

<div>MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GURNEE VILLAGE BOARD</div> <div>GURNEE VILLAGE HALL OCTOBER 21, 2024</div>	
Call to Order	Mayor Hood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Other Officials in Attendance	Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; Gretchen Neddenriep, Acting Village Attorney; David Ziegler, Community Development Director; Heather Galan, Public Works Director; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director; Nick Leach, Village Engineer; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; David Douglass, Deputy Fire Chief; Brian Smith, Police Chief.
Roll Call	<div>PRESENT: 6- Thorstenson, Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes</div> <div>ABSENT: 0- None</div>
Pledge of Allegiance	<p>Mayor Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Mayor Hood acknowledged the passing of Don Henderson at the age of 95. He stated he was well-known in Gurnee and involved in many facets of the community. Mayor Hood stated he was a generous man who he was thankful was in his life.</p>
<u>A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</u>	<p>It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.</p> <div><u>Roll call,</u> AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes NAY: 0- None ABSENT: 0- None Motion Carried.</div>
<u>B. CONSENT AGENDA / OMNIBUS VOTE</u>	<p>The Village Administrator read the consent agenda for an omnibus vote as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Approval of minutes from the October 7, 2024 meeting.Approval of Payroll for period ending October 4, 2024 in the amount of \$1,070,950.19.Approval of Bills for the period ending October 21, 2024 in the amount of \$1,699,063.44. <p>It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve the Consent Agenda for an omnibus vote as read.</p> <div><u>Roll call,</u> AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes NAY: 0- None ABSENT: 0- None Motion Carried.</div>
<u>C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Approval of a Proclamation designating October 23 - 31, 2024 as "Red Ribbon Week" in the Village of Gurnee. <p>Mayor Hood summarized the Proclamation.</p> <p>It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of a Proclamation designating October 23 - 31, 2024 as "Red Ribbon Week" in the Village of Gurnee.</p> <div>Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.</div>
<u>D. REPORTS</u>	None.
<u>E. OLD BUSINESS</u>	None.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of request from Police and Fire Departments to waive the formal bidding process and purchase Emergency Fire Dispatch ProQA software from Priority Dispatch Corporation at a cost of \$107,735.00 (expense eligible for 100% reimbursement from the NLCC-ETSB).

Administrator Muetz said the Village is a founding member of the LakeComm consolidated dispatch cooperative. LakeComm currently has 24 members, with the Village of Hawthorn Woods and Kildeer expected to join before the end of the year (taking the total to 26). The recruitment for the Executive Director is underway with the application deadline Monday, October 21st with hopes on having the position filled the first week of January. As of October 16th, there were 46 applicants for the position. The building remains on-track and on budget with an expected opening date of mid-2025.

Administrator Muetz stated individual PSAPs continue to prepare for the transition to LakeComm to ensure employees can hit the ground running. Gurnee has utilized Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) for over 20 years. This allows dispatchers to quickly identify medical needs, triage emergencies, send appropriate emergency personnel and provide specific instructions for patients ranging from basic first aid to CPR. On January 29, 2020 the Gurnee Communications Center implemented ProQA software for EMD. Updating the protocol into a computerized product that is integrated into the CAD system has reduced liability and increased efficiency. In preparation of transitioning to LakeComm, staff is requesting to purchase ProQA software for Emergency Fire Dispatching (EFD). Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) provides proven protocols to help dispatchers identify the request, assess the severity, send the necessary resources to the scene, provide safety instructions to the caller and manage the responding resources. All PSAPs who have joined LakeComm, less Gurnee, are currently utilizing ProQA software for both EMD and EFD. Implementing ProQA EFD software will standardize procedures for all Fire calls within the center and the future LakeComm. A quote was received for ProQA in the amount of \$107,735.00 which includes software installation, licenses for all positions, training and maintenance. Once the Gurnee consolidates into LakeComm, Gurnee's fees will end and will be absorbed by LakeComm. Funding was included in the FY 24/25 Approved Budget. In addition, this expense is reimbursable by the NLCC-ETSB.

It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of request from Police and Fire Departments to waive the formal bidding process and purchase Emergency Fire Dispatch ProQA software from Priority Dispatch Corporation at a cost of \$107,735.00 (expense eligible for 100% reimbursement from the NLCC-ETSB).

