

MINUTES

BOARD or COMMISSION: Capital Improvements **DATE:** 04/14/09

MEETING: Regular **Special** **CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:38 PM

QUORUM: YES **NO:** **ADJOURNED:** 9:44 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Piszczek (7:40);
Commissioners Brugh, Colliander,
Lindquist, O'Carroll (8:35), Pryde (7:39),
Thelen and Ryne.

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Michelle
Thorsell and Professional Engineer Bob
Minix

ABSENT: Public Works Director Caracci
and Commissioner Popp

AUDIENCE: None Present

CALL TO ORDER:

The April 2009 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order by Chairman Pro-Tem Al Thelen at 7:38 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairman Piszczek arrived at approximately 7:40 and took over the chair following the Trustee report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved to approve the February meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brugh. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Trustee Liaison Michelle Thorsell reported that a Recycling Extravaganza event was scheduled for April 25 from 8:00 a.m. until noon in the Village Commuter Parking Lot. Electronics will be collected this year. This coming Saturday morning, in honor of Arbor Day, the Village will plant a memorial tree at Village Green to honor former trustee Sara Lee. It was pointed out that Village Green was one of Trustee Lee's favorite places. The Park District may do some additional landscaping in that area.

The Board has approved the repair of the fuel storage tank system at the Public Works Reno Center. A new vendor has been hired for the annual landscape maintenance contract. Trustee Thorsell mentioned a resident's comments regarding work done by the previous vendor and P. E. Minix will follow up. The water main near the Route 53 bridge over the east branch of the river will be relocated as part of the bridge reconstruction work. Commissioners discussed the traffic delays that could ensue due to the bridge construction. P. E. Minix said the work would be done in two phases, with most of the traffic delay to occur in the first phase which will last 3-4 months.

The Gypsy Moth spraying contract has been approved and the Emerald Ash Borer program also will continue. It was thought that both programs would be discontinued due to budget cuts, but have been restored. The presence of EAB has been confirmed in Glen Ellyn and the mitigation program will continue.

The Board approved a paramedic service contract that will provide four paramedics and two ambulances 24/7 instead of two paramedics for half the time. An open house will be held soon.

Trustee Thorsell said that DuPage County is discussing the use of artificial turf and whether it is a safety and health issue. During rain storms, particles from the turf float out into sewers. Tests have proven that some of the constituent materials can cause health problems. Commissioners discussed other issues related to the use of artificial turf.

The new Village Board will take over at the first meeting in May. New liaison assignments are likely and Trustee Thorsell may be moved to another Commission. She complimented the CIC efforts during last year's funding campaign and said attending the CIC meetings had been a good experience for her.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

P. E. Minix distributed a spreadsheet outlining the status of projects planned for this year and provided a summary of this year's bidding experience to date.

He first discussed stimulus package funds potentially available to the Village and said there are specified criteria for how the money can be used. He said there are multiple components to the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act authorized by Congress. The two he has been involved with are transportation/roadway projects and water and sanitary sewer projects and both will use established delivery methods. For transportation projects, the money comes down through the state similar to the way Surface Transportation Projects (such as for Riford Road) are funded. Eligible transportation projects will receive 100% federal funding. The Village made a successful application for the resurfacing of South Park Boulevard, a project worth \$775, 000. Work will be done in 2010.

On the water and wastewater side, the State Revolving Fund would be the delivery mechanism (such as used with the Lambert Farms sanitary sewer extension). The stimulus money would fund 50% of the project, with half of that principal immediately forgiven and the other half with a zero percent loan; the remaining 50% would be funded through the state, again with a zero percent interest loan. The Village is pursuing one possible project, the extension of water and sanitary sewer into the residential areas north of Hill Avenue, across from the Glen Oak Country Club. The Glenbard Wastewater Treatment Plant is also hoping to get some stimulus funds.

Commissioners continued to discuss the stimulus package and the distribution of the funding. The Riford Road project is still not ready for bidding as land acquisition is still pending. Bids cannot be let until the agreement is finalized. In order for bids to be let in June, agreement information is needed by May and it appears less and less likely that a June letting is possible.

P. E. Minix explained the data on the Project Bidding Experience spreadsheet. He said there has been good interest in the projects so far. Projects on the list are Park/GE Place/Prairie which was bid in March with good results, i.e. bids received lower than the estimate. Braeside bids were received last week also with good results. The 2009 Street Improvements bids are due this week.

It is hoped that Riford Road can go out for bids in June. If Riford gets delayed, the Sunset/Turner Project could be bid this year. There is money in the budget this year for the engineering of the reconstruction of Bryant Avenue between Turner and Walnut.

Commissioners discussed short term ‘fixes’ and possibilities for other projects to be scheduled in 2009 and 2010. Commissioners indicated their concern that residents might think the Village was working on Park Blvd. while other projects are being delayed, when the work is actually funded by the stimulus bill. It was suggested that this be clarified in the Village newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future CIC Discussion Topics – P. E. Minix asked for input on topics the CIC might want to consider in the coming months.

- The CBD Plan – traffic flow, capital spending and parking. Trustee Thorsell said there is money identified in the budget for a traffic plan in the downtown area.
- Railroad Information – Commissioners would like to be kept up to date on developments and repercussions with increased train traffic.
- Sanitary Sewer Evaluation – This project is underway with RJN group as the Engineer. P. E. Minix said initial investigations have been done and arrangements can be made for some presentations and discussions this summer.
- Lake Ellyn Dam – The CIC would like to confirm that safety reports initiated by the Park District since it was a concern mentioned by several residents last fall.
- Impact Fees – Implementation of impact fees to cover damage to streets from home construction has been discussed in the past. Check what is done in other communities.
- Underpass at Taylor Street – Is this a possibility? No construction anticipated by the railroad. There has been some discussion regarding moving the pedestrian component to a separate tunnel.
- Utility Undergrounding – Work has slowed down. The right turn lane at Lambert will be done, and some work will be done by COD on Lambert next to the college. These are expensive projects with a ballpark cost of \$40,000 per pole removed.
- Bike Plan – Could invite Deborah Fagan to attend a CIC meeting to discuss this.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

In Director Caracci’s absence, P. E. Minix reported that the Village has signed up for next season’s salt supply to take advantage of a lower cost. An order was placed for 2,000 tons. Other Public Works items were mentioned in the Trustee’s report.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT:

Current and planned projects were covered in previous discussions under Continuing Business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Pryde moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Chairman Piszczek. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.