

Minutes

Village Board Workshop

Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees

May 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by President Demos.

Present: President Alex Demos; Trustees Friedberg, Ladesic, McGinley and O'Shea. Village Clerk Galvin, Deputy Clerk Solomon; Village Attorney Mathews. Staff present: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Stonistsch, Deputy Police Chief Holmer, Planning and Development Director Hulsberg, Planning and Development Planner Stegall, Public Works Director Hansen, Engineer Minix and Utilities Superintendent Greenberg.

Trustees Clark & Elliott were excused.

Deputy Police Chief Holmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Streetscape Plan and Parking Study

Planning and Development Director Stegall provided an overview of the Streetscape Plan and Parking Study, which was funded by a \$50,000 grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. This grant includes parking management. Since October 2012 a Steering Committee met four times. On April 10, 2013 the Steering Committee unanimously approved moving forward with the majority of suggestions in this plan. The plan will need Board approval by June 1 in order to retain this grant.

The entire Streetscape Study and Parking Plan Draft Plan is located on the Village website:

<http://www.hlplanning.com/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=2KUUjY2mdYg%3d&tabid=3108&mid=3865>

Dan Gardner, Houseal Lavigne presented an analysis of the Streetscape Plan & Parking Study with regards to Urban, Transitional and Residential areas included in the Plan. Mr. Gardner also identified what specifically is included such as lights, furniture, bike racks, paver, plantings and signage. Mr. Gardner also discussed the importance of integrating the Prairie Path into the Plan.

Rich Olson, Gary R Weber Associates presented additional recommendations to the Board. In the Urban Core Mr. Olson recommends a lot pavers to complement the trees and lighting; as they are porous and assist in drainage. The Transitional Core consists of the same elements, though scaled back and the Residential area includes Village lighting and gaps are filled in where parkway trees are not there. Residential areas have light enhancements to paver areas.

With regards to the Horse Trough, it can either be kept where it is or moved. If kept as is the suggestions are to upgrade the curb line, update the plantings and even elevate the structure.

Additional Streetscape suggestions include:

- A) Mid road crossings, where people will cross for convenience anyway but to provide safe passage;
- B) Including the Prairie Path in the final Streetscape Plan, to uniquely identify the Prairie Path as Glen Ellyn;
- C) Using sustainable landscaping when possible since it is environmentally friendly and requires less maintenance;
- D) Alleyscape improvements;

- E) Parking lot screening which will screen cars but not business signage;
- F) Potentially using raised platforms for outdoor restaurant seating or for special events.

The current Village site furnishings are of high quality and can be integrated with the Streetscape plan. Current lighting is gas, may consider turning downward instead of out and may want to consider LED for cost savings.

Six locations have been recommended for a parking structure, ideally one location north and one south. The recommendations are for a public-private partnership with a future development and not to take property off the tax rolls in order to construct.

Trustee Ladesic inquired about signage for the Prairie Path, this would be coordinated with the County. Trustee Ladesic also asked if curb extensions would result in a loss of parking; no but it would not.

Trustee O'Shea asked if the curb extensions would impact traffic and turning. They would not downgrade traffic movement; rather they would keep it moving in a safe way.

Trustee McGinley asked if the traffic portion of Streetscape has been engineered. No, this plan is conceptual. The final design would require engineering. Trustee O'Shea asked about changing Main and Forest from Pennsylvania from one way to two way, Trustee McGinley commented that a previous Traffic Plan was not adopted since that Board was not supportive of changing street directions. Trustee McGinley inquired about the plans for garbage cans and types; LED lighting and if the electrical grid in town could support LED streetlights, placement of trees so as not to impede vision, the use of pavers and the maintenance and reinforcement of pavers vs. stamped concrete, aesthetics vs. function.

Manager Franz commented that the consultant is presenting a conceptual plan, and that management will recommend engineering review as different parts of the plan are integrated, as the Board moves forward. Manager also commented that this Plan is not all inclusive, rather it is evolving.