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

2. Approval of group dental insurance renewal with Delta Dental – 0% rate adjustment for 12-month period beginning January 1, 2025.

Administrator Muetz said Delta Dental has been the Village's current dental insurance provider since 2014. Since that time Delta has only requested one premium increase (2023 – 7.6% increase). The current contract was for a 12-month period that expires December 31, 2024. Delta has quoted the Village a one-year 0% rate adjustment for the upcoming plan year. Muetz stated staff is recommending the one-year renewal.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of group dental insurance renewal with Delta Dental – 0% rate adjustment for 12-month period beginning January 1, 2025.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

3. Approval of employee life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment policy renewal with The Standard - 0% rate adjustment for a 24-month period beginning January 1, 2025.

Administrator Muetz said the Standard has provided the Village's life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) policy since January 2019. The Standard provided the Village a two-year renewal quote that included no rate adjustment. The rates remain unchanged from the current rates. The renewal quote reflects positive changes in the Village's demographics, primarily due to retirements and replacement hires with lower salary and age demographics. Based on experience and the flat rate, Muetz stated staff recommends contracting with The Standard for an additional two years.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of employee life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment policy renewal with The Standard - 0% rate adjustment for a 24-month period beginning January 1, 2025.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Ord. 2024 – 66 granting a Zoning Map Amendment pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance for 5606, 5620, 5626, 5636 and 5646 Des Plaines Court.

Mayor Hood stated while Public Comment is last on the agenda, he will allow residents to make comments regarding New Business items #4 and #5 before the Village Board votes. He stated the petitioner will present, after which residents will be provided 15 minutes for comment.

Administrator Muetz stated Paintball Explosion is looking to purchase the eight parcels (5606, 5620, 5626, 5636, 5646, and 5710 Des Plaines Ct. and 885-887 Riverside Dr.) located at the northeast corner of Route 120 and 21 to open an entertainment paintball park with nine outdoor courts. Paintball Explosion formerly operated in Santa's Village in East Dundee and considers Gurnee an ideal location for their operations due to its proximity to other entertainment sites in the Village. The Zoning Ordinance classifies the use as outdoor recreation, which requires a Special Use Permit in the C-2 zoning district. Three of the eight parcels are zoned C-2, while the other five are zoned O-2 PUD and therefore need to be rezoned to allow the use.

Administrator Muetz stated if the C-2 rezoning is approved, the petitioner is seeking a Special Use Permit to convert the 11 acres into outdoor recreation (large entertainment field with outdoor paintball courses). The paintball facility will be designed to offer a check-in area, pro-shop, staging area, nine outdoor themed fields and a lounge for non-participants. The petitioner intends to maintain most of the structures on the site. The metal barn at 4710 Des Plaines Court will be remodeled to function as the main entrance to the paintball park. This structure will include the customer check-in area, pro-shop, and, if feasible, a lounge for non-participants. The building at 5710 Des Plaines Court is mainly intended for storage, guest bathrooms and mechanicals. This building may also house check-in, pro-shop, and lounge areas should the 4710 Des Plaines Court structure not meet their needs. The existing tenants at 887 Des Plaines Court (former AAA Tent Masters building) will remain and continue their operations without disruption, with the vacant units used as the paintball business administrative hub. All the residential buildings, except 5606 Des Plaines Court, will be repurposed for short-term rentals to allow extended stays for non-local paintball customers.

Administrator Muetz stated as it relates to traffic at the PZB meeting the petitioner stated most of the business takes place on Saturdays and Sundays and does not show up all at once and rather arrives and leaves over a ten-hour period. Staff also spoke to noise concerns by stating it researched noise related to paintball markers. The research showed typical paintball marker has a decibel rating of 85 decibels. As the distance doubles, decibels go down by 6 decibels. Therefore, at approximately 50 feet the decibel rating for an 85-decibel paintball marker is down to ambient or background noise levels. The closest

residential property, outside of the one on Des Plaines Court, is 500 feet away.

Administrator Muetz stated the requests were before the Planning & Zoning Board on October 9th. Four members of the public spoke at the hearing. Three stated opposition to the proposal including two residents and a representative of Consumers Credit Union who owns the 26 acres to the north, the fourth was a resident who expressed hope that the Lake County Forest Preserve would purchase the property and allow it to remain natural space. Opposition focused on the use, aesthetics, noise, traffic and impact to surrounding parcels.

