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**ELMWOOD PARK VILLAGE – SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

3131 Taylor Avenue, Bldg. 3, Racine, WI 53405

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

*All agenda items shall follow protocol including staff overview, Board discussion, questions by public, Board disposition of item. The public must be recognized by the President.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL -Called to Order by President Rossi at 6:30PM**

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| <u>President Rossi</u> | Present | <u>Trustee Berrios</u> | Present | <u>Trustee Black</u> | Present | <u>Trustee Gasser</u> | Present |
| <u>Trustee Hinkle</u>  | Present | <u>Trustee Johnson</u> | Excused | <u>Trustee Rude</u>  | Present |                       |         |

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT**

*Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84(2) "the public notice of a meeting of the governmental body may provide for a period of public comment, during which the body may receive information from member of the public." No action may be taken on subject matter; however items will be placed on the next meeting agenda. Please limit public comment to 3 minutes. You must sign up on the public comment and input log prior to the meeting.*

- Leif Peterson of 3256 N Elmwood Dr
- Linda Taleck of 3411 E Elmwood Dr
- Kelly Glassen of 3329 N Elmwood Dr

All residents addressed the Board citing recent coyote activity and their concerns. Brought up ideas of sending out more information to residents, moving piles of brush on Complex property, and/or trapping/killing at Village expense

**III. CONSENT AGENDA – Board consented agenda unanimously by affirmation**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Coyotes within the Village Jurisdiction – President Rossi began with an explanation of what brought to this discussion tonight. DNR, Humane Society, County, and City of Racine have been made aware of the increase in recent coyote activity.

Marty Johnson, wildlife biologist with the DNR was present virtually and gave a presentation on coyote activity and nuisance items. Describing his visit to the Taylor Complex on 3/12/2021, Johnson did not see dens, but did see coyote scat on the bike path. Stated clearing brush may not be worth the effort, trapping does not work, and that in the end, coexistence is key. Johnson advocated increase communication with residents including signage on the trail. Questions were taken from the audience of Johnson.

Board discussed next steps. These were:

- Trustee Berrios to look into signage along the right-of-way of E Elmwood by walking trails that lead to the bike path
- President Rossi to meet with County on bike path signage and continued awareness, plowing of the bike path in winter, and continue DNR partnership

- President Rossi, Trustee Gasser, and Administrator Jenkins to formulate letter and fact sheet to mail to residents with Q1 2021 Newsletter
- Trustee Gasser to give special attention to communicating to residents along E Elmwood
- Village Maintenance Staff to address clean out of brush area on Complex grounds

Board asked that this be followed up with at April's regular Board meeting to check status and invite DNR to a future Summer meeting.

V. **ADJOURN** -Adjourned by the Call of the Chair at 8:18PM

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