

## Part I

(1) **Jennifer Cunningham Beeler**

(2) The board and/or position to which you are applying

**Clerk**

## Part 2

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

As a resident of this Village for almost twenty years (four in the 90's, a brief move, and then a return for the last sixteen), I have seen the decades of changes in Lake Bluff. I knew this town when there was a gas station and a Village market and a video rental store; now, we have a vital and exciting downtown with restaurants and shops, along with the new business interests such as Target and the restaurants further west. I have always been an avid supporter of our Village, and am proud of the variety and excellence we aspire to, from the schools to the library, from the parks and beach to the Vliet Museum.

I would like to serve on the board to be part of the continued growth and change in our Village; to be a steward of the Village now, and to plan and preserve for others to enjoy for generations to come.

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

I am a practicing attorney and partner in a small law firm. From my legal background, I am familiar with governmental rules, contracts, and strategic planning, as well as litigation and mediation. As a small business owner, I know well the aspects of running a business, including budgeting, legal compliance, expenses, and hiring. These parallel skills, I believe, would be of value to the Village government.

In addition, I am currently the President of Friends of Lake Bluff Parks, the charitable fund-raising foundation for the Park District. I was active in planning and organizing the Block Party held in conjunction with the Criterium Bike Races. These functions were to raise funds to donate for the rebuild of the stairs for Sunrise Beach. My interpersonal and organizational skills will also be an asset in this role of Clerk.

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

Defining the future growth of Lake Bluff, both for business and residents, while still being cognizant and respectful of the interests of Lake Bluff residents.

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

I was pleased more with the process than the goal, in the active role the Lake Bluff residents and the Village trustees took in both of the Roanoke Group projects of Stonebridge and Block 3. Our residents are vocal about keeping what we see as the unique nature of Lake Bluff. I respected the interaction and the reception of the residents and the Village government, in reviewing and discussing this process, and the changes to our community.