

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: May 12, 2015
MEETING: Regular X Special CALLED TO ORDER: 7:07 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No ADJOURNED: 8:18 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Commissioners Biggam, Kumar, Lindquist, Ryne and Zucchero

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

ABSENT: Chairman Colliander, Commissioners Burton, Lane and Pryde

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 12, 2015 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission, held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairman Pro Tem Lindquist. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Doug Robson of 818 Pleasant was present to discuss the agenda item relating to new sidewalk on the Elm-Cottage-Geneva Connectors Improvements Project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Biggam moved, and Commissioner Zucchero seconded, to approve the April 14, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Trustee Clark reported that the second half of the May 11 Board meeting was largely devoted to transition matters, with three Board members sworn in (two new and one returning). In the first part of the meeting, topics of discussion included funding of the Crescent Blvd. reconstruction project, extension of the current street resurfacing contract and award of the Glenwood-Arbor-Ridgewood project. There was also a protracted discussion on street vendor cart storage.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Director Hansen reported that restriping of commuter parking lots was done again this year due to complaints about narrowed spaces from last year's work. Consideration of a new salt

storage facility will be set aside, as the search continues for an appropriate Village-owned site and funding mechanism. Available MFT funds have been diverted to the Crescent project.

PROJECT REPORT

ELM-GENEVA CONNECTORS – COTTAGE IMPROVEMENTS – Senior Civil Engineer Daubert reported that work commenced on Cottage in mid-April. Sewer and water repairs and upgrades have been made, in addition to installation of 430 feet of new storm sewer. The underground work is substantially complete. Road work will commence at around May 26, and the goal is to complete Cottage by the first-mid part of June. Similar underground work has commenced on Prairie. P.E. Minix noted that S.C.E. Daubert has the project on schedule despite scheduling issues with the contractor in the past. The goal is to complete the entire project by the end of summer.

CRESCENT BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION – Professional Engineer Minix reported that the contract has been let by IDOT. Five bids were received, and the low bid was \$3.15 million as compared with the original engineer's estimate of \$2.8 million. The cost of materials is increasing, and the tight time frame has also contributed to the cost, as the goal is to have it in usable form by August 24. The project is only 1,600 feet with minimal underground work, but there is a lot of concrete with parking lanes and sidewalks.

The challenges of the street closures were discussed. Those who know the Village should not be unduly inconvenienced in the opinion of P.E. Minix. The July 4th parade route will be adjusted, with it ending at Main and Crescent.

GLENWOOD-ARBOR-RIDGEWOOD IMPROVEMENTS – The project's construction and field engineering contracts were awarded by the Village Board on May 11. The low bid of \$3.15 million is approximately 6% below the engineer's estimate. This work will run from Memorial Day to November 1.

P.E. Minix said that it will be a busy summer. The SCADA system will be updated with new hardware and software for the Village's water supply network, the operation and quality of which is heavily dependent on technology. Also, sewer lining is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSIDERATION OF NEW SIDEWALK ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELM-COTTAGE-GENEVA CONNECTORS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:

For the benefit of new Commissioners, P.E. Minix reviewed the process of soliciting feedback from residents potentially affected by new sidewalks, review by the CIC if an exception request is brought forth, and then presenting the Commission's recommendation to the Board, which may then accept, modify or reject it. Generally, if there is a section of sidewalk missing in a corridor, the Commission will opt for installing it as part of a roadway improvements project.

Concerns raised by residents may include closeness to a home, taking part of a front or side yard, parking impacts or effect on landscaping installed in the Village right-of-way.

Mr. Doug Robson, the resident at 818 Pleasant, requested reduction of the width of the proposed carriage walk to 4 feet from 5 feet to help preserve a tree's roots. The situation will be reviewed by staff, including the forester, in the field. Commissioners discussed possible solutions, including reducing the sidewalk width around this tree and expanding to five feet before and afterward. Staff pledged to work with Mr. Robson to achieve a sidewalk configuration acceptable to all parties.

It was noted that there will be continuous sidewalk on Geneva Road after this project between Western and Main. DuPage County controls the Geneva Road right-of-way and requires that connecting sidewalk be offset from the curb at intersections.

Staff also presented concerns expressed previously by the resident at 456 Elm about saving a tree. Although also expressing concern about additional runoff into his driveway, staff noted that a carriage walk would drain into the street. It was possible that the resident just needs an explanation of the impact.

The resident at 807 Prairie also previously expressed concern about a sidewalk being too close to the home, and asked that it be installed as a carriage walk instead.

P.E. Minix gave the opinion that, unless there are resident issues that cannot be resolved by staff or the Commission, there will be no need to go to the Board for sidewalk approval. Resident feedback does not seem to require drastic changes in the staff plan, and although there were concerns expressed at the public meeting, no resident appeared to speak at this Commission meeting about an outright waiver of sidewalk installation. Staff will reach out to the residents with concerns and recap this meeting's discussions. Staff will be ready to move forward unless there is further resident contact. Otherwise, there is no need for a formal recommendation from the Commission, and the Board will be advised accordingly.

The sidewalk construction work will be done this summer, and the schedule will need to be such that parking will be available for Geneva Road residents displaced by sidewalk installation on the adjacent intersecting ("Geneva Connector") streets.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Ryne moved, and Commissioner Biggam seconded, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

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