

ETHICS REVIEW BOARD MEETING – October 27, 2021
6:30 P.M.

An electronic meeting was held through Zoom due to the Wayne County Public Health Order and to continue decreasing the spread of COVID-19.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pacynski.

The following were electronically present: Board members Mann, Breen, and Chair Pacynski.

Also electronically present: Jake Howlett, City Attorney and Courtney Delmege, Deputy Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Clerk Delmege stated no written comments were received.

Three verbal comments were made.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ETHICS OPINION 2001-01

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
BOARD OF ETHICS COMPLAINT 2021-01**

DECISION

OCTOBER 7, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Anna Signorino filed an Ethics Complaint form with the Grosse Pointe Park City Clerk on September 21, 2021. The Complaint alleges that City Manager Sizeland unfairly retaliated against Ms. Signorino by suspending her park pass. The Ethics Review Board (“ERB”) thoroughly reviewed the complaint and issues the following opinion:

The complainant attempts to state claims related to an incident at Patterson Park and alleges that the sanction imposed by the City Manager, temporary suspension of a park pass, was without factual predicate, beyond the scope of his powers and retaliatory. We reach none of the merits of the claims because the Board of Ethics Review is without jurisdiction in this matter.

The Ethics Ordinance was not promulgated with the intent that the ERB serve as a Special Master or Court of Appeal for decisions made by City actors in the course of their administrative duties. As we see it, whether a city employee or other actor exceeded his/her authority or acted

without an appropriate factual foundation involve issues of law and fact that are the province of the City Council.

A claim under the Ethics Ordinance is only appropriate where the allegations are tied to specific elements of the Ordinance. At its core, the Ethics Ordinance was written to prevent city actors from using public resources for personal gain of any sort. The issues presented here, however, involve whether the City Manager did or did not properly do his job. Such claims are first and foremost for the City political and administrative structure to resolve. Accordingly, we do not believe the claims being raised are ones properly before this Board and the Complaint is dismissed

Signatures on Following Page.

Rick Pacynski

Lawrence Mann

David Breen

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chair Pacynski, supported by Board member Breen, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Board members Mann, Breen, and Chair Pacynski

NAYS: None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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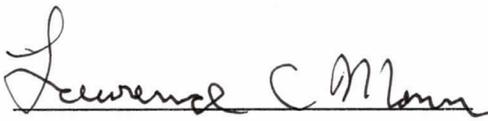
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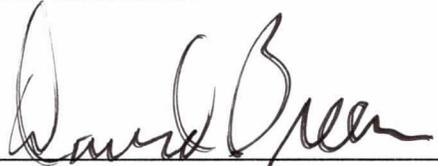
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Rick Pacynski, Chair



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