Administrator Muetz stated ten emails were also received, with eight of them against the proposal and the other two in support.

Administrator Muetz stated following testimony, the PZB is forwarding a unanimous favorable recommendation (6-0) on the rezoning and Special Use Permit requests with the condition that a 30-foot-landscaped buffer be provided between the subject site and the single-family property at 5660 Des Plaines Court.

Mr. Romeo Kapudija and Mr. Patrick Andrews, both with Paintball Explosion, reviewed the proposal.

Mr. Kapudija stated they have been in business for 20 years, with 14 years at Santa's Village in East Dundee. He stated they cater mainly to younger children for birthday parties.

Mr. Andrews stated they offer a form of entertainment aimed at promoting teambuilding, strategy, self-control and other skills that are useful as children grow up. They want to move to Gurnee to take their business to a higher-level.

Mr. Kapudija stated they looked at multiple locations in Chicagoland and decided on Gurnee due to its customer base. He stated the property is separated from nearby residential properties, less one site that they would like to purchase but the owner is non-responsive.

Mr. Andrews discussed the difference between the current facility and the proposed Gurnee facility. He stated the new facility will be cutting-edge with a modern look.

Mr. Kapudija stated typically children are dropped off and picked up a few hours later so traffic congestion has not been an issue. He stated they plan to invest significant funds to improve the site since they will be owners, not renters.

Mr. Andrews provide background information on Paintball Explosion, stating he has been involved in the paintball industry for many years, while Mr. Kapudija has been involved in real estate development. He stated safety is a large focus to the point they work with industry manufacturers.

Mr. Andrews stated most of the customers come on the weekend and are dropped off. He stated scheduling is staggered, so they do not all show up at the same time. He stated hours of operation are typically 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Andrews stated they expect approximately 150 vehicle visits during operating hours. They stated this is much less than what HeatherRidge generates.

Mr. Kapudija stated he expects the traffic impact to be minimal.

Mr. Andrews shared information related to paintball marker noise, stating due to distance and traffic, they will not be heard across Route 21.

Mr. Kapudija stated today the noise is more a whisper, compared to a popping noise in the past.

Mr. Andrews stated the business will generate between 50 and 150 part-time jobs between off-season and peak season employees.

Mr. Kapudija stated he expects a significant amount of amusement tax revenue will be generated for the Village.

	<p>Mayor Hood stated the public would have an opportunity to provide feedback. He stated he would allow 15 minutes. Mayor Hood continued to state the Village Board has reviewed the Planning & Zoning Board meeting and reviewed emails sent by residents.</p>
<p>Art Stevens 5740 Regency Ct Gurnee, IL</p>	<p>Mr. Stevens stated he was confused by the presentation and several other items. He stated the testimony before the Planning & Zoning Board does not match what was said this evening, nor does it match the petitioner's website. He stated the packet of information is not detailed. Mr. Stevens asked about difficulties between the petitioner and its current landlord, the financial benefits to Gurnee, the use on the property and a citizen's opportunity to evaluate the proposal. He stated the statement regarding birthday parties does not match what is provided online. Mr. Stevens stated traffic movements in the area are currently difficult and will only get worse if this proposal is approved. He stated more questions need to be asked before the request is approved.</p>
<p>Keith Owens 6464 Doral Dr Gurnee, IL</p>	<p>Mr. Owens expressed concerns about the incline of the floor and the lack of a podium for public comment. He stated approving this request sets a bad example for children and is not in line with the Village's commitment to public safety. He stated the activity can increase aggressiveness. He stated the Trustees are the leaders in the community for residents and children and the Board's actions speak louder than words. Mr. Owens urged the Trustees to take that into consideration when deciding on allowing this proposal in the Village.</p>
<p>Brooks Gerlach 692 Dunham Rd Gurnee, IL</p>	<p>Mr. Gerlach referenced pictures that were provided to the Village Board. He stated the proposal needs further examination before a decision can be made. He stated the proposal is a bad idea due to how the current facility is managed and appears, and its impact on surround properties. He stated the Village would not allow this proposal of Grand Avenue. Mr. Gerlach stated the Village should not promote a game of people shooting each other. He requested the petition be tabled indefinitely until it can be further examined by residents.</p>
<p>Bonnie Dolter 710 Colby Ct Gurnee, IL</p>	<p>Ms. Dolter stated the community needs to be able to trust the Trustees. She stated no one will want to build next to a paintball facility. She expressed concerns about the condition of the current location. Ms. Dolter stated this use will be a bad first impression for visitors to Gurnee. She suggested a committee of citizens to recruit businesses. She stated the paintball facility should go by Great America or Olive Garden instead. She stated she does not understand why this proposal would be considered.</p>
<p>Ed Jesse 6122 Brookstone Pl Gurnee, IL</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse referenced an email he sent the Village Board on why he believes the proposal should be delayed. He stated the presentation made by the petitioner is opinion. He has not seen any formal studies related to traffic, wetlands or lighting for example. He questioned whether this business should be located near a main Village entry point. Mr. Jesse stated all the marketing he has seen is geared towards young adults, not small children. He asked if incentives or a liquor license have been requested. He stated these issues need further investigation and therefore the vote should be delayed.</p>
<p>Adrienne Doherty 901 Clark Dr Gurnee, IL</p>	<p>Ms. Doherty stated traffic has increased over the past ten years. She stated concerns about traffic noise and traffic safety in the area. She stated in her opinion the approval process is too quick. She urged thought before action and more community input.</p> <p>Mayor Hood closed the floor to Public, stating it would be reopened at the end of the agenda. He then asked for questions from the Trustees.</p> <p>Trustee Woodside asked about turnover rate and scheduling as it relates to traffic.</p> <p>Mr. Kapudija stated birthday parties turnover every two hours, with approximately ten birthday parties taking place at once. He stated they are not a war-game business. The focus is on birthday parties and entertainment. He stated traffic is not an issue at the current location.</p>

