

**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Monday August 28, 2023

at 4:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Alysa Plummer
Trustees: Lili Lanphear
Justin Leitgeb (absent)
David Marshall
Lisa Cove (absent)
Village Clerk: Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Plummer and seconded by Trustee Marshall to call the meeting to order.

Vote: Mayor Plummer—yes, Trustee Lanphear—yes, Marshall— yes, *Motion passed.*

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mayor Plummer states the reason for today’s visit to the Arboretum is to review recent safety concerns that have been brought to attention by the Village Building Inspector. The decision was made to make an onsite assessment. There have been some trails marked which are misleading to people to understand what is being worked on or finalized. Additionally, the work plan by the Friends of the Arboretum regarding proper maintenance and removal of the invasive species has not been shared with the Board as previously requested and agreed upon.

The Board walked the trail. Trustee Marshall begins to share that the trail does have areas that should not be accessible to the public. A recommendation is to have an expert evaluation before further trail work is conducted and not open to the public. He strongly suggests that the public strongly reconsider accessibility when attempting to access the trail.

Trustee Lanphear adds that there is a concern for public safety and there are other options to access the Arboretum currently.

Further Board discussion entails asking what it would take in terms of time, thought, and possibly capital to develop the trail as ready for the public. Mayor Plummer reminds the Board that current work and funding being sourced with PRISM are for Atlantis removal only. Nothing more.

Motion by Trustee Lanphear and seconded by Mayor Plummer to authorize the Village Code Enforcement Officer to post no access signage at the potential trail so that the liability for the public's safety is first addressed.

Vote: Mayor Plummer—yes, Trustee Lanphear—yes, Marshall— yes, *Motion passed.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee Lanphear to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Mayor Plummer—yes, Trustee Lanphear—yes, Marshall— yes, *Motion passed.*

Alexandria Torres Vaughn, Recording Secretary