

# Village of Gilberts

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## Village Administrator Memorandum 06-11

**TO:** President Rick Zirk  
Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Ray Keller, Village Administrator *RK*

**DATE:** January 14, 2011

**RE:** Village Board Meeting – January 18, 2011

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The following summary discusses the agenda items for the Village Board meeting scheduled for January 18, 2011:

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM

### 3. PRESENTATION

#### A. Chief of Police's Commendation Award

Officers Steve Mueller and Michael Oberth will be recognized for their exceptional performance at the scene of a murder investigation on August 18, 2010.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

*Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by request.*

#### A. Motion to approve Minutes for the January 4, 2011 Village Board meeting

The minutes were reviewed at the January 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting. If you have any corrections, please notify Staff prior to the meeting. Staff recommend approval.

#### B. Motion to approve Minutes for the January 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting

Please review the enclosed minutes, which were not previously reviewed at a Committee of the Whole meeting. Please contact Staff prior to the meeting with any corrections or questions. Staff recommend approval.

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**C. Motion to approve December 2010 Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for December 2010 was reviewed at the January 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting. Please contact me prior to the meeting if you have any questions. Staff recommend approval.

**D. Motion to approve the Bills and Salaries dated January 4, 2011**

Please refer to the enclosed spreadsheet, which lists the bills to be approved. If you need additional information about any of these bills, please contact me or Finance Director Marlene Blocker prior to the meeting. Staff recommend approval.

**6. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

There are no new items for Board action, except any removed from the Consent Agenda.

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. Consideration of Resolution 03-2011, a Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the Happy Tails Bark Park Committee in the developing a Bark Park**

The Village will host an open house on the Bark Park concept in the board room before the start of the January 18 board meeting. The open house is intended to provide residents an opportunity to ask questions and weigh in on the proposed dog park. Village Staff and representatives from the Bark Park Committee will be available to discuss the project. Comments provided at the open house will be forwarded to the Board's attention.

Staff prepared the enclosed draft resolution as an expression of support for the concept, rather than approval a specific agreement. Once an establish not-for-profit entity is identified as the official dog park operator, the Village can then enter into a field-usage agreement with that entity, similar to the Village's agreements with the YMCA, the Grizzlies and the Renegades. The resolution includes conditions that outline the Village's expectations for the operation of the dog park. The conditions were based on the Village's other field-usage agreements and on earlier questions from the Board. The resolution expresses the Village Board's receptiveness to entering into an agreement with the not-for-profit entity for the dog park once the conditions have been addressed.

The resolution can be adjusted to accommodate new questions, information or expectations. Staff can then prepare an amended resolution for the Board's action at the February 1 meeting, unless directed otherwise.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Community Policing Updates**

**B. Enhanced DUI Program**

**C. CERT Training**

Police Chief Steve Williams will provide updates on Community Policing, CERT training, and the Enhanced DUI Program, which will start on January 15.

**9. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Please contact me with any questions about current closed session topics.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Village Board of Trustees  
Meeting Agenda  
Village of Gilberts  
87 GALLIGAN ROAD,  
GILBERTS, ILLINOIS 60136  
January 18, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**

**A G E N D A**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**3. PRESENTATION**

Chief's Commendation Award- Officer Steve Mueller & Officer Michael Oberth

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. A Motion to approve Minutes from the January 4, 2011 Village Board Meeting
- B. A Motion to approve Minutes from the January 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- C. A Motion to approve December 2010 Treasurer's Report
- D. A motion to approve Bills and Salaries Dated January 18, 2011

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**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A portion of the meeting will be closed to the Public, effective immediately as Permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village, and as permitted by 5 ILCS 102/2 ( c ) (11) to discuss litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the Village which has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal of which is imminent and as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (21) to review and approve closed session minutes and as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) 2 Collective negotiating matters.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Anyone indicating a desire to speak during Public Comments will be acknowledged by the Village President. Please state your name, address and topic when called upon to speak. All remarks are to be addressed to the Village President and Board of Trustees as a whole, not to any specific person(s). Interrogation of the Village Staff, Village President, Village Board or any of their comments will not be allowed at this time. Personal invectives against Village Staff or Elected Officials are not permitted

To ensure that everyone who wishes to speak has the opportunity to do so, please limit your comments to five minutes. Additional time may be granted at the discretion of the Village President.