Trustee Woodside asked if there are after-hours events.

Mr. Kapudija stated no.

Trustee Woodside asked what the peak season is and how much activity is in the winter.

Mr. Andrews responded spring and fall, stating winter is very slow.

Trustee Balmes asked for clarification winter hours.

Mr. Kapudija stated they are open all year, but the majority of business is March through November.

Trustee Garner asked the total investment to locate the business in Gurnee.

Mr. Andrews stated between \$4 and \$5 million.

Trustee Garner asked for clarification on the number of employees and their duties.

Mr. Andrews stated twelve full-time employees. They handle items such as booking, customer service and retail sales for example.

Trustee Garner asked about how the playing fields operate.

Mr. Andrews stated players will rotate through the various fields to keep the experience enjoyable and new.

Trustee Garner asked what it will cost per person to play.

Mr. Andrews stated \$25 per person for typical walk-on play. Private parties start at \$65 per person.

Mr. Kapudija stated the typical spend per person is around \$90.

Trustee Garner asked whose equipment is used.

Mr. Kapudija stated 95% of players use Paintball Express' equipment.

Trustee Garner asked about the paintballs.

Mr. Andrews stated paintballs have changed overtime to be less painful.

Mr. Kapudija stated the paintballs are very fragile so the impact is reduced. He also stated they are biodegradable.

Mr. Andrews stated they do not stain clothing.

Trustee Garner asked how long it will take to construct the facility.

Mr. Kapudija stated approximately a year.

Trustee Balmes asked about the homes along Route 120.

Mr. Kapudija stated they are for out of town paintball patrons to rent when they come to play.

Trustee Balmes asked about paintballs traveling outside the playing areas.

Mr. Andrews stated the playing area is surrounded by netting. In addition, trees surround the fields.

Mr. Kapudija stated there has been no issue at the current location with rogue paintballs.

Trustee Balmes asked if play is livestreamed.

Mr. Kapudija stated they plan to do that.

Trustee O'Brien thanked the Planning & Zoning Board for adjusting the initial zoning classification request. He stated he visited the East Dundee location to see what it looked like. He stated he wants to make sure the Gurnee location looks better than East Dundee, not just early-on, but in the future as well. He does not want the view from Route 120 to look similar.

Mr. Andrews stated the Gurnee facility will use different materials that will not deteriorate like those in East Dundee.

Mr. Kapudija stated shipped containers stacked in the parking lot will be used to relocate the facility.

