

Deer Park Neighbors 2009 Candidate Profile

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TODAY'S DATE

2/11/09

RUNNING FOR:

Village of Deer Park Trustee

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NAME

William C. Koutsis

AGE (OPTIONAL)

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ADDRESS AND SUBDIVISION

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WHO OR WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO RUN FOR OFFICE IN 2009?

First the "who" part of this question; Village President Gifford asked me to step up from the Plan Commission and run for Trustee. We were not personal friends. After a meeting where we discussed our visions for the village, we both agreed that I should seek election for the Village Trustee position.

Next, the "what" portion. I think it is time to turn the page on some of the things have caused divisions in our 3000 person community. I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to the issues, and have the capability and experience both professionally and as a Village volunteer to serve well as a Village Trustee.

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HOW HAVE YOU PREPARED TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE?

5 years on the Plan Commission;

DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

None

DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ANY CORPORATE OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF DEER PARK?

None

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE TOP 3 CHALLENGES IN DEER PARK IN THE NEXT 4 YEARS?

1. No Property Tax;
2. Increased roads and drainage projects;
3. Responsible and transparent management of village finances;
4. Continued quality developments;
5. Commitment to Open Space preservation;

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 3 GOALS FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS?

1. No Property Tax component for Deer Park;
2. Be as creative as possible in finding ways to raise money to finance the needed infrastructure repairs.
3. Continue quality developments.

WHAT ARE THE MOST POSITIVE THINGS YOU SEE IN DEER PARK?

A wonderful place to raise a family. A wonderful Village Hall, Parks and open spaces; Concerned and Caring residents.

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WHAT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE TRANSFORMED?

While having different opinions is the surest way to come to the best conclusions, all conversations should be mutually respectful and acknowledge that it is okay to see things differently and remain civil in the discourse.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENT/INFORMATION.

IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU ACCESSIBLE TO VOTERS?

email, telephone

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (BEGINNING WITH MOST RECENT)

President of William C. Koutsis, Inc. for 23 years; Currently a Consultant to Senior Management for 2 manufacturing companies; Former member of the Board of Directors for 2 manufacturing companies as well as a community bank in Lake County;

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Volunteer at the USO at O'Hare
- Former member of Barrington United Methodist Church Finance Committee
- Former Board Member for the March of Dimes.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- BS Metallurgical Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology ('72)
- MBA Loyola University of Chicago (Finance).
- Married 33 years to the same wonderful woman.
- 3 grown children. 1 grandchild on the way!!!!!!!!!!

YEARS IN DEER PARK

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PREVIOUS RESIDENCIES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

- Jackson Michigan (School Board member)
- Danville Illinois

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CURRENT MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE (PAID, ELECTED, VOLUNTEER)

5 years on Plan Commission

PREVIOUS MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE (PAID, ELECTED OR VOLUNTEER)

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS (MEMBERSHIPS, BOARDS, NETWORKINGS, ETC.)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU WISH WE HAD ASKED?