

# MINUTES

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BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements                      DATE: January 14, 2014  
MEETING: Regular   X        Special \_\_\_\_\_                      CALLED TO ORDER: 7:10 PM  
QUORUM: Yes        X        No      \_\_\_\_\_                      ADJOURNED: 9:05 PM

## MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS: Director Hansen and Professional Engineer Bob Minix

ABSENT: Commissioners Ryne, Thelen and O'Carroll

AUDIENCE: Several residents from the Elm-Chidester corridors

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The January 14, 2014 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was not immediately present.

## **CONSIDERATION OF NEW SIDEWALK AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ELM & CHIDESTER BETWEEN LENOX AND RIFORD:**

### INTRODUCTION:

P.E. Minix reviewed the history of the consideration of this project. It has been before the Commission since October 2013. The October and November Commission meetings were working sessions looking at the design issues and challenges. The public was invited to the December meeting, which received a presentation of best management practices for stormwater, and discussion with residents in the corridor.

At tonight's meeting, the Commission will make a recommendation to the Village Board concerning sidewalks. That recommendation will be considered by the Board at its January 27 meeting. At that meeting the Board will hear from staff and the public, consider the Commission's recommendation and will approve, reject or modify it. That meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

### PRESENTATION – RHMGE ENGINEERS:

Ben Metzler of RHMGE presented the sidewalk and stormwater management plan, revised based on comments received from residents and Commissioners at the December meeting. RHMGE was advised to revise the sidewalk alignment and stormwater structures to reduce

impact on existing features along the corridors. The revised plans change sidewalk alignments, and remove proposed rain gardens, infiltration trenches and vegetated swales.

The original plan showed sidewalks as close to the right-of-way edge as possible to create room for vegetated swales, etc. On Elm, the revised plan shows the north sidewalk to be mainly a carriage walk, which moves closer to the right-of-way edge and back to the curb to avoid existing trees. A large spruce tree will not be removed, and the walkway will be as far away from it as possible. On the south side of Elm, the walk is a carriage walk the entire corridor. At the lowest “sag” point in the Elm roadway, permeable pavers will be installed to capture storm water and direct it into a storm sewer. On Chidester, the sidewalk on both sides of the street moves around within the right-of-way to avoid existing trees. At some places, it will be a carriage walk to avoid trees and ease grade issues. There will be permeable pavement installed in the roadway at the east and west ends of the street as both are “sag” points.

Regarding stormwater, Mr. Metzler explained that the Village is regulated by the DuPage County stormwater ordinance, which requires that no project trigger site development stormwater storage problems. He reviewed the estimated impact of additional pavement resulting from the new sidewalks on stormwater volume, which was shown to be negligible. However a volume control best management practice is required, which requirement will be met by water storage within the permeable paver sections and grading improvements. Mr. Metzler reviewed the options of permeable pavers, traditional stormwater pipes and a permeable pipe system. The most efficient and cost effective method is permeable pavers as the others require lowering the existing stormwater sewers.

There was discussion about how the improvements will affect storm water flow in the area. The new roadway with curb and gutter will help to convey stormwater into the sewer system rather than overland through side and back yards. Although the new curb and gutter will allow the roadway to hold more water longer within the roadway, during large rain events, there will still be overflow into side and back yards.

#### AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Rich and Heather Nickel of 770 Riford said that they like the revision that shows the carriage walks on Elm matching those on Riford.

Jeff Kilinsky of 690 Elm expressed appreciation for the Commission and engineers listening to residents’ concerns and the change to a carriage walk.

David Kennedy of 706 Elm asked about the placement of the permeable pavement and sidewalk. Mr. Metzler said that the sidewalk could be a barrier to stop water from sheet flowing directly to the north. Chairman Colliander noted that the plan in this area of Elm included an alternate routing that would require removal of a 6” maple but would improve drainage; the parkway tree would be sacrificed in an effort to reduce private property flooding near 698 and 702 Elm.

Janiece Waters of 740 Grand asked about the originally proposed rain gardens. Mr. Metzler said that they were eliminated from the plan based on resident and Commission feedback. There was discussion concerning possible sources of funds for maintenance of that type of system. It was noted that permeable pavers are a green initiative. The white oak on the Chidester side of 740 Grand will be avoided by moving the sidewalk around it, as there is insufficient room for a carriage walk.

Ryan Linenger of 720 Elm asked why there is space between the sidewalk and the street in some Elm Street locations. There could be utilities and/or grading issues requiring moving the sidewalk off the curb.

