

RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP

Special Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2020

A special meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees was called to order on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 5:30 pm by Supervisor Carla Sloan. This was a meeting held electronically by Zoom, per Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-7.

Roll called: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees, Karen Taubman, Holly Economos and Helene Connolly. Also present: Clerk Abby Schmelling and Township Attorney Pat Deady. Trustee Mark Kelty was absent.

Purpose of Special Meeting

This meeting was called because there is to be a Special Town Meeting called for Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm to address the question for the November 3, 2020 advisory ballot question as proposed in a letter received by River Forest resident Steve Lefko:

"Shall Oak Park and River Forest High School eliminate separate, standalone, freshman honors courses in English, history and science."

This Special Town Meeting on June 16, 2020 is being held separately from the Annual Town Meeting. Under normal, non-Covid 19 circumstances, the advisory referendum question would be included as part of the Annual Town Meeting, but this separate special meeting on the referendum for June 16 was suggested by Township Attorney Pat Deady. The purpose of this June 11 meeting is to approve the Proposed Rules and Procedures for the Special Town Meeting.

Commentary by Supervisor Sloan

Supervisor Sloan talked about the referendum question with the board. She explained that this is not a Township issue:

River Forest Township, both as felected officials and as an overall entity, neither supports nor opposes this proposed advisory referendum question being address at the Annual Town Meeting. The Township is required by Illinois law to provide a process and a Town Meeting forum whereby an advisory referendum question of public policy can be put forth for residents to determine whether the question should be placed on the ballot for a vote by Township Residents.

Supervisor Sloan went over the sixteen Proposed Rules and Procedures to be approved at this River Forest Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting on Thursday, June 11. Pat Deady also added further explanations to some of the procedures and other contingencies that might come up. Pat suggested doing a tech dry run at 5:30 pm on Monday, June 10.

Supervisor Sloan designated the three jobs needed for the Special Town Meeting on June 16.

A motion was made by Trustee Economos and seconded by Trustee Taubman to adopt the Proposed Rules and Procedures for the June 16, 2020 Special Town Meeting at 6:00 pm. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned, the motion made by Trustee Taubman and seconded by Trustee Economos.

Respectfully submitted, Abby Schmelling, Clerk