

**Minutes**  
**Special Village Pre-Board Workshop**  
**February 26, 2007**  
**Room 301**

**Meeting:** 7:05 p.m. – 7:58 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** President Hase; Trustees Armstrong, Chapman, Gardner, Lee and Norton. Trustee Pfefferman was excused.

Staff: Weaver, Barrett, Batek, Caracci, Hulseberg and Norton. Village Forester Peggy Drescher and Village Attorney Stewart Diamond were also present.

2. **Review of the February 26 Regular Village Board 8:00 p.m. Meeting Agenda:**

Item #6D: Police Chief Norton presented information regarding a contract with Stutz Plumbing and a contract with MC Building regarding the approval of three projects that are listed in different areas of the budget in an effort to be more cost effective. Chief Norton said 1. a new evidence office with pass-through evidence lockers 2. minor configuration changes to the officers report writing room and 3. the replacement of toilet/lavatory combination units in the holding area would cost approximately \$48,000.

Item #8: Trustee Armstrong asked Planning & Development Director Staci Hulseberg about the possible Scott Avenue vacation that would impact this property. Director Hulseberg stated that the Village is in the process of considering the right-of-way vacation that would change the property at 995 Clifton Avenue from a corner lot to an interior lot. Two of the three variations the property owners, Richard and Joan McCracken, are requesting tonight would become unnecessary if the vacation is approved. Director Hulseberg said a condition has been added to tonight's ordinance addressing this issue.

Item #10: President Hase requested a motion be made at tonight's meeting to table this item, an Ordinance amending Title 7 (Health and Sanitation) of the Village Code of the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, regarding outdoor fires and open burning to March 26, 2007.

Item #11: There was discussion among the Village Board and Attorney Diamond regarding Ordinance No. 5554, an Ordinance approving Zoning Text Amendments for open front porch bonus requirements. It was the consensus of the Village Board to approve this ordinance, but also to track future variation requests regarding open front porch bonus requirements.

3. President Hase thanked the Environmental Commission for their yearlong effort regarding a review and recommendation concerning adjustments to the Village's **Tree Preservation Ordinance** that was first established in 1998. President Hase mentioned that Environmental Commission Chairman Michelle Thorsell and Commissioners Bob Marcott and Bill Fairbank would present the following findings to the Village Board, but there would be no decision by the Village Board tonight regarding the TPO.

Chairman Thorsell presented a brief history of trees in Glen Ellyn. "Gems of Glen Ellyn" was published in 2003 to provide information to residents regarding our urban forest. Many Glen Ellyn residents consider trees to be fundamentally important to Glen Ellyn and one of our

greatest treasures. In 2004, the “Joe Wark Environmental Award” was instituted. This award provides incentive for general contractors/owners of single-family and small multi-family construction projects to participate in building construction and design practices that encourage the preservation of our environment.

In the fall of 2005 President Hase requested the Environmental Commission complete a review of the current TPO including experience gained since its adoption, and determine if modification to the TPO, especially in regard to trees on private property, would be recommended at this time.

After much research, including policies of various communities, public meetings and input by staff, the Environmental Commission recommends adding two additional levels of tree protection to our existing TPO for Private Property.

Level One addresses the most protected tree category, a Heritage Tree. This would be a voluntary program where residents could register their heritage tree with the Village. As long as the tree remains healthy, a heritage tree:

- Could not be cut down.
- A professional tree care expert could only do pruning.
- Tree preservation would last for the life of the tree, unless the Village Board approved a variance.

Level Two addresses protection of species of larger, healthy trees located in private property setbacks. Trees with a DBH (diameter at breast height) of eight inches or greater, located within setbacks would be protected from removal and also during construction. A property owner would be able to remove a Level Two tree only with Village approval by following one of several requirements, including, but not limited to:

- A tree being relocated or replaced somewhere else on the property; or
- A \$1,000 fee per tree removed, to be deposited into a “Tree Fund” that would be used for arboricultural improvements throughout the Village.

President Hase thanked the Commission again for their time and effort regarding this project and said that after Village Board review, there would be further discussion of the TPO.

5. **Adjournment** at 7:58 p.m. to the 8:00 p.m. Regular Village Board Meeting in the Galligan Board Room.

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