If you have written comments, please provide a copy to the Village President. If there are a number of individuals present to speak on the same topic, please designate a spokesperson that can summarize the issue.

During Public Comments, the Village President, Trustees and Staff will listen to comments and will not engage in discussion. The Village President or Trustees may ask questions to better understand your concern, suggestion or request. Please direct any personnel concerns to the Village Administrator before or after the meeting.

"The Village of Gilberts complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For accessibility assistance, please contact the Village Clerk at the Village Hall, telephone number 874/428-2861." *Assistive services will be provided upon request*

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Attached

**Village Board  
Committee of the Whole  
87 Galligan Road  
Gilberts IL 60136  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2011**

NOT APPROVED MINUTES

**Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance**

President Zirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He proceeded to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call / Establish Quorum**

President Zirk asked Clerk Meadows to call the roll. Roll call: Members present: Trustees Clark, Mierisch, Farrell and President Zirk. 3-absent: Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti and Cullotta. Others present: Administrator Keller, Finance Director Blocker, Chief Building Inspector Swedberg, Assistant to the Village Administrator Beith and Village Clerk Meadows. For members of the audience please see the attached list.

President Zirk reported that there was enough members present for a quorum. However, no action could be taken.

**Items for consideration**

**Minutes from the January 4, 2011 Village Board Meeting**

President Zirk asked if there were any comments on the minutes from the January 4, 2011 Village Board Meeting. No comments were provided the minutes will be placed on the next consent agenda.

**December 2010 Treasurer's Report**

President Zirk asked if there were any comments on the December 2010 Treasurer's Report. No comments were provided. The December 2010 Treasurer's Report will be placed on the next consent agenda.

**Items for Discussion**

**Garbage RFP**

Administrator Keller reported that the Village announced a request for proposal for refuse, recycling and yard waste removal services. All copies of the waste hauler's proposals have been made publicly available.

Administrator Keller elaborated on the current agreement with Allied Waste Service. He reported that the current agreement between the Village and Allied waste Service expires on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Village sent a letter on December 17<sup>th</sup> notifying them of the Village's decision to opt out of the current agreement.

Administrator Keller commented on staff's recommendation to secure a contract with MDC based on "Proposal 2" the lowest-cost alternative for a five-year period. Administrator Keller proceeded to introduce Mr. Greg York, General Manager for MDC. He asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. York. At this time there were no questions asked of General Manager York.

Trustee Mierisch inquired if the contract comparisons were apples to apples with respect to including all waste hauling within the Village limits. Administrator Keller responded by stating that the proposals are for residential services only. He recalled past Board discussion which directed staff to allow commercial users to secure their own waste hauling contracts. He went on to discuss options in which the Village could regulate the commercial waste haulers.

Administrator Keller noted that included in the proposals was an option in which the Village could include the waste hauling fees on the water bills. Trustee Mierisch asked if the Village had been in contact with the HOA's that currently have the waste hauling fees built into their association cost. Finance Director Blocker replied that she is in the process of contacting the Home Owner's Associations.

Trustee Clark inquired about the status of the current waste receptacles. He asked if they would need to be returned to Allied and if there would be a fee if the receptacles had been lost or damaged. Administrator Keller reported that the Village along with Mr. Lintner (Allied Waste Services representative) and Mr. York are working out some of the transition concerns.

Trustee Clark reported that Allied Waste Services had already notified the commercial users about the loss of the Village contract and informing them of their commercial rates. Trustee Clark suggested that in the interest of fairness the Village recommend to the other potential commercial waste haulers to consider supplying the Village's commercial users with their waste hauling rates.

Trustee Farrell inquired on how multi-business complexes would be handled. Administrator Keller replied that staff was in the process of working out the various details.

