

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
July 25, 2011

Time of Meeting: 7:03 p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Friedberg, McGinley, Hartweg, Ladesic, Henninger, and Cooper; Village Clerk Connors, Village Attorney Diamond.
Staff present: Village Manager Franz, Assistant to the Village Manager - Admin. Schrader, Interim Finance Director Barbeau, Interim Public Works Director Perrigo, Planning and Development Director Hulseberg, Chief Norton, Recreation Director M. Pekarek.

1. Call to Order

President Pfefferman called the Board Workshop to order at 7:03 p.m. with a roll call. Trustees Hartweg, Cooper, Henninger, Ladesic, Friedberg, and McGinley responded "Present."

2. Union Pacific Presentation

Wesley Lujan, Union Pacific Railroad Director of Public Affairs, introduced himself as a new Glen Ellyn resident and told about his family. He gave the history of Union Pacific and statistics concerning the number of miles of track, number of trains per day through Chicago, and the number of Metra and freight trains to Chicago per day. He explained that railroad is attempting to eliminate standing trains in the Glen Ellyn area and how equipment is moved in and out of the Chicago area. Mr. Lujan presented information about the new 500 acre Joliet yard that opened in October 2010. It will eventually be expanded to over 700 acres. He listed the various agencies that the Union Pacific reports to, gave an environmental value assessment, and showed the overall savings by moving goods by rail.

Mr. Lujan answered questions from the Village Board and gave the parameters for receiving grant money for a tunnel project. The Village Board was reminded that funding has to be for tunnels that are over one block away from another crossing. He noted that there have been approximately 34 complaints about standing trains which is about half of the year before. The Village Board made suggestions. A Heritage Communities program will be forwarded to Lee Marks of the Historic Commission.

3. Village Links Facility Master Plan

President Pfefferman began the discussion mentioning that no tax dollars are used to operate the Village Links, which is a first-class golf course. He introduced the Recreation Director Matt Pekarek who presented information regarding the clubhouse/master plan and recommendation. Village Manager Franz explained that the Master Plan

was developed through a Steering Committee and presented to the Recreation Commission. Staff is looking for direction from the Village Board as to the course of action the Village Board prefers.

Director Pekarek summarized the process used to make recommendations since the restaurant is old, outdated and does not have a bar; rest rooms are worn and do not conform to ADA standards; parking is not convenient to the clubhouse and the driving range is too small, has bad drainage and needs lights. He showed an aerial view of the Village Links and explained that the primary purpose of the land is water retention. Other deficiencies are water lines, utility lines and underground irrigation lines – utility planning needs to be done all at once. The Steering Committee investigated various scenarios, and the one that seemed the best among the six they identified was the most costly. Director Pekarek outlined the various costs. The Steering Committee hired three architects/engineers from the outside to try to give a more cost effective and professional perspective as well as identify other options. The companies were: V-3 Companies, Gill Design, Inc., and PPK Architects. Reports from the companies indicated that all options chosen by the Steering Committee were too expensive. The Steering Committee then developed the project into various phases and outlined how they could be implemented. An aerial view of a new general concept plan for both the clubhouse and areas around it was shown.

Director Pekarek discussed financing using G.O. Bonds, but explained the difficulty is the profit forecasts and being able to determine whether repay could occur as planned. The bonds would be paid off from golf course income. The plans as shown would increase service to the Glen Ellyn community by offering a better driving range and an excellent food and beverage gathering place. No bids for outsourcing the restaurant were received in 2010. Comments and questions from the Village Board followed the presentation, but questions from the public were deferred to the Village Board meeting at 8 p.m.

4. Other Items?

None

5. Adjournment

At 8:00 p.m., all voted “Aye” to adjourn to the Regular Village Board Meeting in the Galligan Board Room. Village Board Workshop adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Village Clerk