

LINDA STARKEY

OBJECTIVE

To serve the residents of Lake County and the Wauconda area with excellence in government, open communication, collaboration and financial accountability.

EXPERIENCE

VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA

May 2011 to April 2019

- **Village Trustee** for municipality of 14,200 and \$16 Million Annual Budget (General Fund and Water/Sewer). Passed balanced budgets for term of office. Involved in the development of Strategic Plan and Capital Improvement Plan to aid in long term planning and budgeting. Provided leadership to bring Lake Michigan Water to the village in cooperation with neighboring municipalities through CLCJawa for a secure and sustainable municipal water supply. Alternate director to represent Wauconda at CLCJawa. Along with fellow Board members Involved with hiring of Village Administrator, Police Chief and Community Development Director.
- **Economic Development Committee Chair-** (2017-2019) Supported TIF district in blighted area to spur development. Worked on Economic Development Strategic Plan including business retention and expansion efforts to encourage economic growth within the Village,
- **President ProTem** (2017-2019) Senior Trustee and acts as Mayor in their absence.
- **Natural Resource Committee Chair** (2015-2017): Implemented Lake Management Plan of Bangs Lake. Serves on SWALCO Board as alternate. Commission and implemented Lake Management Plan for Bangs Lake and supported enhanced recycling efforts through SWALCO.
- **Marketing Committee Chair** (2013-2015): Directed and implemented rebranding and marketing program for the Village including new logo, Gateway signs, light-pole banner program, advertising and collaborative marketing efforts for Marketing the town. Founding member and active in seasonal Cruise Night Committee to promote Wauconda through tourism.

THREADS BOUTIQUE

July 2013-present

Sole proprietor of small boutique in local shopping district. Responsibilities include procurement of goods, inventory management, marketing, sales, and accounting and personnel management. Store won Daily Herald's "Reader's Choice" for Best Women's Clothing Store and Best Men's Clothing Store for 5 years, as well as SW Lake Lifestyle Magazine's Top Reader's Choice.

G&L INVESTMENT GROUP

August 2012-present

Investor and manager of commercial and residential income properties. Directly responsible for redevelopment of properties, renovations, maintenance, marketing and tenant retention and expansion.

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

April 1997-July 2004

- Elected as Village Trustee and was Communication Committee Chair and Newsletter developer for Village of 3000 residents and annual budget just over \$1 Million. Passed balanced budget all years in office.
- Elected Village President and formed Environmental Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee and local events in town. Developed and implemented the Village's First Strategic Plan.
- Served on BACOG Board and as Chair in 2001; Served on SWALCO Board of Directors and Foglia YMCA founding Board of Directors; served on Sybaquay Council Girl Scouts Executive Board.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Graduated 1986

Graduated with dual major in Chemistry and Biochemistry. Worked as Quality Assurance Lab Supervisor for Helene Curtis for several years. Subsequently worked as outside contractor for G.D. Searle in Quality.

College of Lake County, Grayslake, Illinois

Graduated 2016

Graduated with Small Business Management Certificate with honors. Awarded "Outstanding Business Administration Student" in 2016. Member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Director of Star (Sharing Time and Resources) 501c3 Charity with FY2015 Income of \$126,226. Responsible for chairing the annual Turkey Trot (benefits local Food Pantry), Bunny Hop (benefits Library, High School FBLA), and Shamrock the Block (Benefitting St. Baldrick's, Main Street Beautification and Friends of Bangs Lake).
- Wauconda Area Chamber of Commerce- Active member and event sponsor for local activities. Awarded "New Entrepreneur of the Year" award in 2014; Pinnacle Award nominee for excellence in service to the community in 2017, "Shining Star" recipient in 2018.
- FBLA-PBA Member- An active member in local high school's Future Business Leader's of America Member Chapter mentoring students in business practices, as well as serving as an area judge in competitions.
- Member of Lake County Department of Transportation Stakeholder's Group for Route 176/Fairfield Road traffic improvements (2012)
- Republican Primary Candidate for Lake County Board District 17 (March 2018)
- Moose International, Wauconda Women's Club, and Lion's International Member- Member of local service clubs and involved with programs and fundraising for those in need.