Trustee Clark inquired on the accounting standards that would be used with respect to combining the water and waste hauling fees. Finance Director Blocker is working with the auditors to develop a transparent accounting practice in which to separate the enterprise fund receipts.

Trustee Mierisch discussed the section in the proposal that identifies dividing the Village into three sections and picking-up waste on two different days of the week. General Manager York responded by reporting that most likely Timber Trails would be serviced on one day and on the alternate day the remainder of the town would be serviced.

President Zirk expressed his satisfaction with the MDC proposal. He noted that in his opinion the neighborhoods look tacky with garbage sitting on the curb two days a week. In addition, he agrees with allowing the commercial users the opportunity to secure their own waste hauling contracts.

President Zirk expressed his appreciation for the excellent service Allied Waste Service had provided to the Village throughout the years. He noted that the reason for the change was only due to cost considerations.

Trustee Mierisch asked if the Village would have access to a customer service representative. Finance Blocker replied yes.

Resident Sharon Glasshof asked if residents would have a choice in waste receptacle sizes. Administrator Keller replied yes, there are two size options.

Trustee Clark inquired if there would be a fee if a receptacle was lost. Administrator Keller will have to check on that.

There being no further questions, Administrator Keller reported that staff will work with MDC and the Village Attorney in drafting an agreement for Board consideration.

### **Building Fees**

Chief Building Inspector Swedberg gave an overview on his recommendation to change the commercial building permit fees computing formula to be based on per square footage.

President Zirk agreed with the premise on computing the fee for a commercial building permit on per square footage. However, he believed the Board's primary focus with respect to amending the building fee schedule was with their concerns on the cost of the ancillary permits (water heaters, signs, decks, pools, roofs). The Board Members concurred.

A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to the cost of the ancillary permits sometimes being more than the project materials cost.

The Board Members used the installation of a water heater as an example. The Board expressed concerns that the cost of the water heater is as a rule half the cost of the permit, inspection fee and bond.

Trustee Farrell recommended the inspection fees be built into the permit cost.

Administrator Keller reported that the permit fees can be set at whatever amount the Board deems appropriate. He commented on the fact that the permit fees were not meant to generate revenue. The fees are intended to be a life safety measure and insure installation or construction is performed correctly.

The Board Members discussed in length the requirement of a refundable bond deposit. Chief Building Inspector Swedberg commented on the intent of the refundable bond deposit. He noted that bond is held until the project is completed and has received a final inspection. The refundable bond policy is an incentive for residents and contractors to complete the permitted projects. Finance Director Blocker reported that depending on when the final inspection is completed it can take two to three weeks before the bond is returned. The Board Members along with staff discussed ways in which to expedite the return of the bond checks.

#### **Staff Reports**

Administrator Keller reported that he had meet with Mr. Polk, Mr. Conway, Ms. Tonelli, Attorney Curran, and Attorney Schuster to discuss the concerns with Elgin Recycling operations. Trustee Mierisch asked if the Village has drafted a timeline in which Elgin Recycling will need to be in compliance with their special use conditions. Administrator Keller responded by saying he is hopeful Mr. Polk and Mr. Conway can comprise and work together. In addition, Elgin Recycling's new equipment is due to arrive next week and he hopes this will alleviate the noise concerns.

Administrator Keller reported that the request for an amendment to Elgin Recycling's Special Use Permit will be brought before the Board for consideration in February.

Finance Director Blocker reported that there are three vacant homes with the water shut-off.

President Zirk commented on Finance Director Blocker's demeanor. He noted that she does not seem as frustrated with the water billing as in past years. She agreed. Finance Director Blocker stated since the Village has taken over the water and wastewater operations water billing and meter reading has become unproblematic.

Chief Building Inspector Swedberg reported that Public Works has experienced very little snow plow damage and very little private property damage. In addition, Public Works is tweaking their snow plow methods. Ms. Glasshof recognized the improved snow plowing technique in her cul-de-sac.

