

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: October 9, 2012
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:35 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 9:42 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Colliander, Commissioners Brugh, Burton, O'Carroll, Lindquist, Pryde and Ryne

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Hartweg, Public Works Director Julius Hansen, Professional Engineer Bob Minix

ABSENT: Commissioner Thelen

AUDIENCE: Reis Kayser, 721 Lenox Road

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 9, 2012 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Kayser was involved in the discussion on Lenox Road Reconstruction – see below.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved to approve the September 11, 2012 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pryde. Chairman Colliander had a question on page 2 of the minutes regarding new sidewalk construction. P.E. Minix will revise the wording to clarify the meaning. The Motion, with this change, carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Hartweg reported that at the last Board workshop, Trustees considered raising the President's pay. Although there seemed to be consensus to increase the pay, there was no agreement on a dollar amount. There was no discussion concerning Trustees' pay. Any proposed action would need to be on the November Board agenda.

Trustee Hartweg noted that the other workshop topic was electric aggregation. This will be on the fall ballot. If approved, residents would be in the program unless they opt out. However, if residents are not current ComEd customers, they would have to opt in. The Village website has answers to many questions on this matter.

The Board issued a grant to a retailer for facade rehabilitation. Trustee Hartweg said that the Board now has to deal with such matters since there is not a downtown development committee.

There was discussion concerning non-working street lights. Director Hansen said that Public Works is trying to work with ComEd, but ComEd is not being responsive. Commissioners considered possible next steps.

LENOX ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

P.E. Minix presented a base map prepared by engineers. One option is to widen the roadway slightly and keep parallel parking. Trees are shown on the Lake Ellyn side of the road. Staff is looking for the Commission's preliminary thoughts.

P.E. Minix said that the current width of the roadway is 25 feet. Parking is heavily used on the east side, and it is currently very difficult to have two-way traffic. Some widening may be appropriate, more for drivers than those parking. There has been no engineering consideration to date for modifying the roadway north of the park (north of Essex Road). Parking adjacent to Lake Ellyn Park could be a combination of angle and parallel parking.

Commissioners discussed various combinations of angle and parallel parking, sidewalks and trees and other landscaping. It was suggested that some trees could be worked around, and the area would benefit from others being removed, and in some cases, replaced. Angle parking in select "pods" rather than in a continuous row would be the likely configuration if parallel parking is not utilized on the roadway.

Resident Reis Kayser of 721 Lennox cautioned about making it easier for cars to speed, and asked on how many days other than July 4 and Art in the Park are there parking problems. There was discussion concerning working with the Park District's Master Plan to upgrade the boathouse and other park amenities. Addressing the parking on Lenox will not completely solve the problem during high use events, but there is a desire to get the parking out of the roadway and make this Village asset more accessible. Safety was also discussed as well as placement of handicapped parking close to the boathouse. Mr. Kayser noted that he does not want sidewalk on Lenox north of Essex. He feels a sidewalk would come too close to homes and reduce property values.

Chairman Colliander mentioned that the School District would like more parking, even if it is only 10 additional spaces. The Commission will work with the Park District on what the Park District wants closer to the school.

The discussion moved to the Essex side of the Park, particularly access to and parking closer to the tennis courts. P.E. Minix confirmed that the Park District's master plan included the area around Essex to Grand and Lake. He also noted that there are sections on Linden and Oak

Streets that do not currently have sidewalks. Although those areas are not slated for reconstruction, they will be resurfaced. The Commissioners discussed investigating the possibility of adding sidewalks at the time of resurfacing. Residents should be contacted and set up a meeting to discuss. This would be the time to consider sidewalks, particularly if the Commission will be refining the next 20 year plan for road maintenance.