Trustee O'Brien stated Santa's Village and Paintball Explosion share the unsignalized entrance and exit for vehicles. He stated the size is similar to the HeatherRidge Drive entrance/exit. He stated he is not aware of any traffic issues at this location which handles more traffic than HeatherRidge and Paintball Explosion generate.

Trustee O'Brien stated the President of Santa's Village sent a very complimentary email as it relates to Paintball Explosion as a tenant and neighbor. He stated Google reviews rate Paintball Explosion a 4.2 out of 5.0, with 1,212 reviews. He stated negative reviews appear to be from groups of adults that were kicked-out for not following the rules.

Trustee O'Brien stated he read all the emails from the public, watched videos and reviewed threads on Nextdoor.

Trustee O'Brien asked if trees would be removed as part of the proposal.

Mr. Kapudija stated they are trying to avoid removing trees, especially along tree lines. He stated some dead pine trees would be removed where a parking lot is proposed.

Trustee O'Brien asked about lighting along Des Plaines Court.

Mr. Kapudija provided clarification on the Clowns vs. Zombies annual event and Paintball Explosion's legal right to replicate scenes from video games. He also shared information related to the sale of alcohol at the current location.

Trustee O'Brien stated he spoke with members of local law enforcement who stated they were not concerned about the use in Gurnee.

Trustee Thorstenson asked about the lack of a detailed plan.

Mr. Kapudija stated a site plan and narrative have been provided.

Trustee Thorstenson stated typically very detailed plans are provided.

Mr. Kapudija stated an architectural plan has not been prepared since the zoning request has not yet been secured.

Mr. Andrews stated the site plan overlay indicates where the parking lot is proposed and trees would be removed.

Mr. Kapudija stated the proposed playing arenas will not require tree removal.

Trustee Thorstenson stated alcohol has not been requested at this point.

Mr. Kapudija stated that request has not been made yet.

Trustee Thorstenson asked about hours of operation and when they would not be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Andrews stated some days they will open at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Kapudija stated on occasion a corporation will request an after-hours event until 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Thorstenson asked about the buffer to the homes.

Mr. Kapudija stated the East Dundee location has no buffer to homes.

Mr. Andrews stated the proposal includes a 30-foot buffer and landscaping.

Director Ziegler stated the 30-foot buffer is the same standard used between commercial uses and residential uses. He stated this request technically does not require the buffer, but the petitioner agreed to it.

Trustee Thorstenson asked about the netting and if there is a canopy.

Mr. Kapudija stated a canopy is not needed based on play and industry standards/regulations.

Trustee Thorstenson asked what authority regulates paintball play.

Mr. Kapudija stated they have internal policies as well as a paramedic on-site in case there is a need. He stated injuries are typically scrapes and scratches. He stated referees are in playing arenas to ensure rules are followed.

Mr. Andrews provide further detail on policy violations and the results, which can include players being ejected. He also addressed liability waivers and checking identifications.

Trustee Thorstenson asked if the facility is audited by regulators.

Mr. Kapudija stated they self-regulate and that their insurance provider conducts unannounced checks.

Trustee Thorstenson asked if a person can bring their own paintball marker.

Mr. Kapudija stated they can, but they cannot bring their own paintballs.

Mr. Andrews stated they also check the speed of personal paintball markers to ensure they are within ASTM safety standards.

Mr. Kapudija stated in addition referees carry radar detectors and check paintball marker speeds, which are computer-controlled and can be adjusted remotely.

Trustee Thorstenson asked if proof of purchase is required for people who bring their own equipment.

Mr. Kapudija stated they do not check proof of purchase.

Mr. Andrews stated they do not sell a paintball marker to anyone under 18 years of age.

Trustee Thorstenson stated they referenced their model as "unique" and asked for them to elaborate.

Mr. Kapudija stated they build unique arenas compared to traditional areas that include obstacles like rubber tires or a wooded area. They build full entertainment facilities where players can feel like they are in a video game.

Trustee Ross asked about difficulties with Santa's Village.

Mr. Andrews stated that comment was made in reference to maintenance repairs to buildings. There have not been other issues.

Trustee Ross asked about the buildings and if they would include wild colors.

Mr. Andrews stated that is not planned for this site. Buildings will be metal vs. wood.

Trustee Ross asked about a lighting study.