**Board of Trustees Reports**

Trustee Mierisch inquired if Ryland Homes had went ahead and installed signage without Village approval. Administrator Keller replied yes. Administrator Keller reported that he along with Chief Building Inspector Swedberg are working on this concern.

**President Report**

President Zirk inquired about the status of the Neumann Homes property. Administrator Keller reported that the Village has brokered a deal in which the Village will receive \$25,000 from the bond companies.

There was some discussion with respect to the status of the ComED transmission lines.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Farrell to adjourn from the public meeting at 8:11 p.m. Roll call: Vote: 4-ayes by unanimous voice vote. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Meadows

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Attached

BILLS AND SALARIES

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01/18/11

	VENDOR	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	DEVELOPER DONATIONS	PERMIT PASS THRU	PERFORMANCE BONDS AND ESCROWS	WATER FUND	PAYROLL	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>57,950.36</b>	<b>27,408.52</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>467.50</b>	<b>1,306.00</b>	<b>27,768.34</b>	<b>-</b>	
ACE002	ACE COFFEE BAR INC.	25.00	25.00						
ANCEL	ANCEL, GLINK, DIAMOND, BUSH,	6,281.94	6,281.94						
B&F001	B&F TECHNICAL CODE SVC, INC.	1,417.50	180.00		467.50	770.00			
B&W001	BAXTER & WOODMAN, INC.	23,160.00					23,160.00		
BATT001	BATTERIES PLUS	213.50					213.50		
BLUE01	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILL.	15,515.37	13,554.40				1,960.97		
CARUS01	CARUS CHEMICAL COMPANY	1,400.00					1,400.00		
EXELON	EXELON ENERGY INC.	1,463.74	1,463.74						
GRAINGER	GRAINGER	136.90					136.90		
HACH001	HACH COMPANY	107.95					107.95		
HUMANA	HUMANA	160.00	152.00				8.00		
IGFOA01	ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT FINANCE	145.00	145.00						
ILL002	IL DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY	177.60	177.60						
IMTA001	IL MUNICIPAL TREASURERS ASSOC.	20.00	20.00						
ISAWWA	ILLINOIS SECTION AWWA	150.00					150.00		
K&L GATES	K&L GATES LLP	275.00	275.00						
MANALY01	MCHEMRY ANALYTICAL WATER	364.00					364.00		
MEN002	MENARDS - CARPENTERSVILLE	138.94	73.04				65.90		
MITRIA	MIKE MITRIA	150.00				150.00			
NAPA01	DUNDEE NAPA AUTO PARTS	12.69	12.69						
NASHHARD	NASH HARDWOOD FLOORING	193.00				193.00			
NEX001	NEXUS OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC.	633.98	633.98						
NIG001	NICOR	31.12					31.12		
NWWS01	FERGUSON WATERWORKS	170.00					170.00		
PETT01	P.F. PETTIBONE & CO.	104.40	104.40						
RUTLAND	RUTLAND-DUNDEE FPD	1,000.00		1,000.00					
SOURCE01	SOURCE ONE OFFICE PRODUCTS	57.92	57.92						
SPRING01	SPRING HILL FORD	11.81	11.81						
STMSUB01	SUN-TIMES MEDIA	423.94	423.94						
T0000293	RELIABLE ROOFING & REMODELING	193.00				193.00			
T0001392	DAVID ALICE	336.45	336.45						
TAUSS01	DAVID TAUSSIG & ASSOCIATES	3,000.00	3,000.00						

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Attached

**VILLAGE OF GILBERTS  
RESOLUTION**

**A Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the  
Happy Tails Bark Park Committee in the developing a Bark Park**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gilberts is a non-home rule Illinois Municipality located in Kane County, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the Happy Tails Bark Park Committee, a volunteer group of Gilberts residents, has diligently worked toward expanding year round recreational activities for people and dogs; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Gilberts is presently considering options for the future development and management of the community's parks facilities and operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Gilberts supports and encourages the participation of its citizens with the Happy Tails Bark Park Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Gilberts supports the goals of the Happy Tails Bark Park Committee to establish and operate an enclosed dog park recreation area; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Gilberts, Kane County, Illinois, that:

**Section 1:** The Village of Gilberts supports and appreciates the efforts of the Happy Tails Bark Park Committee to provide recreational opportunities for people with dogs in the community.

