

**Video Gaming EDC tour
December 3, 2015 - 9 A.M.**

Attendance: Chairman Addington, Jill Ziegler, Larry Forssberg , Steve May, Joe Hennerfeind,, Gregg Pill, Bob Scott, Jim Gunther, Bill Kalafut, Frank Brady, Rose Gross

The gaming venues the committee toured were: Penny's Place, DJ's Sports Bar, Dotty's, & Laura's

The machines turn on and off by themselves. All venues stated the same: the customers keep to themselves, nice patrons, no problems.

Penny's Place was the first of four stops.

Located at 685 N. Cass Ave., Penny's Place opened in June of 2014. The decor is intended to be warm and inviting. Penny's has a small menu, consisting of assorted breakfast foods, and a few sandwiches. They have a full liquor license. However, most people do not eat, they come in gamble and leave. Non-alcoholic drinks are complimentary. The majority of customers are women, ages 30 - 80. The busiest times are morning, and around 2 pm. An armored company comes in daily to empty the machines and fill the ATM machine. Guests receive a voucher upon cashing out, which can be cashed in on premises. A customer can only cash the voucher in at the location it was won at. Hours are Sunday - Thursday: 9 am - 1 am, Friday & Saturday - 9 am - 2 am.

DJ's Sports Bar was the 2nd stop.

DJ's Sports Bar is located at the corner of Chicago Ave. & Blackhawk Dr. The group was met by Tracey Valerio, the owner. The five gaming machines are located at the rear of the bar. As with Penny's, people come in to gamble and leave. No one typically eats, on a rare occasion they have a drink. Non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary. When asked about the machines and revenue, Tracey stated that she wasn't going to get rich with them, but the income coming in has helped make her business better.

Dotty's Cafe was the group's third stop.

Located at 6188 S. Cass Ave., Dotty's opened in March of 2014. Dotty's was designed with a "homey" feel like a grandma's kitchen. The group was greeted by Jeff and Diane. Jeff stated that with Westbrook Market closing, their location is down in revenue approximately \$20,000 per week. Foot traffic has a lot to do with business. Jeff is hopeful that when Mariano's opens they may get that revenue back. When asked if Dotty's is worried about closing, Jeff stated that a Dotty's location has never closed. As with Penny's Place & DJ's, customers keep to themselves, rarely order food or drink. Customers come in to gamble and leave.

Laura's Cafe was the group's fourth and final stop.

Located at 6356 S. Cass Ave., Laura's opened yesterday, 12/2/15. This is the second Cafe' that Laura Trilla owns in Westmont, her other location is at 1125 Fairview Avenue. Laura also owns Papa Passero's, which has 5 machines. The decor was designed to be warm and inviting with an electric fireplace, a chair, and a sofa to give customers the impression that they are in their own living room. There was a TV in the corner which displayed information on Village information such as e-pay, Village Hall hours, school is open, drive safe, etc.

The machines were in a separate room. As with the others, customers are in and out, not ordering food or drink. Clientele is mainly women ages 35 - 80. When asked about revenue, Laura stated that she has been able to make much needed repairs to Papa Passero's with the income from the machines. Laura also stated that all contractors and vendors that were used for renovations were from Westmont, and provided a letter to the Village Board mentioning all of the contractors and vendors by name.

The tour ended at approximately 11 am.