Trustee Freidberg commented on his dislike for the use of pavers, and the ongoing maintenance they require. Trustee Freidberg also remarked that we have more parking spaces than demand for parking. Trustee Friedberg asked how many businesses requested outdoor dining this year to which Planning and Development Director Hulsberg replied: seven. Trustee Friedberg suggested that street parking be eliminated in front of restaurants.

President Demos commented that he is not a big fan of spending a lot of money on studies but this one was done appropriately and well. President Demos particularly likes the mid-block crossings, extension of pavers and the dining platforms. President Demos commented that the pavers need to be reinforced, while reinforcement is the most expensive option, it can alleviate 95% of the compression.

Lee Marks, 475 Hawthorne Blvd., Historic Preservation Commission commented that the Horse Trough has been in place since 1907 and that it is a historic icon. Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation voted unanimously to retain the horse trough in its current location. Mr. Marks appreciated the suggestions to strengthen the curbs to protect the structure. Mr. Marks also commented that he liked that the Streetscape Plan recommends retaining the lighting, which replicates Glen Ellyn's original lighting. Mr. Marks also appreciates the suggestion to have the lighting downward, rather than out. Mr. Marks believes that there are many parking places not in use, although more handicapped spaces may be needed and that with regards to a parking structure, it is his belief that most women do not want to use a parking garage.

Finally, after today's catastrophic event in Oklahoma, Mr. Marks inquired if the Village has a warning system, to which Deputy Police Chief Holmer responded that there are five warning sirens in the Village, they are tested every Tuesday and the sirens are activated if a tornado is sighted and imminent.

Mike Wilson, 716 Crescent Blvd., commented that he does not believe downtown parking is an issue, and that he is irritated by the big green signs in front of Glenbard West and considers them a distraction.

Chris Wilson, 537 Phillips Ave., Historic Preservation Commission and Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation would like to see the Streetscape Plan keep the existing plans and make them better. Ms. Wilson also stated that she is totally against moving the horse trough, it is a treasure in our community and moving it would set a precedent for eroding things that make Glen Ellyn unique.

Manager Franz reminded everyone that the deadline to formalize a plan in order to retain the grant in June 1.

APRIL FLOOD EVENT UPDATE

Julius Hansen, Director of Public Works prior to his updates on the April Flood Event noted that Michael Hansen, future Eagle Scout prepared a PSA with the assistance of Michael Norton, Multimedia Specialist on Tree Planting. This video is on the Village website:

<http://www.glenellyn.org/GETV/MediaPlayer/GETV/Tree%20Planting%20in%20Glen%20Ellyn.html>

Director Hanson proceeded with his presentation of the April Flood Event and introduced Karol G. Giokas, P.E. from RJN. RJN specializes is a national firm located in Wheaton that specializes in sanitary sewers. Ms. Giokas began with an overview of system types: Sanitary, which is diverted to a treatment plant and Storm Sewers, which are diverted to lakes, streams, etc. Glen Ellyn has approximately 500,000, linear feet of sanitary sewer line, 2,200 manholes and 5 lift stations. The estimated value of this Village asses it \$150,000,000. Glenbard Wastewater Management Authority averages 12 mgd daily, during peak wet water flow it is 47 mgd.

RJN has investigated Glen Ellyn since 1997 to the present and some of their areas of study are manhole inspections, smoke and dye testing and flow motion and modeling. RJN's findings are that Glen Ellyn's sewer system is adequate for dry weather flow conditions but the system is leaky (including illegal hookups). This system is inadequate for wet weather flow.

Michael Young, P.E., RJN stated that the goal is to eliminate all sewer backups and to maintain and improve the Village infrastructure and to extend the life of the system. This can be done by increasing capacity and to reduce excess water entering the system; RJN has identified bottlenecks in the system. This has to be done without impacting areas downstream.