**Section 2:** If the Happy Trails Bark Park is proposed to be located on Village-owned property, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Gilberts agrees to consider entering into a license or use agreement to allow the operation of the Happy Tails Bark Park. Prior to consideration of any such license or use agreement, the Happy Tails Bark Park Committee or other group or organization must create a non-profit organization to fund, operate, and manage the Happy Tails Bark Park. This is the entity with whom the Village of Gilberts will consider entering into the license or use agreement. The license or use agreement will, at a minimum, address the following:

1. The operating entity must provide a detailed business plan that defines the administrative organization and operational elements of the Happy Tails Bark Park nonprofit organization, which plan shall be satisfactory to the Village of Gilberts.
2. The operating entity must provide a detailed financial plan demonstrating sufficient revenues to establish and operate the Happy Tails Bark Park over the long term, which plan shall be satisfactory to the Village of Gilberts.
3. The operating entity must provide liability insurance coverage naming the Village of Gilberts as an additional insured for an amount not less than \$500,000.00.

4. The operating entity must provide a maintenance schedule and identify responsible parties for management and security, which schedule shall be satisfactory to the Village of Gilberts.

This resolution shall be in full force and in effect from and after its passage and approval pursuant to law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2011 by a roll call vote as follows:

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Trustee Bruce Erbeck	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Everett Clark	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Pete Cullotta	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nancy Farrell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Patricia Mierisch	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Guy Zambetti	_____	_____	_____	_____
President Rick Zirk	_____	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JANUARY 2011

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village President Rick Zirk

(SEAL)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk Debra Meadows

Published:

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January 6, 2011

The Village of Gilberts has received a request from a citizens group seeking to establish a fenced park area which will enable dog owners to unleash their pets, allowing them to run and play. Gilberts resident Alissa Leznek is coordinating the committee that is exploring development of what they have named the "Gilberts Happy Tails Bark Park". The Bark Park committee made two presentations to the Village Board on October 12, 2010 and November 9, 2010. From the resulting discussions, the west corner of the Town Center Park, adjacent to the corner of Tyrrell Road and Columbia Lane, was identified as a potential location for the Bark Park.

The Village and the Bark Park committee are seeking input from the community about establishing a dog park in Town Center Park. An informational open house will be held at Village Hall in the Board Room on Tuesday January 18, 2011 between the hours of 5:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Bark Park Committee members and Village staff will be present to answer citizen questions. Following the open house, the Gilberts Village Board will discuss the Bark Park during their regularly scheduled board meeting. Prior to the open house, general information about the park will be available for viewing in the Board Room at Village Hall, 87 Galligan Road. The display materials will be accessible Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and Tuesday evenings until 7:30 P.M.