Chairman Colliander asked if questionnaires have ever been sent to residents to gauge sentiment after a project is completed to assess Village performance, for example the Hawthorne reconstruction project. P.E. Minix said that it has not been done in the past, and feedback is anecdotal. Commissioners thought it would be helpful. Perhaps an occasional survey on the website would be the answer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Civic Center

Director Hansen said that the Village is currently analyzing the space needs and expenditures pertaining to the existing Civic Center. The Capital Improvements Commission is being asked to look at the Civic Center from a capital project perspective, particularly whether it should be funded with bonds or from capital projects funds. The final staff report will be distributed to Commissioners approximately two weeks before it will be considered at a regular meeting. P.E. Minix said that there are deferred maintenance issues at the Civic Center and that it was built in the 1920s.

P.E. Minix mentioned that there are several other Village studies near completion that should be reviewed by this Commission: Lake Ellyn outfall study, downtown, etc.

Director Hansen discussed aspects of the Public Works Building. The salt storage building is overflowing, and he would like a facility with double the existing capacity. He would also like room to park 8-10 vehicles inside the building out of the elements. He would like input from the Commission on where to locate the salt storage. Commissioners asked for an aerial as a starting point.

Long Term Street Improvements Program

P.E. Minix said that the next master plan should go through 2030. It needs to update the costs and identify the needs. He presented two maps showing the current state of Village roads based on a roadway condition assessment performed this year. The next plan will include the streets annexed since 2000, which are generally not in good condition. There are also additional areas that may be annexed in the next few years. In response to Commissioners questions, P.E. Minix said that he did not know if more funds would be available if additional streets are annexed. It was suggested that a future meeting focus on the next master plan, and move the generally scheduled open forum meeting to sometime in 2013.

The next time period of real concern is around 2015 when the next round of Central Business District roadway improvements are slated. However, information is not currently available on a possible parking garage, the TIF and various desired streetscape element. It is difficult to plan from a funding perspective.

It was also noted that the Park District's proposed plan for Lake Ellyn Park would be refined following a meeting soliciting public comment on October 22.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Director Hansen reported that the dispute concerning liquidated damages for the 2009 Park, Glen Ellyn Place and Prairie Project was resolved with the approval of an Agreement and Final Change Order by the Village Board at its last meeting. A law suit was avoided and a large portion of the assigned liquidated damages were obtained from the contractor.

The new fuel system installation at the Public Works yard is moving forward. The old tank and system will be removed. No particular problems with excessive groundwater or contaminated soils have been encountered. The new gasoline / diesel tank is located 402 feet from the nearest water well to meet regulations.

P.E. Minix reported that the Hawthorne project is complete but for some roadway striping. The project ended up slightly below the bid price and below the dollars allocated by the Village Board. Lambert at Roosevelt right-turn lane project is complete with punch work winding down. The Riford outlet channel remediation project is complete featuring the installation of retaining walls and plantings. Sidewalk will be installed on Crescent east of Roger to the Village border. It will not be extended into unincorporated areas.

The Village Board has awarded engineering for the new Metra parking lot on Duane with construction to be done in 2013. Reconstruction of the Duane-Lorraine daily fee lot will be done in 2014 with engineering started this year.

A study has been initiated to systematically address the problem of water main breaks along Roosevelt Road. External corrosion is eating the pipes from the outside in. There was discussion on the best type of pipe to use, the connections for the future and how to construct with the least amount of disruption. Parts of the system range from 1930s to 1960s.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioners discussed the Taylor Street underpass and the impact of closing it for repairs. The railroads gave the Village only a week's notice. The railroad is not open to discussions concerning widening the underpass. That cost would have to be borne completely by the Village and could cost upwards of \$2-3 million.

Commissioner Pryde reminded staff that the Glenbard West retaining wall and parking lot reconfiguration need to be included in the budget.

Director Hansen said that the light pole painting on Roosevelt is complete. The rust was ground off and they were painted in place using a variety of products. The best looking pole base is powder coated. The cost was \$65,000 for all the poles and bases.

Commissioner Pryde updated the other Commissioners on the Village Links Project. The project is over budget due mostly to site work. The work associated with the Commission's oversight came in within \$5,000 of estimates. Building demolition will begin mid-October. A new pond will be dug over the winter. The cost of the entire project is approximately \$6.4 million.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Pryde moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burton, and was carried unanimously. The October 9, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.

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