

# MINUTES

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BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements      DATE: November 14, 2012  
MEETING: Regular   X        Special \_\_\_\_\_      CALLED TO ORDER: 7:35 PM  
QUORUM: Yes        X        No      \_\_\_\_\_      ADJOURNED: 9:58 PM

## MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Hartweg, Village Manager Franz, Public Works Director Hansen, Professional Engineer Minix, Police Chief Norton, Deputy Police Chief Acton

ABSENT: Commissioners Ryne and Thelen

AUDIENCE: Residents Carolyn Oesterle, Dave Allen and Reis Kayser at different points in the meeting.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The November 14, 2012 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was present.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (1):**

P.E. Minix reviewed the tentative schedule for the project for the benefit of Ms. Carolyn Oesterle of 625 Lake Road in the audience. It is a 2013 project, and design work has started. In approximately one more month from this meeting, the Park District is expected to provide guidance on how it wants parking on Lenox. This Commission will use its meeting in January as a working session to present the project and look at design parameters, but it will not be a meeting to make recommendations. In February, a hearing will be held and a recommendation formulated on street width, parking and sidewalks. The Village Board will consider this recommendation in March. Work will start after July 4, with the overall project expected to be completed in October. It was noted that the Park District will share its master plan on line when it is completed.

Ms. Oesterle stated that she does not want to lose any green space in the Park, and is concerned about safety for children. A wider Lenox would encourage speeding. She also feels that diagonal parking is more dangerous than parallel. When there is an event at the Park, 15-20 more spaces will not make a difference. There is much more parking than needed for daily Park activities. She has prepared a written statement for P.E. Minix.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Lindquist moved to approve the October 9, 2012 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burton. The Motion carried unanimously.

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**TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

Trustee Hartweg reported that the electric aggregation program is out for bid, and a decision will be made at the November 26 Board meeting. He also made note of the Blackberry Market, a new shop with a new concept in raising funds to invest in the market.

Manager Franz provided an update on the Village Links project. There has been much earth moving, and the demolition has started. He reminded Commissioners that the CIC recommended contributions to the Winchell Way and sewer/water projects. Bids came in higher than estimates. Chairman Colliander mentioned that construction prices are starting to rise, and the Commission and staff need to be aware of this trend going forward.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (2):**

Resident Dave Allen of 655 Oak Street asked about the Lenox Road project. P.E. Minix noted that it is Village policy, adopted by resolution, that sidewalks will be installed in the public right-of-way when a street undergoes reconstruction. Based on feedback from this Commission and the Park District, sidewalks will be considered on Lenox and Linden. There was brief discussion concerning students parking in the area. Chairman Colliander said that, once the engineering firm brings back various scenarios for parking and sidewalks and noting locations of trees and utilities, the Commission will review and arrive at a recommendation with resident input. There will be resident meetings prior to any recommendation.

**FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY:**

Manager Franz presented an overview of the current facility situation. The Board approved funding for a consultant in 2011 to recommend plans for the future. The building does not meet all of today's needs or anticipated future needs. The police have safety issues, and there are capacity issues in general throughout the building. The Board has asked Manager Franz to obtain this Commission's feedback.

Deputy Chief Acton presented a report detailing the challenges of the current space for the Police Department. There are operational and functional challenges that affect public and officer safety. The Department occupies a space approximately one-third of the space of a typical Department its size. There are areas where arrestees may encounter the public and/or are not secure. Evidence storage is inadequate. Deputy Chief Acton noted that Concept 3 of adding an "el" shaped addition would consolidate parking and address space needs while keeping police operations at the Village Hall. Concept 4 provides adequate space at a separate location, with the advantage of freeing up parking and space at the Village Hall.

There was discussion among the Commissioners, Chief Norton and Deputy Chief Acton concerning advantages of keeping the Police Department at Village Hall and those of moving it to a new, totally modern facility. The discussion included the advantages and disadvantages of having the Police Department in downtown Glen Ellyn, whether north or south of the railroad tracks or moving closer to Roosevelt Road. Chief Norton noted that now is the best time to make major changes. The cost of construction and bonding will only go up. It was noted that downtown needs parking, and it should be provided wherever possible, including the possibility of a two story deck at Village Hall. There are several other locations also under consideration.

Whether staffing levels increase or decrease, the size of the Village Hall and/or Police Department will be driven by operational needs. Chief Norton noted that comments have fallen about ½ for moving the Department and ½ for keeping it at Village Hall.

Chairman Colliander said that the Commission looks forward to receiving additional information on this matter. Manager Franz said that there will be planning funds in the 2013 budget. This will be part of the Board's discussion of long range capital needs.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3):**

Mr. Reis Kayser of 721 Lenox Road asked concerning the possible location of sidewalk on his side of Lenox. Commissioner Pryde noted that there is no other location for it other than against the curb because of trees. There was discussion concerning the benefits of widening the street, whether it might encourage speeding and parallel versus angle parking at the Park.

P.E. Minix noted that the current thinking is widening Lenox to 28 feet with parallel parking, but the Park District has not submitted its plan. The widened street would probably not extend north of Essex.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Director Hansen reported that the new fuel system at the Public Works yard is complete, and the two underground tanks have been removed. The project is under budget and on time.

**PROJECT STATUS REPORT:**

P.E. Minix reported that the Braeside drainage project is approximately half completed. It is being federally funded. Restoration will take place in 2013.

The Crescent Road sidewalk will not be complete in 2012. The construction site will be tidied up and completed in 2013 so that concrete will be poured at the optimal time of year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was noted that there will be no December meeting of the Commission.

Commissioner Lindquist moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brugh, and was carried unanimously. The November 14, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM.

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