Bob Minix, P.E., Village of Glen Ellyn discussed the philosophy and approach for infrastructure improvements. One main goal is to upgrade the structural integrity to keep fresh water from entering the system. As street improvements are made, the recommendation is to change the mains to an additional 8" larger in size, parallel to street; to televise and conduct engineering review; and with new street/infrastructure improve the water, sewer and storm sewer infrastructure.

Hawthorne Blvd. construction is an example of infrastructures improvements. During this project sewers were replaced and changed from clay to PVC.

Sewer lining is a goal to keep fresh water out of the system and checking manholes.

Bob Greenberg, Utilities Superintendent provided an overview of current maintenance procedures. Currently his Department cleans 20 miles of sanitary sewers yearly. They televise (the Village recently acquired their own equipment), report findings to the EPA and develop a plan immediately. Since 2006 the Real Estate Transfer Tax has paid for 3,349 inspections and 144 illegal connections have been disconnected. There are 7,500 actual service connections. In 2006-2007 the Village conducted an Amnesty Program at a cost of \$45,000.

Superintendent Greenberg further stated that the Village's Sanitary Sewer Share cost Program reimburses 50% from the main to the curb + an additional 10 feet. To date, 165 homes went from clay pipes which leak to PVC for a cost of \$399,861. Superintendent Greenberg also reviewed the Overhead Sewer Program. Overhead sewers keep inflow out of the system; this is the best program for an initial quick fix to protect homes from backups.

Michael Young, P.E., RJN recommended a Village wide sewer rehabilitation program to protect this Village asset. Option one is a 10 year plan, Option 2 is a more aggressive 5 year plan with the potential of utilizing IEPA loans. Mr. Young further stated the plan would need to include repairs and lining, and manhole rehab. The benefit is to exceed the life of this asset. Mr. Young also suggested picking a specific area for a pilot area.

Superintendent Greenberg added that the Village Overhead Sewer Program currently has a cap of \$2,500 reimbursement and suggested lifting that cap as it might serve as a deterrent while the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Program has no cap.

Trustee Ladesic asked for clarification of sewer reimbursement are and suggested increasing the % of Capital improvements to aid in funding.

Trustee O'Shea suggested keeping track of the total costs and asked how many people are inquiring currently about the reimbursement program: Superintendent Greenberg responded that there are 40 inquiries since April Flood Event and that the typical cost for an Overhead Sewer is \$5,000-6,000. The total cost of the program is \$227,000 consisting of 111 participants.

Hugh Johnson, 71 Exmoor commented that in '06-'07 when improvements were made on Bryant, his rental home had approximately 2 feet of sewage backup. In April he had 4ft of sewage backup and in a matter of minutes it receded. Mr. Johnson inquired if the Village can share cost a check valve or back flow valve in the ROW? Engineer Minix responded that it would be difficult to access these valves in the ROW and stated his preference being overhead sewers as the best alternative. Mr. Johnson stated that his primary residence has an overhead sewer which was clogged with debris during the April Flood Event. He also stated the manhole covers were filled with debris and asked for Public Works help.

President Demos suggested Mr. Johnson communicate with Public Works and not wait for a meeting since his comments and concerns are of a time sensitive nature.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Al Stonitsch, Assistant Village Manager stated Now that DuPage County has been declared a disaster area due to flood damage from the storms on April 17 and 18, Glen Ellyn residents may apply for assistance by visiting www.disasterassistance.gov , by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or at the FEMA in Lisle at the Lisle Police Department, 5040 Lincoln Ave. The deadline to apply is July 9, 2013.

Manager Franz announced that due to the Memorial Day Holiday the next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. This is a Special Workshop Meeting of the Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees and the Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners. The Meeting will be held at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse, 645 Lenox Road at 6:00PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting of the Glen Ellyn Board of Trustees will held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 8:00PM at the Galligan Board Room at the Civic Center.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee McGinley and Seconded Trustee Ladesic to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Galvin

Village Clerk