

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
September 12, 2011

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

President Pfefferman called the Board Workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call. Trustees Hartweg, Henninger, Friedberg, Ladesic, and McGinley responded "Present." Trustee Cooper was excused.

2. Tree Preservation Ordinance

President Pfefferman gave a short introduction and a previous background of events leading up to the current recommendations from the Environmental Commission. The recommendations incorporated consistencies and ease of use and were discussed among staff at various levels. Staff discussions were taken back to the Commission for consideration with the understanding that the result would be the final recommendations now before the Village Board. President Pfefferman mentioned that Environmental Commission Chairman Lee Neary was present.

Planning and Development Director Staci Hulseberg presented a more recent evaluation of the topic from the April 25, 2011 Workshop forward which included above and beyond recommendations for Village Board consideration to the May 16 Workshop which included comments from Public Works as well as other input from Village Trustees and the Environmental Commission. The Village Attorney has reviewed the proposed ordinance. The Village Board is being asked to consider the revised ordinance as directed at the May 16 Workshop which incorporates the Village Attorney's comments.

The Tree Preservation Ordinance relates to three separate ordinances in the Village Code that was adopted in 1998. The three elements were: the protection of trees on the public right-of-way; the protection of trees on private property; and the adoption of National Arboricultural Standards.

Changes to public right-of-way trees pertain mainly to definitions. The proposed changes to the Arboricultural Standards are minor in nature. These two are not being

brought before the Village Board for discussion at this time. They will be considered at another time.

The changes to the private tree preservation is being presented for discussion at this meeting. The ordinance presented follows direction of the Village Board that it should not incorporate any above and beyond recommendations of the Environmental Commission; it should include the Village Manager's version; and the Arboricultural Standards manual should remain part of the Village Code.

The other changes to the private TPO were made by the Village Attorney that included allowing the Village Forester to make minor technical changes and to delete the clear-cut provision and make it a separate ordinance. It was explained that a separate ordinance could allow the private TPO to impact only single family homes. Staff was requesting direction to prepare two ordinances – a separate clear-cut ordinance and a private TPO eliminating clear-cut. Arboricultural Standards provision would be included in the public ordinance.

The Village Board discussed the obligation of the Village Forester, options available, and how the ordinance/s would be enforceable. It was agreed that the Village Board needs more time to consider the private Tree Preservation Ordinance. The ordinance will be brought back before the Board in two weeks.

President Pfefferman brought up the question regarding discussion by the Village Board concerning green plantings and whether the Village Board should set a greens policy. He asked if this should be part of a Tree Preservation Ordinance and if so how and when should it be done.

3. Other Items?

None

4. Adjournment

At 8:00 p.m., Trustee McGinley moved, seconded by Trustee Hartweg to adjourn to the Regular Village Board Meeting in the Galligan Board Room. All voted "aye." Motion passed; Village Board Workshop adjourned.

Submitted by:

Suzanne R. Connors,
Village Clerk