

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements

DATE: 2/8/11

MEETING: Regular X Special _____

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:45 PM

QUORUM: Yes X No _____

ADJOURNED: 10:30 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Commissioners Colliander, Lindquist, Popp, Pryde (~8:00), Ryne and Thelen

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Hartweg, Professional Engineer Bob Minix, Building and Zoning Official Joe Kvpil and Drainage Consultant and Plan Reviewer Marilyn Sucoe from Engineering Resource Associates

ABSENT: Chairman Piszczek, Commissioners Brugh and O'Carroll

AUDIENCE: John Huston and several residents from the Hawthorne Boulevard corridor

CALL TO ORDER:

The February 8, 2011 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Popp at 7:45 PM. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. John Huston of 588 Ellyn Avenue, Glen Ellyn, Illinois and several residents from the Hawthorne Boulevard corridor addressed the Commission regarding the Hawthorne Boulevard widening. P. E. Minix gave an update on the project status. This year, 2011, is to be used for the design and engineering process, with construction commencing in spring 2012. Hawthorne is designated a collector street, with schools on both ends of the street, and the plan at this time is to widen it to 25 feet. The engineer, when chosen, will prepare designs for both a 21 foot and 25 foot width of roadway. The next step for the Village is to hire an engineer for the project to have on board by March-April. There will be a meeting with the residents in late May-early June. Ultimately, the decisions on design issues will be made by September so the engineer can finalize the plans, and bid the project for construction next year. The goal is to get the major paving complete before school starts in 2012, particularly by the schools.

PE Minix answered several questions from the audience.

- It was noted that there will be significant work on underground water and storm water systems, and perhaps sewer pipes during the reconstruction. Although electric utility poles may be relocated in some instances, there are no plans to bury the lines due to money and time constraints.
- There was general discussion about traffic and the impact of widening the roadway. Traffic counts were done for some of Hawthorne approximately 4-5 years ago. Although there will be some updates, the plan is to perform a limited traffic study. Several in the audience noted that Western Avenue is a 21 ft wide road, and that perhaps traffic counts on the two roads should be compared. PE Minix noted that reconstructed streets with improved geometrics may tend to increase drivers' comfort on that street, which may encourage faster speeds. Narrower streets with well defined curb lines will tend to slow the average driver. Enforcement activity by the Police Department remains the surest way to deter high speeds on Village streets.
- In response to a question about the cost difference in the different roadway widths, there are tradeoffs between the cost of the materials for the roadway versus the parkway restoration and moving poles and trees, as the roadway narrows and the parkway broadens, and vice-versa. The Village of Glen Ellyn is funding this project without state or federal funds. The consultant will prepare cost estimates for both roadway widths studied during the preliminary engineering stage.
- It was clarified that the public information meeting in May-June will not be conducted by the Capital Improvements Commission, but may include the police chief, engineer and forester. To resolve design issues, it is anticipated that both the CIC and Village Board will conduct design exception request meetings in late summer that will be open to all residents.

The audience participation portion of the meeting concluded at 8:45 PM with thanks to the residents, and assurances that the Commission will continue to consider these issues as the process goes forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Colliander moved to approve the January 11, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Popp. The Motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Liaison Phil Hartweg reported that the ethics resolution will be discussed by the Village Board on February 14, and that there will probably be a second reading and vote on February 28. The Village has received 20-30 applicants for the Village Manager position, although the

actual recruitment by the search committee has just commenced. There will be a meeting with the Village of Lombard concerning the intergovernmental agreement for the Glenbard Wastewater Authority on February 21. The budget will be reviewed next month.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. PRIVATE PROPERTY DRAINAGE ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS.

P.E. Minix introduced Building and Zoning Official Joe Kvapil and Plan Reviewer/ Drainage Engineer Marilyn Sucoe. They were asked to provide perspectives on the scope of the residential drainage problems in Glen Ellyn and possible solutions. The Commission has been considering the issue at various times in the past 6 months. After this meeting, the Commission will need to determine how to proceed on the matter.

Mr. Kvapil mentioned that in special management areas (such as floodplains) and where the disturbed area exceeds 1,500 square feet, the process for development review is relatively well established. The Planning and Building Department is currently endeavoring to create regulations and procedures for projects under 1,500 square feet of disturbed area as part of developing building code amendments associated with the adoption of the ICC 2009 Building Code updates.

The Glen Ellyn zoning code currently allows up to 72% impervious coverage on a lot. In some areas this formula works, and in others, it does not. Marilyn Sucoe mentioned that some other communities are more restrictive; for example, Downers Grove imposes flood plain rules in identified "local poor drainage areas" regardless if the area was in a FEMA defined floodplain or not. Many communities restrict to amount of impervious coverage on a lot to 50% or less.

There was wide ranging discussion of the problems created by redevelopment of a single residential lot for properties several doors away by grading, disturbing the soils during excavation and landscaping. No single remedy would work for every lot, and we now have the problems created by all development before now. Going forward, ideas centered on decreasing the percentage of impervious coverage on a lot, and creating drainage easements or other methods of moving water across back yards, and from the back of lots to the fronts into the streets. It was noted that great strides have been made to increase the capacity of moving storm water that reaches the public right-of-way as roads are reconstructed. While the Village generally looks at development lot-by-lot, the Commission is trying to look at the issue on a Village-wide basis.

Commissioner Colliander suggested giving Mr. Kvapil and Ms. Sucoe additional time to determine possible updates and changes to the building and zoning codes, and then the Commission will review what they have suggested, say in about three

months or so. Commissioner Pryde suggested developing a pilot project affecting 4-5 homes whereby a project like the Hawthorne reconstruction can be leveraged to assist more directly in addressing drainage issues on private property. P. E. Minix concluded that the Commission will continue to discuss this matter.

2. ETHICS POLICY.

Nothing to report other than the comments authored by Chairman Jim Piszczek on behalf of the CIC were received. In addition, P.E. Minix provided comments to the Village administration from an employee's viewpoint.

3. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS.

There is nothing to report other than what was in Commissioners' packets for this meeting, noting the pending adoption of an ordinance regarding membership requirements for the Boards and Commissions in the Village.

4. BUDGET.

Due to the lateness of the hour, this discussion will be pushed to another meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was identified.

PUBLIC WORKS:

P.E. Minix reported that last week's blizzard was in some respects worse than 1999 in that the snow plow teams had to be pulled off the roads for short periods of time because of the winds on the evening of February 1-2. The kind remarks about the efforts of the snow removal crews have been appreciated. The secretaries have done a great job in fielding resident and business owner calls in the aftermath of the storm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Colliander moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lindquist seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The February 8, 2011 meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Submitted by Karen Blake, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by R. Minix, Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works