

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: January 13, 2015

MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:06 PM

QUORUM: Yes X No _ _ _ ADJOURNED: 8:35 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Clark, Public Works Director Hansen, Professional Engineer Minix

ABSENT: Commissioners Burton and Ryne

CALL TO ORDER:

The January 13, 2015 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission, held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved, and Commissioner Pryde seconded, to approve the December 9, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Clark reported that the Board of Trustees had a long workshop meeting concerning various alternatives for an over- or under-pass through downtown to cross the railroad tracks. Nearly every scenario would require closing the Prospect Street crossing. No conclusion was reached at that meeting and the consultant will return to continue the discussions.

The Board did some annexation related cleanup of various properties in the newly annexed area in the southeast portion of the Village.

The Crescent Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Glenbard District 87 was approved with no issues. P.E. Minix reported that the District also has approved the Agreement. Now it goes before IDOT for the land transfers. The project is on track for IDOT to let bids on March 6.

Director Hansen said that the Village has received a request for a waiver of the new sidewalk requirement for new construction at 721 North Park. The Board of Trustees approved the builder's request for the waiver. The builder will pay the equivalent of \$20/linear foot

(approximately \$2,000) into the Capital Projects Fund for sidewalks in other locations built within a year. Commissioners expressed the hope that this waiver would not preclude the Village from installing a sidewalk on that location in future years.

NEW BUSINESS - NEW SIDEWALK CONSIDERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELM-COTTAGE-GENEVA CONNECTORS AND GLENWOOD-ARBOR-RIDGEWOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

ELM-COTTAGE-GENEVA CONNECTORS IMPROVEMENTS

P.E. Minix stated that there would be public meetings regarding the project with anticipated focus on the proposed new sidewalk segments. Commissioners asked that exhibits showing house-by-house graphics be available for the public hearing in March or April to provide a gauge of the setback from residences. Geneva Road is a new sidewalk area; other project streets involve primarily fill-in of gaps between sidewalk segments. Additionally, alley segments on Oak Street between Pleasant and Euclid will be upgraded with new pavement and better drainage. This work will assist, but not totally solve area flooding issues.

An exhibit showing sidewalk gaps in the area was reviewed by Commissioners. Proposed sidewalk alignments face the usual challenges with trees. The engineer attempted to keep the sidewalks as straight as possible while saving some mature trees. Staff will work with the resident at the southeast corner of Elm and Prairie to straighten the driveway approach when installing the sidewalk. The County will contribute some funds for the work on Geneva Road.

Commissioners reviewed the proposed alignment in relation to the curb and Village right-of-way. Some trees and utility poles require adjustment to the preferred simple, straight alignment. Discussions will be held with the County on placement of sidewalk ramps at intersections so that crossings of Geneva Road are discouraged. Staff will assess resident comments. It is possible that exception requests will be forthcoming and that the new sidewalk issue will require a recommendation from the Capital Improvements Commission.

GLENWOOD-ARBOR-RIDGEWOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Relatively short segments of Arbor and Ridgewood lack sidewalks. P.E. Minix reviewed the engineer's proposed locations of the sidewalks that will fill in the gaps on these streets. These streets will undergo substantial roadway and infrastructure rehabilitation. The width of the streets will not change, and all the driveway aprons will be rebuilt as part of this project.

Chairman Colliander asked for an exhibit showing the impact of a straight sidewalk aligned with the curb, and a revised exhibit showing detours around trees. It was also suggested to remove any small trees and move them or plant new ones nearby rather than disrupting the sidewalk alignment. P.E. Minix will be soliciting input from affected residents. He expressed an opinion that new sidewalk will undoubtedly be installed in the corridors and that staff will work with residents to come up with the least impactful alignment.

The Elm-Geneva-Cottage work is scheduled to be bid in February, and cost approximately \$2.1 million plus an additional \$100,000 for the alley. The Glenwood-Arbor-Ridgewood road reconstruction work, to be bid in March, is estimated to cost approximately \$3 million.

OTHER BUSINESS:

In response to questions, P.E. Minix outlined the work scheduled for 2016. The area of Elm between Kenilworth and Western will be addressed. Drainage improvements have already been made on some private property areas and others are planned for this year, including a new culvert under Geneva Road.

Construction in 2016 also marks the start of the change from full street reconstruction to maintenance overlay in certain outlying areas, beginning with Highland north of St. Charles Road. It was noted that not all of that area north of St. Charles and west of Main Street has been annexed into the Village. This change is expected to reduce the roadway rehabilitation budget by roughly \$1 million each year from the previously planned budgets.

The Board of Trustees is considering bonding options (debt) for the anticipated new police station and downtown improvements. P.E. Minix noted that it has been 17 years since the last significant work was done in the downtown area.

Park Boulevard may be done in 2016 between Roosevelt Road and the railroad tracks. A delay may be seen because of wanting to include bike lanes, for which Park is a good candidate. The road needs to be approximately 29 feet wide to accommodate a bike lane. The narrower the roadway, the wider the bike path needs to be, and Park's width varies. A tree assessment is needed from the arborist as several trees have been damaged by ComEd.

The new engineering position, as previously discussed with Commissioners, has been posted. Director Hansen noted that he would like to have the new person on board in the next 60 days, so there will be three engineers for the upcoming construction season. The staff proposal for bidding engineering work was presented to the Board of Trustees. Revisions will be ongoing with the involvement of the Village Attorney, moving the process more toward lump sum bids rather than the current cost-plus basis, and expanding the pool of invitees providing proposals.

Commissioners received the "Bike to Metra" brochure. P.E. Minix noted that current and former interns are featured in the pictures. Staff was given suggestions for locations to distribute them, such as the train station, library, bike shops and grocery stores.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Director Hansen reported that 600 tons of salt had been used since January 1, as the cold temperatures required more salt to bring major roads to a bare pavement status. Heavy salting is taking place only at intersections on secondary roads. Public Works has 400 tons on hand and has ordered 300 additional tons. There are considerations for a salt dome to be built off site from the Public Works facility, but in the general area of the Reno Center. Director

Hansen's goal is to be able to store sufficient salt for the entire winter to avoid problems with trucking it in during the season.

PROJECT REPORT:

The Taylor Avenue pedestrian underpass project has received a grant from the federal Surface Transportation Program of \$1.8 million, 75% of the currently estimated construction cost of \$2.4 million.

Engineering design continues on the Lake Ellyn drainage area project with review from IDNR, which must review the project because of the dam. How the Lake Ellyn work will be timed with the Park District work in the area is unclear at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane moved, and Commissioner Biggam seconded adjourning the meeting. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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