

**VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, March 25, 2019**

MINUTES

1. Call to order

The March 25, 2019 special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 5.30 p.m. by Village President Jack Henrich.

2. Determination of quorum and that the agenda was properly posted.

It was determined that there was a quorum of members present and that the agenda was properly posted. Village Board members present were: Troy Allen, James Elmore, Jack Henrich, Jeff Lennberg, Melissa Ratcliff, Jon Russell. John Williams was absent and excused. Staff present were Administrator Matt Giese, Public Works and Properties Director JJ Larson and Village Attorney Leighton Boushea.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC APPEARANCES – *Public's opportunity to speak about any subject that is not a specific agenda item.*
None

5. Unfinished Business

a. Discuss and consider terms and conditions relating to the hold on TDS Right-of-Way Permit.

Josh Worrell from TDS was present to discuss the issues with front pedestals in an area of the village. They have redesigned the area and any area that was previously designed to have a front pedestal will not have them and they will go through a re-permitting procedure, so they can avoid issues going forward. The neighborhood has been built and was permitted by the Village, they cannot change that however they can remove the pedestals in the front and they will not be able to get TDS service and they will restore the property prior to the installation. Allen questioned how fast the restoration and removal of pedestals would happen? Josh Worrell explained it would be as soon as the permit is restored they will get contractors back in to fix the areas. Russell questioned how the notification to residents will be addressed and how the information that if the pedestal is removed it will eliminate the service will be conveyed. Julie Meyers from TDS explained that they will work to do better to get notifications to residents and they have been in contact with residents that have been affected in this neighborhood and they will do direct mailings. Ratcliff questioned how it was determined which house get the pedestal and if they can work around if one house does not want the pedestal and another house does? Julie Meyers from TDS explained it is a design efficiency and they can work with the homeowners but it is determined by engineering so there is not a guarantee that they can get the service if the complete neighborhood is not built out. Scott Jonovic 315 Forreton Dr was present to comment the only review that was done by the Village was an impact on infrastructure and nothing by the board on aesthetics of the community, some of this could have been avoided if that was done. Tina McFadden 100 Heather Dr was present to ask about easements and why there was not an easement in her back yard? Matt Dunning 303 Forreton Dr was present to ask questions of TDS and concerns with the work that has been done. Bob Klubertanz 409 Tiarella was present to discuss the pedestal in his yard and his unhappiness with TDS. John Vande Burt 300 Heather Ct was present to ask about repair to his dog fence? Jason Russell 311 Forreton Dr was present to question TDS about dog fence repair and easement and if they are staying within the easement. Jessica O'Connor 224 Forreton Dr was present to comment that there was no notification and their dog fence has been damaged as well along with all the other concerns from other neighbors. Cindy Schaller 413 Tiarella Trail was present to discuss the position of the pedestal and would like it in the back yard and the workmanship of the work that has been done. Abbie McDowell 208 Heather Dr was present to discuss the placement of the pedestal in the backyard and if it can be moved to the other side of her backyard without disruption to other neighbors. Scott Schuerman 526 Hawthorn was present to discuss the map that they have been using because it was not the map that he saw prior to the work being done and who authorized the change. Suzanne Warborg 229 Forreton Dr was present to ask to see a map of where the easements are to help understand the issues of placement of pedestals. Jeff Hanson 104 Arbury Ct was present to discuss his frustration of the placement of pedestals in the Forest Ridge subdivision and the lack of communication. Elmore asked if we could get a TDS phone number that can be posted on the Village website? Josh Worrell indicated that they can provide a number for the Village. Lennberg commented that they made a mistake, Josh Worrell

indicated that the location of pedestals is not a mistake, but the workmanship was not done to standards and will be fixed. Lennberg suggested that meeting with the neighborhood when the work is completed would be helpful. Ratcliff commented that a lot of this could have been avoided if the notification would have been done differently and is disappointed in TDS. Cynthia Kelm-Nelson 235 Forreton Dr would like to see the correct map and would like the \$25.00 fee back and does not want the service from TDS. The question was asked if they could plant around the boxes to hide them. Julie Meyers from TDS indicated that they are offering property owners \$250 for landscaping. Attorney Boushea indicated that the Board has heard from TDS and what do you want from TDS to restore the permit. Henrich indicated that they should start the restoration, but they should have a neighborhood meeting before they continue the work. Russell commented that there is 30 to 35 people here but would like more communication to all the people in this subdivision and would like to see a plan with timelines and get feedback from the citizens to get all the questions answered. Julie Meyers from TDS indicated that there are neighborhoods built and restored so the areas in questions are the areas under construction. Attorney Boushea asked if there would be a way to get a list of all the addresses on a map and label which address wants service or not? Allen indicated that we need more information before they can proceed or there will be more issues not addressed. Julie Meyers from TDS indicated that they need to have more information of who wants the service or not and then the engineers could tell them what options could be offered to residents. Henrich asked if they can get this information and come to the Village Board meeting on April 1, 2019? Ratcliff asked if they could focus on Forreton since that is the area that most of the issues are coming? TDS indicated that they would try and get as much information as possible for the meeting. Lennberg would like to get the subdivision map for the meeting as well. Henrich indicated that the people present to make sure that they get their name and address to TDS representative present at the meeting. **Motion** by Elmore to resume work limited to restoration work and communicate with Public Works Director and property owner the work to be done, seconded by Lennberg. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 6-0-0.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Elmore to adjourn at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Allen. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 6-0-0.

Lisa Kalata, Clerk
Village of Cottage Grove
Approved: April 15, 2019

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in this meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversations that took place.