forrest, Fire Chief, Savoy Fire Department  
Gary Zinn, Director of Savoy Business Development  
Tiffany DeSpain, Savoy Recreation Center Program Director  
Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

OFFICERS AND

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Mindy Basi, County Star  
Cathy Colbert Inman and Roger Inman  
Caroline Ewing – United Way  
Stacy Billman, United Way  
Trevor Taylor, Kristen Long, Josie Donovan, United Way

CONVENED: 7:00 P.M

ADJOURNED: 8:10 P.M.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL TAKEN, QUORUM DECLARATION

President McCleary called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call taken of President McCleary and all Trustees with President McCleary and all Trustees answering present, and a quorum declared.

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President McCleary led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President McCleary asked for public comment on the agenda and non-agenda items.  
No public comment on agenda or non-agenda items.

## **4. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

President McCleary asked if there were other agenda items to be added.

Trustee Smith passed out a copy of the 2015 Update for the East-Central Illinois Regional Water Supply Planning Committee of the Mahomet Aquifer and stated he was very unhappy about the State of Illinois taking back the grant for the Mahomet Aquifer and now this Committee is very low on funding and probably will not meet until February of 2017. He also believes this Committee will be calling various communities for donations.

## **5. BUSINESS**

### **A. PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF COLBERT PARK**

Cathy Inman commented that she was so appreciative and happy that the Dana Colbert Sr. Park had been named after her father who had served as Chairman of the Savoy Plan Commission for 43 years from March 1960 until 2003 and she and her husband, Roger, were there tonight to gift \$20,000 to Savoy for four (4) musical instruments to be installed in Colbert Park (\$13,000-\$14,000) for the four instruments and approximately \$6,000 for landscaping. Cathy and Roger Inman presented a power point on Freenotes Harmony Park in Silverton, CO where they had seen these musical instruments. They explained that these musical instruments were created by Grammy Award-winning Musician Richard Cooke and are real instruments that can be used to play intuitional music by people of all ages and abilities, and are set up so there is no tuning needed and no difficult movements are required to play them. They also explained that this unique experience connects people through creativity in outdoor environments, creating a sense of joyful community and belonging for players and listeners and there are no wrong notes. Dick Helton stated that other work for this development can be done by Savoy's Public Works Department.

Caroline Ewing presented The United Way "Emerging Community Leaders" (ECL) Group which included herself, as well as Stacy Billman, Trevor Taylor, Josie Donovan, and Kristen Long and stated they would be volunteering to install the Born Learning Trail. She said it would be the first in Champaign County, was very innovative, and there is one such Learning Trail in the Bloomington-Normal area, and was for ages 0-5 and was fun and engaging and would create positive change for Savoy's Colbert Park. Caroline presented a power point showing what the Born Learning Trail would look like.

Levi Kopmann presented a drawing illustrating where the four musical instruments area and the "Born Learning Trail" would be located that also included landscaping and the location of the future development of the soccer, baseball and softball fields. Kopmann stated he believed the musical instruments area and Born Learning Trail could be completed by Spring of 2017.

Dick Helton stated the Village cost for these two projects would be approximately \$100,000, less the Innans' \$20,000 donation, United Way volunteering donation, leaving the Village's share to be in the \$75,000 range.

Most of the Trustees were very excited about the proposed developments presented for the Colbert Park, believed they would be wonderful for the community and the consensus of the Trustees was to authorize Village Staff to continue with the two concepts as presented for Colbert Park.

Trustee Niccum stated his concern that he hoped there would be enough room for the long planned soccer, baseball, and softball fields. Levi Kopmann stated there still was enough room for these projects also.

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. SAVOY VILLAGE TREASURER**

President McCleary and the Trustees reviewed the Treasurer's Revenue/Expenditure Report for the 4 months ending August 31, 2016 and the Check Register – Schedule of Accounts Payable for checks issued from 8/01/16 through 8/31/16.

**Trustee Smith moved to approve and pay the Schedule of Accounts Payable for the month ending August 31, 2016, as presented, seconded by Trustee Brown;**

**By Trustee Vote:**

**Ayes: Brown, Dykstra, Pittman, Niccum, Shonkwiler, Smith**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

### **A. SAVOY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

President McCleary and the Trustees reviewed the Savoy Fire Department Activity Report and Fire Incident Summary for the period 8/01/16 through 8/31/16.

### **B. SAVOY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

President McCleary and the Trustees reviewed the Director's Report from Gary Zinn dated 9/1/16.

### **C. SAVOY RECREATION CENTER**

President McCleary and the Trustees reviewed the Report dated September 2016 from Tiffany DeSpain, Savoy Recreation Center Director.

## **7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees meeting, on motion to adjourn made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Brown, President McCleary adjourned the open and public Board of Trustees meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**/s/ Billie Jean Krueger**

**Village Clerk**

**This meeting was recorded.**

**Approved 10-5-16**