

Kellermann for President, Olson and Sands for Trustee

Deer Park needs new leadership and much better roads and drainage. Under Scott Gifford's regime, the majority of the board presided over the construction of a \$2 million barn at Vehe Farm to serve the special interests of Gifford's neighbors and friends. Gifford diverted nearly all of the money for the Vehe Farm project from the roads program. That is why roads in your subdivision are in such deplorable condition. When the village of Deer Park starts collecting hotel taxes from the Hampton Inn, Gifford would attempt to divert those funds to his friends and special interests at Vehe Farm.

Gifford and the majority of the board lost \$1 million in revenue when they sold village park property in the Deer Park Town Center to Red Seal Condo Development Corporation. The village property was sold for far less per acre than the Dahm Fruit Stand people received for the adjacent property. Why did Gifford and the majority of the board do that? Finances are so bad that money in the Deer Park checking account has dwindled to just more than \$1 million today, from about \$4 million when Gifford took the office of president from Rick Karl, the prior president.

What is one of Gifford's solutions to the funding crisis in Deer Park? Red light traffic cameras on Lake Cook Road! What is his latest idea? Spend \$60,000 on a lobbyist to beg the federal government for relief!

Gifford wants to be reelected to another four years as President. Isn't it interesting that not a single person on Gifford's slate from 2004 decided to run with him now? He found three new people with little exposure to Gifford's leadership style...three people who have attended almost no village board meetings over the past four years.

When Gifford tried to raise money for his special interest projects like bike paths, tennis courts, and more stuff at Vehe Farm through a sales tax on village residents, Deer Park voters soundly defeated the referendum. It is time to completely defeat Gifford and his cronies by voting for Kellermann, Olson and Sands on April 7th.

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