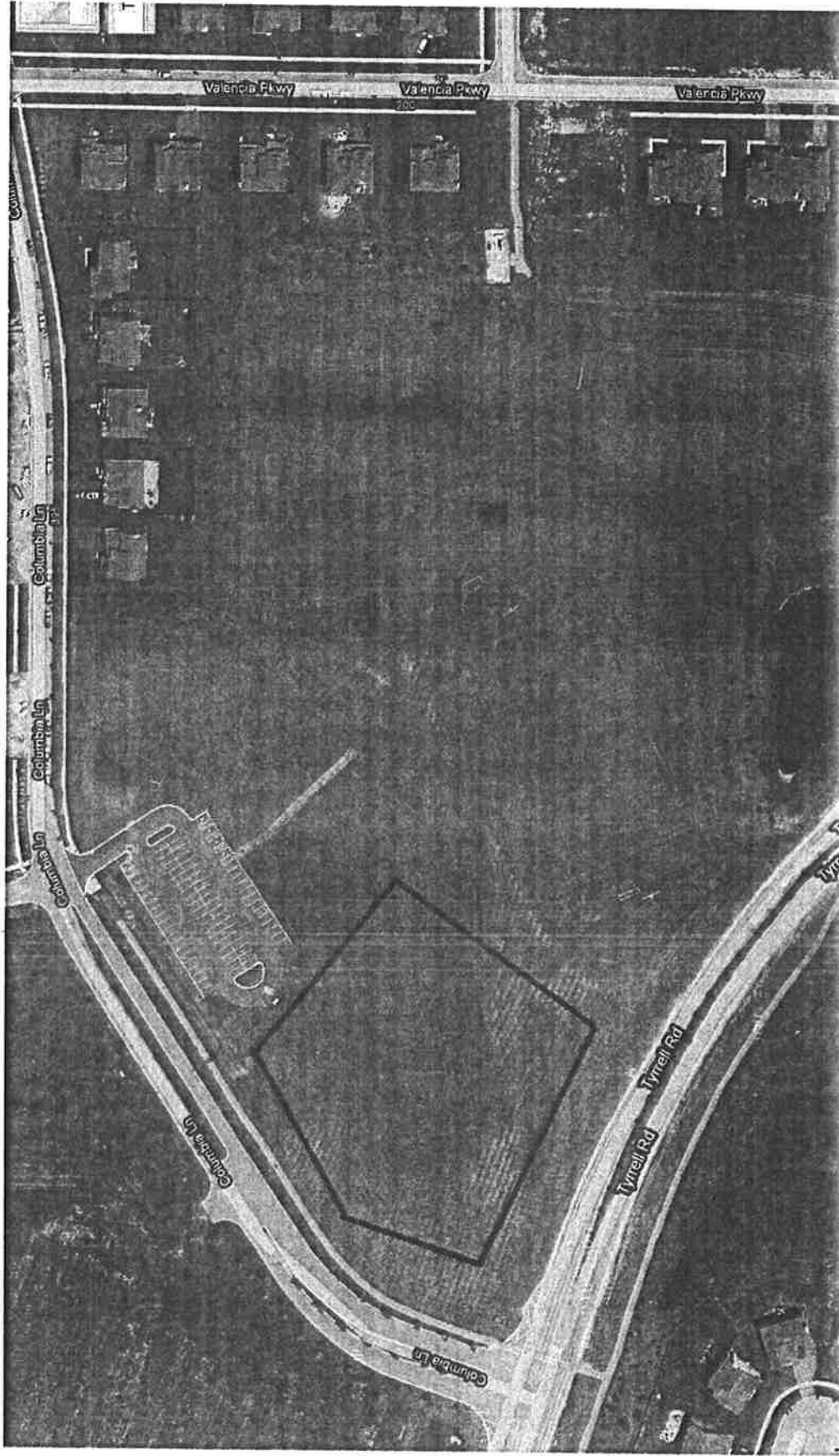
A comment/question process will be in place that will allow the submission of written questions to the group and/or the Village Board.

Please direct any questions or comments to  
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## SUGGESTED BARK PARK LOCATION





## **PLEASE HELP IN SHOWING SUPPORT FOR A GILBERTS DOG PARK!**

Dear members of the community-

Over the past 8 months, I, along with a newly establish committee of local Gilberts residents have been trying to get the Village Trustees to pass a proposal for a 2-4 acre enclosed area where dogs can run and play. We have been asked to take park in Gilberts Day's to obtain signatures of interested people who would like such a park, and we received over 100 of them over a three hour period. We have also been asked to make several presentations in front of the Board, pass out flyers to the community, established a website on Facebook (Gilberts Happy Tails Bark Park Committee), and have an email address listed on the Village of Gilberts' website if residents have any questions.

