

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: November 12, 2013
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:33 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 9:45 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Colliander, Commissioners Lane, Lindquist, Pryde and Thelen

OTHERS: Public Works Director Hansen and Professional Engineer Minix

ABSENT: Commissioners Brugh, Burton, O'Carroll and Ryne

AUDIENCE: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The November 12, 2013 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Pryde moved to approve the October 8, 2013 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lane and carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Trustee Clark's report was submitted in writing as he was attending the Board of Trustees' meeting. There was a brief discussion among Commissioners concerning the status of the Roosevelt Road TIF.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: NEW SIDEWALK CONSIDERATIONS ON ELM & CHIDESTER

P.E. Minix presented two more alternatives for new sidewalk configurations based on feedback received at the last Commission meeting on the original layout. The second alternative would provide new sidewalk on both sides of the roadways as essentially a coach walk next to the curb. The third alternative developed by the project engineer, RHMG, focused on stormwater management techniques in the parkway, with the sidewalk location dictated by the type and location of the various possible elements: rain gardens, swales and pervious pavement.

Stormwater on Elm is currently picked up by a closed pipe system in mid-block and conveyed to the back of the homes to the north where there is an existing main. On Chidester, much of the stormwater from the street is conveyed south and east through private property swales. The goal on both streets is to control the release of stormwater so that existing infrastructure can handle the pending flows. County water quality requirements must also be considered.

There was discussion concerning installation of bioswales and landscape elements in front of homes to help control stormwater. Resident reaction to the look, maintenance requirements, pervious pavement durability and salt impact concerns were all items of interest.

Commissioners discussed the next step, which would be a working session with the public with the plan to make a formal recommendation in January. It was expressed that the Commission should be looking at alternative ways to deal with storm water. In this case, the stormwater improvements help to define sidewalk locations. There is not a firm cost estimate yet, but the impact would likely be 10% of the reconstruction project cost with \$50,000 going to plantings and \$50,000 to providing the stormwater control structures. Concerns were again expressed about the maintenance of the swales. Plants that can thrive in sandy soil and absorb water are required, as opposed to turf grass in black dirt. A fall-back position could be to do the stormwater system without the swales.

After lengthy conversation, Chairman Colliander expressed the sense of the CIC to have the engineers at the December Commission meeting to present a preliminary plan to the residents. The Commission will then continue its consideration of the matter at its January, 2014 meeting.

Commissioners then discussed the options of sidewalks on one or both sides of Chidester, given the Board of Trustees' decisions on other sidewalk recommendations. No clear direction on new sidewalk situations has been forthcoming from the Board.

At 8:37 PM, Trustee Clark arrived from the Village Board meeting. He reported that the Board has decided to allocate funds to the Fire Department by increasing various Village fees. Approximately \$850,000 needs to be raised or approximately \$107 per household.

P.E. Minix noted that significant improvements were made to Lake Ellyn in 1991, including increasing the storage capacity of the lake by 15 acre-feet, and that those improvements have largely worked as designed. However, there have been three major storm events since 2008, and now the focus is shifting to increasing the outflow from the lake.

NEW BUSINESS: FUNDING OF VILLAGE-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE CURRENT LONG-TERM ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROGRAM

P.E. Minix reviewed the Village's current 10-year roadway rehabilitation program. The 2014-23 program calls for various improvements totaling an estimated cost of \$57.6 million. The 2015 planned improvements focus on the Central Business District. There are significant capital improvement needs over and above the roadway program in the Village. Staff has felt it

prudent to explore possible reduced funding alternatives for roadway work. The Commission was asked to consider three alternatives to reducing funding for the Program by approximately \$10 million over the next ten years: (1) annual \$1 million reductions starting in 2016; (2) putting the Program on a two-year hiatus or (3) postponing reconstruction of curb-less roadways and instead, providing a maintenance overlay during the next cycle of rehabilitation.

In response to several questions from Commissioners, P.E. Minix said that a one-year delay will likely not have a significant impact on the overall condition of Glen Ellyn roads. However, the cost will increase as construction costs rise. Putting the Program on a two-year hiatus will have more impacts on the water-sewer side than the other two alternatives. While alternative three is the easiest, the reconstructions must eventually occur and they will be at a higher cost due to inflation.

The reason for this discussion is that there are significant Village-wide capital needs associated with the Civic Center and police facilities, many possible Central Business District improvements and wants, and fire station replacement. Priorities may be adjusted. Hard decisions will need to be made and every consideration is in play. In the long run, the Village Board will determine what it needs from the capital budget, and the Commission will consider how to implement that decision. This report and staff discussion is for Commissioners' information, and there is nothing at this time for the Commission to act upon. Trustee Clark noted that the Board has not yet discussed this matter, and also noted that streets are a high priority in the Village.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Director Hansen and Commissioner Pryde reviewed the proposed architectural plans for the new Public Works salt storage facility. Indoor vehicle storage and a police evidence locker area are desired in the same facility. The project will be reviewed in an effort to make it less expensive.

PROJECTS REPORT:

P.E. Minix reported that the majority of brick pavers have been laid at the new commuter parking lot. The installation of streets lights will likely be delayed, so an alternative temporary lighting solution is being sought so that the lot can open by month-end. General usage parking will be available, but the time when the lot is open to the general public was not certain.

The 2013 Street Improvements Project is essentially complete. Some landscape work remains, and a utility pole needs to be moved from one location on Brandon so that new sidewalk can be completed. The Oak-Euclid-Forest-Alley project is about three weeks behind schedule. It is continuing to move forward, but weather is hampering progress. Design work is starting for the 2014 street projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Thelen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lindquist seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. The November 12, 2013 meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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