

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: March 12, 2013
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:35 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 10:33 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

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

ABSENT: Commissioner O'Carroll

AUDIENCE: Dave Harris and Dan Hopkins from the Glen Ellyn Park District; several residents concerning the Lenox-Linden Improvements Project.

CALL TO ORDER:

The March 12, 2013 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

No comments other than on the Lenox-Linden Improvements Project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved to approve the February 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brugh. The Motion carried unanimously.

REHABILITATION OF LENOX ROAD – RECAP OF FEBRUARY MEETING:

P.E. Minix presented a summary, and asked for clarification, of actions taken at the February 12 meeting. The new Village Board will consider the Commission's recommendations after it comes on in May. The basic footprint of Lenox was decided, with parallel parking and widening the street. The roadway north of Essex will not be widened, nor a sidewalk installed on the east side. The intersection at Linden will be flush with bid alternates for roadway materials.

There was discussion concerning handicapped parking. There is no parallel parking configuration that is ADA approved. There are currently 4 spots by the boathouse. Options for better accessibility were discussed with the Park District staff. The Park District does not want more parking in the entrance way to the boathouse. The handicapped parking currently

available is more than required by code, but there have been requests for more by event coordinators.

ISSUES RELATED TO NEW SIDEWALK INSTALLATIONS ON LENOX BETWEEN HAWTHORNE AND ESSEX, AND ON LINDEN BETWEEN MAIN AND LENOX:

STAFF REPORT

P.E. Minix said that there is no sidewalk on the south side of Linden aside from one lot. Existing Linden sidewalk moves back-and-forth on one side of the street from the north to the south side between Lenox and Western. He noted that for Maple and Linden west of Main, the Board decided in 2002 to have sidewalk on one side only. On Linden east of Main there are older homes very close to the right-of-way, particularly on the south side. Some homes have been heavily landscaped by residents, including with trees, in the parkway. The engineers have proposed a sidewalk that minimizes impact on mature trees. In response to Commissioners' questions, P.E. Minix said that the proposed sidewalk is all within the Village right-of-way. All utilities are in the street. The Commissioners' consensus was that Linden receives a lot of foot traffic, but they also took note of the homes close to the right-of-way and/or had extensive landscaping in or very near the right-of-way.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND INPUT

David Rennard of 621 Linden provided a handout showing his home fronting on Linden. There is a hedge along Linden that has been there since at least 1988. The proposed sidewalk goes between the hedge and his house, which he feels puts it in the middle of their front yard.

Elicia Viola of 646 Forest noted that there has been discussion with residents about sidewalks in the past. A sidewalk on one side adequately serves the community. The additional sidewalk will be unnecessary spending of tax money. There are privacy issues, and sidewalk could impact tree roots. She also said that snow can pile up on carriage walks.

Sherri Shonkwiler of 646 Park expressed concern about storm water drainage if a sidewalk is put in on the Linden side of the property.

CIC DELIBERATIONS

Commissioner Lane asked for clarification on why additional sidewalk is being recommended by staff. P.E. Minix said that staff is generally in favor of completing sidewalk corridors in conjunction with a roadway project. This sidewalk is given a priority as it involves connectivity with a destination park. Commissioner Pryde noted that the Commission looks on a broader scale at what goes on in the community. Also, the right-of-way is Village owned property and there is no taking from residents, although the Commission tries to be respectful of how a resident uses the right-of-way. The hedge at 621 Linden impacts anyone trying to get out of a

car at that spot. It is the mandate of the Commission to respond to how streets are used. The two blocks nearest the park are most important when considering safety and ease of movement. Commissioner Colliander said that much thought is given to the Commission's recommendations. He noted that they work with schools and the Park District when improvements go past their property, and considers how improvements affect the entire community.

There was discussion with Mr. Rennard concerning how best to align a sidewalk and the possibility of moving the hedge. It was confirmed that there currently is not enough space between the hedge and street for even a three foot wide walkway. The consensus was to move the hedge, put the sidewalk next to the street and connect it with the sidewalk across the driveway.

There was discussion concerning sidewalk on the east side of Park, although it was noted that extreme side slope issues have prevented sidewalk installation.

P.E. Minix said that the Commission could wait until its April meeting to make a recommendation. The consensus was to postpone a recommendation and give it more consideration. Commissioner Colliander asked staff for a plan showing a reconfigured straight sidewalk from Lenox to Main. It can tie into existing sidewalk. P.E. Minix said it will be ready for viewing and consideration at the April meeting.

Consideration then turned to the sidewalk on the east side of Lenox through Lake Ellyn Park. The plan under consideration meanders in an effort to miss trees and existing landscaping while getting residents into the park. Commissioners were generally in agreement about the need for a sidewalk on the east side of Lenox, although it was noted that there already are paths through the park. There was discussion on how to tie everything at the park entrance. P.E. Minix noted there are many design options, and that staff can work on the details and bring a plan back to the Commission. It was noted that the Park District will need time to comment on whatever plan is being considered by the Commission. The District can provide the Commission a list of trees worth salvaging in areas near the proposed sidewalk. There was discussion about configuring the sidewalk to serve the vehicles parked on Lenox.

Chairman Colliander summed up the full discussion as follows: that the consensus is to install a sidewalk on the east side of Lenox, that it should be closer to the street between Hawthorne and Linden, and meander more between Linden and Essex. This will be the starting point for staff and for discussion at the April meeting, for which a plan will be prepared by staff with input from the Park District and the Village consulting arborist. There was additional discussion concerning the level of detail which should be prepared by staff and considered by the Commission. Commissioner Pryde noted that the plan should refine the concept and convey the Commissioners' intent to the Board of Trustees, the Park District and the neighbors. For discussion purposes, the sidewalk width will be shown at the standard five feet.

P.E. Minix said that there are more sidewalks to review for the 2013 construction season, particularly segments of Oak and Brandon. He will provide the Commissioners proposed layouts before the April meeting. Chairman Colliander said that the Commission will continue to consider applying the standard of installing sidewalks when road work is being done, thereby making the Village more accessible. The Commission anticipates receiving resident feedback.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Hartweg said that he is going off the Board of Trustees in May. There will be three new Trustees and a new Village President. A new assistant Village Manager has been hired with heavy human resources background.

Budget workshops have been held, and the Village budget will be adopted April 22. The reserve policy is increasing by one-half percent. The five year financial plan is not necessarily positive for five years from now.

The Village Links project is nearly under roof. It will be a great asset when completed, and could be done within a month of schedule. Funds switched to this project include \$450,000 in capital funds and \$75,000 each from water and sewer funds.

OTHER BUSINESS:

P.E. Minix said that the plan is to go out for bid within the next six weeks for 2013 projects starting the end of May and running into early fall. The recommendation to be presented to the Board of Trustees is that the Lenox/Linden project will be deferred to 2014.

Director Hansen said that there will be a bike path in place around April 1 for 3 miles with 75 signs in the area of Lambert, Fawell, Park and Nicoll Way. There is no pavement marking, just signage. It will be promoted in the Village newsletter.

Director Hansen mentioned that the Hawthorne project received an award from APWA Metro Chapter. Approximately 1,500 tons of salt have been used during the current winter season.

P.E. Minix said that the Crescent Blvd. project in front of Glenbard West is going well. There will not be a signal at Park and Crescent but intersection improvements will be significant. The project will be partially paid for with federal funds. There will be an opportunity for the Commission to review the preferred plan when it is ready.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Pryde moved to adjourn the meeting. There were several seconds, and the motion was carried unanimously. The March 12, 2013 meeting was adjourned at 10:33 PM.

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