During our last meeting with the Village Board in November, we presented a Power Point Presentation, which gave three different locations that would be suitable for this park. **The VILLAGE BOARD decided that the property located on the west corner of the Town Home Center Park, on Tyrell would be the best suited place, and had the Bark Park Committee do its research** (making blue prints, pricing fencing, benches, amenities, pricing, etc.) at this location. **The Bark Park Committee was open to ANY of the three locations.**

### **WHY A DOG PARK?**

1. Dog Parks offer a **designated place to exercise and socialize your dogs safely.**
2. **Dogs who "play well with others" are more likely to react well toward strangers,** plus well-exercised and socialized dogs **are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively, or destroy property.**
3. Dog Parks are a great **place to train your dog.**
4. Dog Parks **promote responsible dog ownership** and make for a better community all around. They make it easier for the city to **enforce its leash laws,** they also prevent off-leash animals from infringing on the rights of other

community residents, and the mere presence of dogs and owners in the **park helps to deter crime.**

5.

**Here is a summary of our last presentation to the Village Board-**

Since **Ryland Homes generously donated 20 acres of land** there, (which much of the land has been taken over by the Gilberts Grizzlies- who ALREADY have a playing field at the Gilberts Elementary School, and two of the Village Trustees are associated with, and the Renegades Soccer team, which one Trustee is associated with), we would like to build a 2.5 acre self-governed, enclosed area for dogs to play in at the very beginning of the park, next to the parking lot.

**The operational costs for maintaining the Bark Park-**NOTHING

Our committee has devised a plan that would enable the Village of Gilberts to have NO cost to maintain this area. The members of the Bark Park Committee would take full responsibility for the fencing, equipment, and upkeep of the park.

**Village of Gilberts Manpower Hours For Maintaining the Bark Park-** NONE

Our committee will register all dogs and maintain all Bark Park records.

**How would Bark Park Be Policed-**

The Happy Tails Bark Park would have a 5 foot black chain link fence around the whole park. This would prevent dogs from running freely in the field and the Gilberts Town Center subdivision. There would also be an electronic lock so that only members of the dog park would be able to gain entrance access. This park would also guarantee that dogs are up-to-date on all their shots, and are healthy to interact with other dogs.

The Bark Park would be self-policed- every member would have a key code to get into the park, and a lanyard with attached photo ID card. If there are any problems, members would need to get that person's name or license number, and call the designated Bark Park Committee member. Then, either an email or phone call would be placed to reiterate the Bark Park rules to the violator (First warning). The second time the offence is done, the member and his/her dog would not be allowed to reenter the park for a period of three consecutive months. Their key code would be terminated. After three months, they could come back and obtain another key code. (A \$10.00 fine would need to be paid to reset their key code). If another violation of the rules would happen, they would lose all privileges thereafter.

**•There would be a Happy Tails Bark Park website, where members can email the committee to inform them of any problems, concerns, and questions.**

- Members have to sign a waiver with the rules stated before they obtain their key code and ID's.

**Who Will Take Care Of The Grass And The Maintenance of Park-** The Happy Tails Bark Park Committee will handle all grass and maintenance of the park.

This park would be registered as a 501-C3 non-profit park, and the Happy Tails Bark Park Committee would take full responsibility of said park. In drawing up the paperwork for this project, it would be stated that no building of the park would begin until there is sufficient funding. Also, if the Committee no longer deems this park is needed in the future, the park will either be sold to the Village if desired, or will be torn down, and the area would be returned to its original state.

**The Village of Gilberts would benefit greatly from having this Dog Park:**

- There would be NO extra maintenance or added personnel requirements needed from the Village
- The Village would save an estimated \$1,400 a year in mowing fees, personnel, and turf treatment.

**The Happy Tails Bark Park Committee believes that this park would satisfy the needs of the many dog owners in the Village, and bring income to the Village itself. There are over 850 registered dogs in Gilberts. There are three large parks that Gilberts developed that already cater to football, basketball, soccer, baseball, and skateboarding. Our dogs need a place to play too.**

Please come and see the blue prints of the park, and ask any questions or concerns that you may have to the Bark Park Committee during an Open House on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00. You may also email us at [sweetpandme@live.com](mailto:sweetpandme@live.com).

Thank you-

Alissa Leznek- Happy Tails Bark Park Committee President