

# The Gloves Are Off

## Say "No" to Political Rhetoric, Half-Truths, and Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

- **The Village is financially sound. Current capital reserves are \$1.9 million**, a relatively constant number over the past few years. This level of reserves speaks to the Village's long-term practice of conservative fiscal management. Our opponents are making egregious misstatements on this subject.
- **Our opponents opposed** the Town Center, Deer Park Estates, Deer Park Place, Deer Park Town Center Promenade, and Deer Park Office Center build-outs, and the exploration of whether TIF financing would benefit the development of Rand Road. What do they support that will generate increased sales tax revenue? In our opinion the most critical priority for the Village is to build out these areas and maximize revenues through retail, office building, and commercial uses, while maintaining the Town Center "brand" image.
- **Our opponents also opposed** the sale of unusable Village land that paid for road/drainage repairs and saved \$52,000 in interest payment by paying down debt on the Town Center Park land.
- Patricia Ekstrom is not on the ballot because she failed to meet the legal requirements. Her lack of diligence in this matter also reflects in **her lack of leadership** in planning for road improvements. She knows (because she supported the decision) that the budget for major road resurfacing is constrained in the short-term. Yet she continues to bring to the budgeting process a road plan that is **fiscally irresponsible**. Where is her leadership in offering a workable, affordable, and appropriate roads plan?
- What is Richard Chay thinking?
  - **His inflammatory and demeaning statements** made in numerous Village Board meetings contributed to the Board's decision to prohibit "disrespectful, insulting, satirical or offensive comments directed at any individual or public official."
  - He says his marketing background is needed by the Village. How? It's not the Village's role to market the Town Center, although he suggests differently. And, he says he wants to market Vehe Farm? Don't believe him—he **has said publicly multiple times he wants Vehe Farm sold**.
- David Pautler has lived here for five years and was not a registered voter in Deer Park until just a few days before campaign petitions were due. **How committed is he** to Village government and issues
- Bob Kellermann insisted for months that the Village miscalculated its cost basis in a property it sold. It turned out that **he was the one who miscalculated**. He also wants to cut the budget, yet wants to put high cost items like baseball diamonds and tennis courts in at Vehe Farm. What is **he** thinking?
- We have not suggested and do not support a Village property tax. **The only people talking about the need for a property tax are our opponents**. Makes you wonder...scare tactic or worse!
- **Our opponents harm their candidacy** by bringing into the political arena a well respected non-profit children's health education organization. Contrary to what they say, the Village will be making a profit on the organization's summer rental of the barn and will benefit from the public visibility. Also, the Village will receive from the organization \$20,000 in equipment and exhibits.
- Our opponents criticize Teri Bridge because of her support of Vehe Farm. But it's leadership like hers that the Village needs in a trustee, not the negativity and lack of teamwork our opponents demonstrate.
- And, finally, **Vehe Farm is a multi-purpose municipal park**—municipal offices, community center, cultural arts venue, game-quality soccer field, and nature trails. Our opponents don't explain this when they sensationalize numbers. But, we'll communicate more on that later.

**On April 17, vote: 1) Pratscher 2) Kizior 3) Bridge**

# Vote April 17



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