

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: September 11, 2012
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:33 PM
QUORUM: Yes X (at 7:48 PM) No _____ ADJOURNED: 8:52 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Colliander, Commissioners Brugh, Burton, Lindquist, Pryde, and Thelen

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Hartweg, Public Works Director Julius Hansen, Dave Harris, Executive Director, and Dan Hopkins of the Glen Ellyn Part District

ABSENT: Commissioners O'Carroll and Ryne

AUDIENCE: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The September 11, 2012 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairman Colliander, without a quorum at the beginning.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

LENOX ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND LAKE ELLYN PARK MASTER PLAN

Dave Harris, Executive Director of the Glen Ellyn Park District reported that the Park District is working with consultants to develop a Master Plan for Lake Ellyn Park (the "Park"). The boathouse needs work, the playground is beyond its useful life, and other upgrades are required. Conservation Design Forum, partnering with Farr and Associates, has been contracted with to prepare the Master Plan. Key stakeholders have been contacted: the Historical Commission and Society, the Lions Club, homeowners, School District 87, etc. The first public meeting was held August 28 with approximately 70 people in attendance. The consultants have also met with Staci Hulseberg and Bob Minix, and with one of the Village planners. As the Village is seeking to improve Lenox Road, it is a good time to be working together on this location.

The Park District has sent a questionnaire to residents on parking and other issues and received approximately 150 responses. The varied comments included no parking within the Park, no parking anywhere, expanded street parking, parallel or angle parking, controlling student parking. The biggest area of concern was to increase parking and making the roadway safer, and that there should be no road through the Park.

Mr. Harris stated that the District hopes to see the first conceptual plan in October. Chairman Colliander noted that Village is scheduled to work on Lenox starting after July 4 in 2013, and that the District should consider doing its repairs and improvements on the Lenox side at the same time. He also said that this Commission will be holding public hearings on the Lenox Road improvements and perhaps a joint public hearing will be in order in the future. It is important that the District and the Commission coordinate plans.

In response to Commissioners' questions, Mr. Harris said that the plan will probably be moderate in scope, leaning toward historic preservation and sustainable landscape: extend the walkway all around the park, improve the shoreline and improve the functionality of the building. Mr. Harris also said that feedback from the high school indicates that they are interested solely in additional parking. While mentioning water and flooding, they are desperate for parking.

Chairman Colliander noted that if there is not a sidewalk in a location undergoing reconstruction, the Village policy on roadway reconstruction calls for installation of new walk. There is a setback from the curb that is considered belonging to the Village. Mr. Harris said that the District would be open to a sidewalk that is sensitive to the trees, particularly the oak trees. There was discussion concerning a sidewalk meandering around trees as opposed to a straight line of pavement. Director Hansen said that an arborist would be evaluating park trees in conjunction with the Lenox Road work. He also noted that the Park District is not expected to pay for any portion of the Lenox sidewalk.

Commissioners discussed ways to connect parking and move pedestrians into the Park itself. Essex Road is a particular challenge because of its topography. The Village will be working in the vicinity of the Park for the next two years, which gives the Park District a two year window to work on the area with the Village. Mr. Harris said that there were break-out sessions at the August Park District meeting to consider the boat house and parking. He will review the feedback from those sessions, and will keep the Commission informed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved to approve the July 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pryde. Commissioner Burton noted a date correction in the Village Links section. The Motion, with this change, carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Hartweg reported that the Board considered the bids for the Braeside area local drainage improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners discussed options for sidewalk and parking on Lenox Road. Several ideas were suggested for parallel or angle parking all along Lenox or condensed into pods avoiding

trees, and a straight or meandering sidewalk. Current conditions are dangerous as too many people are exiting their cars into the roadway. If some trees are lost, an opportunity is created to plant new ones. Lighting for the various scenarios was also considered. The current parking situation restricts use of the Park. If the boathouse is renovated and more residents want to use it, even more parking will be required. Addressing the parking situation will allow the Park to be more successful as an asset to the Village.

The Lenox Road improvement project will probably be bid two different ways with one alternative being a straight sidewalk and parallel parking on the street, with a second alternative depending on discussions with the District. Director Hansen said that engineers could prepare a plan for discussion for the October meeting, along with rough quantities of existing parking.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Director Hansen said that the utility pole is finally out of the turn lane on Lambert at Roosevelt, allowing for work to resume and completing the project. The Braeside drainage work is being funded mainly by a \$570,000 grant, with the Village contributing an additional \$100,000. The area qualifies for grants, and the work will be completed by the end of November, 2012. Bids came in below estimates.

The Riford drainage area is complete. It is much wider than before. There was discussion concerning the long term efficacy of the retaining bricks. A resident has expressed concern over property lost to Perry's Pond in the last storm.

There is some question over salt quantities for the coming winter season. The State has not released information on how much salt will be distributed this winter. Not knowing whether it will be more or less expensive is creating some concern.

The possibility of sidewalks on Crescent will be considered at a later date as engineering work progresses on the Crescent Blvd. corridor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Colliander noted that there is an opening for a Commissioner. If anyone would like to recommend someone, let the Village know.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Pryde moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindquist, and was carried unanimously. The September 11, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

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