

## Joy Markee

**I am applying for the Village Clerk position.**

Q1: Why do you wish to serve on this board?

I moved to Lake Bluff in 2011 and was immediately impressed by its community spirit. The level of community involvement in all aspects of the Village was something that I found unique and special to Lake Bluff. I realized that the strength and character of the community was a direct result of dedicated citizens who worked tirelessly to make the Village the best that it could be. I've always been interested in local government, in making my community a great place to live for all its members and lending my skills to help in that process.

Q2: What strengths, skills and personal attributes will you bring to this board position?

I like to solve problems and am an active listener. I am open to other people's ideas and believe in decision-making through compromise. Additionally, I am skilled at connecting people and networking. I currently serve on the Lake Bluff 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee and the AYSO 163 board. From 2013-2015, I was a part of the Lake County Opioid Initiative. This year, I was asked to participate in all aspects of the 2023 Lake Bluff Strategic Plan, including being part of the Strategic Guidance Committee, joining the round-table discussions and finally working with a group to write the final plan.

My background includes an undergraduate degree in English and History, with a minor in Economics from Miami University, Oxford, OH and an MBA from Thunderbird, School of Global Management in Glendale, AZ. My work experience includes new product development, market research, and non-profit marketing. I actively volunteer in School Districts 65 and 115.

Q3: What do you see as the most pressing issue facing this board?

I believe that the most pressing issue for our community (and the board) is balancing growth of the Village while preserving the current character of the community.

I also believe that we need to continually examine our financial situation, including Village costs, the possibility of shared services where it is possible, and working to keep taxes reasonable.

Q4: What decision or goal reached by this board are you most pleased with, and why?

Two items that come to mind are the redevelopment of the Waukegan Corridor, with the addition of Target and other retail shops. This area is vibrant and thriving now and contributes much-needed tax revenue to our community.

Additionally, I feel that the board made the right decision regarding the recent Block 3 development proposal. The board listened to the community and ultimately made its decision with these comments and concerns in mind. It is my hope that community members and the board can come to a compromise in the near future to develop Block 3 in a manner that works for the whole of Lake Bluff.