

Sarah Wnek

Position: Village Clerk

1) Why do you wish to serve on this board?

I believe this and every community should have residents of all ages, generations and genders representing the Village board, and I would like to represent the newest crowd of residents by learning the puts and takes of public service with the Village Clerk role.

Lake Bluff+LF school system encourages and offer a myriad of volunteer and student government opportunities to give students drive to give back. I learned equality, leadership and so much more from participating in half a dozen clubs to see the value our students gain to bring our enrichment to our community. Each time I have returned to Lake Bluff, I have longed to never have to leave again, and 18 years of residency makes me so grateful I get to live in this community. I think it takes determined people to voice what is best for a town that clearly boasts charm, historical presence and passionate residents.

2) What strengths, skills, and personal attributes will you bring to this board position?

I work in Sales, and more specifically, Sales Analysis. Asking questions and seeking answers is one thing I have not been able to 'turn off'. I grew up participating 4+ sports and activities simultaneously, so balancing my interests is very important to me. I served my first year on the Farmer's Market Committee board and I am thrilled to be doing everything I can to immerse myself in this amazing town!

I hold an undergraduate degree in Business from Miami University, Oxford, OH, and played Collegiate Water Polo. I was a High School Water Polo coach at a Neighboring Cincinnati school.

3) What do you see as the most pressing issues facing this board?

Our small community has and will continue to need to successfully balance reasonable taxes, community growth needs and our village amenities maintenance. Historical preservation will be a factor that comes into play in many town efforts, and due consideration for all parties is very important.

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

I saw a lot of thought, and care went into the consideration of the zone 2 and 3 approach, and thought the Board did an excellent job listening to the concerns of the community of a "built up" town, and restricted the height of Planned Mixed Use Development a maximum height of 30' ft.

I grew up in Lake Bluff, from the ripe age of 4, back to the simpler times when there was a pharmacy, hardware store, and Marvs candy store (or just general store...but for me, c-a-n-d-y!), and things were just that: simple! No "let's be like Lake Forest, or other North Shore towns", Lake Bluff had a happy and unique attitude and approach, and I think it says a lot about us residents that we are not in it for the envy of others, but the functionality and happiness a downtown serves to bring community together.