Mr. Kapudija stated he is under the impression they are required to have parking lot lighting.

Mr. Andrews stated closing hours are 5:00 p.m.

Director Ziegler stated lighting studies are not required in business areas. He stated if they choose to install lighting it will need to meet the standards of the Village's lighting ordinance. He stated the playing fields will not be lit. He stated parking lot lighting can be approved at the staff level.

Trustee Ross thanked staff and the PZB for their efforts related to the proposal.

Trustee Thorstenson stated access is narrow and dark.

Director Ziegler stated the stretch along Route 120 is actually an IDOT frontage road that is maintained by it, not the Village. The parking field is near the main entry near the first home. As such, vehicles should not need to travel to the end of the roadway.

Mr. Kapudija stated about 30 parking spaces are needed for employees.

Trustee Thorstenson asked for clarification on where employees will park and stated employee parking needs lighting.

Director Ziegler reviewed parking lot lighting standards and approval.

Trustee Thorstenson asked if funds can be held to ensure the property is properly maintained.

Mr. Kapudija stated they will be improving the property.

Mr. Andrews provided information on how the building will be used and maintained.

Trustee Thorstenson asked about signage.

Mr. Kapudija stated there is currently no sign renderings.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve of Ord. 2024 – 66 granting a Zoning Map Amendment pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance for 5606, 5620, 5626, 5636 and 5646 Des Plaines Court.

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes

NAY: 1- Thorstenson

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

5. Approval of Ord. 2024 - 67 granting a Special Use Permit pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance for 5606, 5620, 5626, 5636, 5646 and 5710 Des Plaines Court and 885 and 887 South Illinois Route 21 to Paintball Explosion for the establishment of an outdoor entertainment facility with the additional condition that lighting be provided in the employee parking area.

The request of a Special Use Permit was summarized under New Business #4.

Trustee O'Brien suggested employee parking lot lighting be included as a condition of the Special Use Permit.

Trustee Thorstenson expressed concerns about routine maintenance in the future.

Director Ziegler stated the Village's property maintenance code will address some of the concerns.

Mayor Hood asked if requiring parking lot lighting for employees was acceptable.

Mr. Kapudija stated parking lot lighting can be installed in a specific area for employees.

	<p>It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve of Ord. 2024 - 67 granting a Special Use Permit pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance for 5606, 5620, 5626, 5636, 5646 and 5710 Des Plaines Court and 885 and 887 South Illinois Route 21 to Paintball Explosion for the establishment of an outdoor entertainment facility.</p> <p><u>Roll call,</u> AYE: 5- Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes NAY: 1- Thorstenson ABSENT: 0- None Motion Carried.</p>
<u>G. PUBLIC COMMENT</u>	
Barbara Stevens 5740 Regency Ct Gurnee, IL	Ms. Stevens expressed concerns that the Village Board testimony provide by Paintball Express did not match the Planning & Zoning Board testimony. She stated the company does not market to kids' birthday parties, but rather to young adults. Ms. Stevens stated she is concerned about what is developed across Route 21 from HeatherRidge. She stated she is disappointed and believes the Village needs to do a better job. Ms. Stevens stated the 26-acres north of the Paintball Express site should be developed as mixed-use and she believes the paintball proposal will prevent that. She encouraged the Village Board to do its own research, stating staff reports are not good enough.
Roy Blackfield 672 Dunham Rd Gurnee, IL	Mr. Blackfield referenced past paintball businesses in Gurnee, stating over the years they have not had much luck. He stated he has no idea what the proposal will look like and stated a diagram is needed. Mr. Blackfield stated this business should be in Park City or Waukegan.
Lea Atiq 731 Shepard Rd Gurnee, IL	Ms. Atiq stated the site is close to the Des Plaines River and a FEMA Hazard Zone. She stated the river could be threat to the property. Ms. Atiq stated the property should be purchased by the Lake County Forest Preserve, which would raise property values.
Phil Balcom 920 Vose Dr Gurnee, IL	Mr. Balcum stated two years ago residents were against a proposed truck sales facility. He stated he does not know how the community feels about Paintball Express.
Closing Comments	None.
Adjournment	<p>It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Voice Vote:</u> ALL AYE: Motion Carried.</p> <p>Mayor Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.</p>
Andrew Harris, Village Clerk	