

Robert Apatoff

Robert (Rob) Apatoff, a 35-year Winnetka resident, has been selected for a first term as Village Trustee. Rob has also has lived in Pacific Palisades, CA, Ladue, MO and Wayne, PA on Philadelphia's Main Line which have given him experience as to how other strong, well run communities operate. Currently, Rob is the Executive Director of the Kellogg Executive Leadership Institute (KELI) and a Clinical Professor of Executive Education at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Rob is also a Senior Advisor for the Texas Pacific Group (TPG). Before these roles Rob was the CEO of FTD Companies Worldwide for 9 years and held senior executive roles at Allstate, Anheuser-Busch, Reebok and Rand McNally. Rob has served on the Board of the Goodman Theatre, Starlight Foundation and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). He is a graduate of DePauw University in Indiana. Rob is married to Vicki and they have two married daughters, both New Trier graduates.

Penfield Lanphier

Penfield Lanphier, a 33-year resident of Winnetka, has been selected for a third term as Village Trustee, in addition to two terms in the 1990's. Penny brings over 25 years of experience in policy matters currently facing the Village: refuse service, residential and commercial zoning regulation, infrastructure and storm-water improvements, and revising the Winnetka Comprehensive Plan. Other Winnetka public service includes two terms on the Winnetka Public School Board in the 2000's; multiple stints on the Winnetka Caucus; community board membership on the (the now defunct) Winnetka Tennis Association, Winnetka Community House, Crow Island and Central PTA/O's, Winnetka Historical Society, and the Crow Island Stewardship Group. She is graduate of Princeton University (1982, BA in Politics) and the Coro Foundation Fellows Program in Public Policy (1984).

John Swierk

John Swierk, a lifelong resident of Illinois, has been selected for a second term as Village Trustee. John attended Maine South High School before obtaining a degree in Architecture from The Illinois Institute of Technology. Since 1989, John has been the founder and President of DDCA Architects. DDCA Architects is a full-service architectural firm serving commercial clients across the United States. Since 2003, John and his wife, of 31 years who was raised in Winnetka, Rosemary have lived in Winnetka and have two children, Lauren and Kacie, who are both graduates of Washburne and New Trier. His past public appointments include: City of McHenry Zoning Board of Appeals (1990 – 2002), McHenry County Building Code of Appeals (1995-2002), Village of Winnetka Design Review Board Member (2006- 2011), Village of Winnetka Design Review Chairman (2011-2017). John's architecture, construction, and development experience will continue to enable him to bring perspective, knowledge and understanding into the position of Trustee.

Ali Azim

Ali Azim, a resident of Winnetka since 2016, has been selected as an alternate for a first term as Village Trustee. Ali is Managing Director in the Investment Banking Division of Goldman Sachs & Co. He is responsible for coverage of a range of companies across the Business and Consumer Services sectors and has advised companies on various transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, leveraged loans and high yield bonds, initial public offerings and raid defense. Ali earned a BS in Finance from Indiana University in 2000. Ali is married to Kelly and they have a son, Owen, who is in 2nd grade at Crow Island, and a daughter, Avery, who is in kindergarten at Greeley.