

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: October 8, 2013
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:31 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 9:47 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS: Public Works Director Julius Hansen and Professional Engineer Bob Minix

ABSENT: Commissioners Lindquist and O'Carroll; Trustee Liaison Dean Clark

AUDIENCE: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 8, 2013 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order at 7:31 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None. Professional Engineer Minix did mention recent resident contacts regarding alley maintenance and improvements by a resident on Euclid that lives adjacent to the dead-end alley north of Oak Street between Pleasant and Euclid and a resident on Prairie concerned about potential drainage improvements on streets that are not scheduled for rehabilitation for many years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the September 10, 2013 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pryde and carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

No Report. Trustee Clark did not attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

P. E. Minix reported on the September Village Board workshop where CIC recommendations associated with the rehabilitation of Lenox and Linden were discussed. No decisions were forthcoming that night and the Board deliberations were postponed to a future meeting. The Board meeting of October 14, 2013 will again take up consideration of the recommendations. CIC members were encouraged to attend. Commissioner Thelen also commented on his take-away from the September workshop which he and two other commissioners attended.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW SIDEWALK CONSIDERATIONS – ELM & CHIDESTER BETWEEN LENOX AND RIFORD

P.E. Minix provided background information on the proposed project to reconstruct Elm and Chidester between Lenox and Riford. These two streets will be combined with the planned work on Lenox and Linden to form a single project for construction in 2014. Both Elm and Chidester have “Rural Road” cross-sections with no curbs and drainage primarily via ditches. Except for two lots on the south side of Chidester near Lenox, there currently is no public sidewalk on the two streets.

The consultant for the project is RHMG Engineers. The engineer recently completed a field survey and has made an initial attempt to lay out sidewalk on both sides of the street for both Chidester and Elm. The consultant provided layout drawings and a memo detailing the rationale for the proposed alignments. This information was reviewed by the attending commissioners.

Discussions included considerations of various different sidewalk alignments. The Commission strongly favored relatively straight sidewalks. Handling drainage in the neighborhood was viewed to be a very important consideration and sidewalks would need to fit into the selected stormwater management strategy. Another important concern was the extent of landscaping that might be appropriate to achieve a successful installation. The appropriateness of sidewalk on just one side of the street was raised but not endorsed at this time.

The Commission recommended development of three alternatives:

- Place the sidewalk at the “standard” location one foot inside the right-of-way, regardless of the tree impacts and removals required. This would provide maximum opportunity to use the balance of the parkway area for needed stormwater management techniques including “green / innovative” approaches such as rain gardens or bioswales, or to utilize shallow swales to convey stormwater. The alternative is wholly driven by stormwater management needs that may require non-standard techniques because traditional closed storm sewer approaches may not be feasible in the corridors. Pervious pavements might also be incorporated. It would be acceptable to slightly meander the roadway footprint in the right-of-way if improvements in drainage performance would result. The parkway would be heavily re-landscaped to replace materials removed to install the sidewalk.
- The current layout as depicted in the RHMG drawings dated October 2013 for Elm and Chidester sidewalks.
- A sidewalk layout that places the majority of the sidewalk immediately adjacent to the back of curb (frequently referred to as a “coachwalk” alignment).

P. E. Minix will discuss the options with the consultant and bring revised information back to the CIC, likely in November.

NEW SIDEWALK CONSIDERATIONS – OTHER 2014 PROJECT CORRIDORS

P. E. Minix discussed sidewalk situation for two other projects slated for construction in 2014, the Ridgewood-Arbor-Glenwood Improvements Project and the Elm-Geneva Connectors-Cottage Improvements Project. For the RAG project, there are gaps in the public sidewalk along sections of Glenwood and Arbor Court that would be filled in during the project. For the Elm-GC-Cottage project, sidewalk is missing on all or part of Prairie, Pleasant, Euclid and Highland especially in the corridors between Elm and Geneva Road. It was noted that except for the block between Prairie and Pleasant, there is no sidewalk on the south side of Geneva between Western and Highland.

It was the consensus of the CIC that sidewalk on the south side of Geneva should be installed with the project. DuPage County maintains the Geneva Road right-of-way and should be consulted to explore cost-sharing or other installation alternatives. P. E. Minix will include the field survey of the south side of Geneva between Western and Highland as part of the upcoming Elm-GC-Cottage design work and contact DuPage County.

OTHER BUSINESS:

P.E. Minix noted that the Village Board will soon be taking up the issue of funding of critical capital improvement needs in all Village areas and that the outcomes of this discussion will undoubtedly impact the current long-term roadway improvements capital plan. As such, he recommended that any public comment and input into the long-term plan – typically obtained at the November CIC meeting – be deferred until various Village Board capital spending decisions are rendered.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Director Hansen reported that design plans were under development for a new salt storage building to be constructed on the north end of the Public Works (Reno Center) facility. The work will be partially funded with Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) monies and will require a review by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Construction is anticipated to begin prior to April 1, 2014.

Director Hansen is working on a modification to the Village code concerning the duty to install sidewalks. The owner of a new home that currently does not have sidewalk will automatically pay into a capital projects fund, with those monies used for sidewalk improvements anywhere in the Village. New sidewalk will eventually be installed on a corridor during the next round of roadway improvements as a comprehensive whole rather than piecemeal.

PROJECT REPORT:

P.E. Minix reported that that the Oak-Euclid-Forest-Alley project was currently two to three weeks behind schedule and likely will not finish before the November 1, 2013 contract

completion date. The 2013 Street Improvements Project was slightly ahead of schedule and will be done by the contract completion date of November 1, 2013. The new parking lot on Duane Street near Glenwood is currently under construction and progress has been satisfactory to date, with the lot opening slated for mid-November.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Burton seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. The October 8, 2013 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Submitted by R. Minix, Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works