David Faganel of 699 Chidester is constructing a home at that location, and asked if the Village would install the new sidewalk or the builder would be required to do so. The Village will install sidewalks and any required retaining walls.

Greg and Marylu Olsen of 682 Chidester noted that the Village would be removing an ash and a hawthorn tree and asked if the Village would be replacing existing landscaping. Director Hansen said that the parkway would be sodded, and that the Village does not replace landscaping removed from the Village right-of-way.

Chris Hanson of 785 Lenox asked whether there are plans to bury the utilities. Chairman Colliander said that it is too costly for the Village to undertake, and that tree line roots would be severely damaged by burying lines.

Frank Wackrow of 703 Chidester noted that he likes the carriage walks and asked about installing permeable pavers throughout the corridor. There is a cost difference in installing permeable pavers and the system does not work well on hills.

Chairman Colliander reiterated that the Board of Trustees will consider the matter on January 27, and that each Trustee will have an opinion. The Trustees will review and make a final decision on tonight's Commission recommendation. The recommendation will be available to residents prior to the Board meeting as part of the Trustees' packet for the meeting, available via the Village website.

In response to resident's questions on various construction matters, P.E. Minix said that release of the construction schedule will be dependent on when the project is bid. Elm and Chidester will be paired with the rehabilitation of Lenox-Linden for work in 2014. During underground construction (about two months), there will be every effort made to maintain access to driveways, at least at night. It will take about 4-6 weeks to install the roadway itself. The project is expected to take place over June, July and August. The construction schedule will be established once the contractor is chosen. No parking notices will be selectively posted on the

streets to avoid cars parked on both sides, which would through traffic. There will be regular communication with residents.

The resident participation portion of the meeting ended at 8:33 PM. The meeting was officially called to order at 8:35 PM with a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**COMMISSIONER DELIBERATIONS:**

Commissioner Colliander expressed support for the changes in the plan as presented by the engineers that evening. This is the first opportunity for the Village to install permeable pavers in the street. He would change the sidewalk on the mid-block section on the north side of Elm back to the location showed by hashmarks on the revised plan and lose one tree.

Commissioner Lindquist said that he would rather lose a tree and increase the detention, which will help keep water out of front yards. These are perfect streets for permeable pavers as they have low spots which will enable observing the system in action.

Commissioner Burton expressed general dislike for carriage walks, but likes sidewalks on both sides of the streets, and supports the plan as a way to achieve the sidewalks.

Commissioner Pryde wanted to see the sidewalks straighter down the middle of the Elm Street right-of-way. Mr. Metzler noted that there are grade challenges that dictate the sidewalk being closer to the curb. These details will be worked out in the final design stage.

Commissioner Pryde moved, and Commissioner Lane seconded the following motion, which was approved unanimously:

**To accept the entire revised plan as presented at the January 14, 2014 meeting with the exception of accepting the alternative sidewalk location between 698 and 712 Elm Street.**

**TRUSTEE REPORT:**

Trustee Clark reported that the Board accepted the appointment of James Burket to the Village Board to replace Robert Friedberg, who resigned. Mr. Burket has a finance background.

The Board received a number of comments from the community in praise of the Public Works employees and the amount of work accomplished to clear roads during the recent snow events.

The Board considered a preliminary annexation agreement for part of the Glen Oak Country Club. The agreement will make Glen Ellyn contiguous along Hill Avenue all the way to the East Branch of the DuPage River.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Colliander announced that Commissioner Brugh has resigned due to other pressing time commitments. The Village President will appoint a replacement commissioner.

In response to Commissioners' questions, P.E. Minix reviewed the current status of the capital improvements budget process. Any changes to the existing ten year plan will come back to this Commission. There will be no changes through 2015, after which changes will have an impact. 2015 will be on a calendar year fiscal year. There are significant issues with the 2015 budget as that is the year designated for Central Business District (CBD) work. He wants to start pulling together the elements of all the initiatives and studies for the CBD. The TIF is not yet generating significant funds. In addition, the design engineering needs to be done in 2015 for the streets to be reconstructed in 2016. The current assumption is that the rural-type streets will not be reconstructed during their next cycle of rehabilitation, but this is subject to final recommendations and approvals.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Director Hansen reported there is now a salt shortage. The Village has used its allotment from the state purchasing contract, and will have to use private contractors to supply salt for the balance of this winter season. Costs have escalated, and transportation has become an issue because of the weather. Resupply has been slow.

Commissioners discussed ways to address the expected pot-holes. There have also been water main breaks, adding to the staff burden, already stretched because of the weather.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Pryde moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Burton seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. The January 14, 2014 meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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