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AGENDA
WINFIELD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010
7:00 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
>> All present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Correspondence
>> A letter was received from the Winfield Park District, indicating the District's support of the River Walk Plan. They also said that the Park District endorsement could be used in any Grant applications etc. An e-mail message was received from Union Pacific Railroad regarding the placement of the signal bridge. The railroad explained that the bridge needed to be either 20 feet east of Winfield Road, or 50 feet west to allow proper braking distance. They will put decorative blocking to make it less obtrusive. President Birutis asked for the opinion of the Board on the placement so she could get back to U.P. All Trustees voted for the placement to the west.
5. Audience Participation
>> A citizen had a question about the railroad's switching "shack" now located near Winfield Road. The railroad said that it would not be able to provide decorative blocking for that structure.
6. Consent Agenda
>> Unanimous approval of all items.
 - A. Motion approving meeting minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole held February 4, 2010.
 - B. Payment of bills for February 18, 2010.
 - C. Motion to approve a contract with Rempe-Sharpe of Geneva, IL in the not-to-exceed amount of \$17,064 for engineering design services associated with the Winfield Road Bridge Deck Replacement Project.
 - D. Motion approving the following appointments to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee recommended by the Village President:
 - Ron Rude as Chairman for a 2-year term
 - Roy Fonda for a 3-year term
 - Robert Fairbairn for a 3-year term
 - Heidi Vollmuth for a 3-year term
 - Lawrence Priban for a 2-year term
 - Sandy Whiston for a 1-year term
 - Richard Wilen for a 1-year term

Non-Consent Agenda

7. Ordinance Approving a Grant of Bike/Walking Easement to the Village of Winfield from Central DuPage Hospital.

Village Manager Curt Barrett will present information on a proposed agreement with CDH granting the Village an easement necessary for construction of the Winfield Riverwalk.

>> The easement involves the proposed walking and biking path as well as plazas proposed for the area adjoining the West Branch of the DuPage River, owned by CDH. The hospital's initial response to the easement proposal was a 7 page letter of concerns. Staff was able to finalize terms of agreement and sent the hospital the changes. The hospital had asked the Village to provide more detail to the protections CDH had asked for, and for the Village to not limit further development of near-by property. They also proposed a "sunset" provision of 7 years in the letter. Ownership would revert to CDH. This may need to be clarified and adjusted. One suggestion was to co-ordinate the date with the 17 year TIF district time-line. Mr. Barrett felt that an agreement was close, and expressed appreciation for CDH's prompt turn-around on the agreement. The agreement needs to be in place in order to apply for grants.

Trustee Vade Bon Coeur felt the agreement was fair and looks forward to the completion. He also pointed out that the 7 year clause said that the project should "commence" in 7 years, not necessarily be "complete."

Trustee Bajor said he was pleased to see the proposal come forward. He had a question about the 7 items in the Memorandum of Understanding. Trustee Vade Bon Coeur explained that those issues had been incorporated into the letter of agreement. The items were separated into 2 areas: Riverwalk easement and Development in other parts of town. Just the Riverwalk specific items will be included in this agreement.

Trustee Olson was pleased with the spirit of partnering that has developed with CDH. He had no concern about the sunset clause saying that he trusts CDH to understand that the Village has a lot invested even before "shovels hit the ground." He also asked that staff make sure that the parcels included in the easement are correctly identified. Staff responded that they will go through each attachment before execution of the agreement. Trustee Olson had particular concerns about the property behind the old Frank's site. Staff will be sure to check.

Trustee Kunesh was okay with the sunset clause

Trustee Mrugacz had a question about the "over and upon" phrasing, does it apply to underground work. Staff responded that there were no drainage issues in the project.

Trustee Martchinke was okay with the agreement. He was glad that CDH had gotten it back to the Village so quickly. He was also okay with the 7 year sunset clause as long as "commence" is understood as considering prep work as "commencing" the project. Tying it to the TIF timeline would give the Village more time to get "feet on the path" progress. It depends on the interpretation of "commence." CDH said they were willing to negotiate time frames, not wording. A change to a 10 year time line was suggested. Trustee Martchinke was okay with that idea.

8. Village Trustee Reports of Boards and Commissions

A. Communication & Technology - VadeBonCoeur

>> Nothing

B. Riverwalk - VadeBonCoeur

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C. Administration & Finance - VadeBonCoeur

>> The committee met last Saturday. Since the entire Board was at the meeting, they did not need an update.

D. Environmental Concerns - Bajor

>> They will focus on "Clean Air Counts."

E. Stormwater - Bajor

>> Committee will meet on Wednesday February 24 at 6:00

F. Public Works - Bajor

>> Public Works will meet on Wednesday February 24 at 7:00. The committee is looking at projects in progress including the underpass, the lift station and sewer extension to the north as well as the hydrant flushing program. The Reduced Pressure Zone Program was discussed. The committee needs to know where cross connections are. This program will protect the public water supply from back flow from private lines. The bridge reconstruction project is being finalized. The stimulus project to resurface Winfield Rd. and the Village part of Garys Mill Rd. is scheduled to be underway in the spring.

G. Planning - Olson

>> The committee will meet on Wednesday March 3 at 7:00

H. Zoning - Olson

>> The committee will meet on March 25

I. Marketing & Development Taskforce - Olson

>> Trustee Olson apologized for not being able to make the last meeting. He plans to meet with the Board to reschedule meetings to accommodate his work schedule.

J. Traffic & Public Safety - Kunesh

>> The committee worked on the text for the "Bike to Metra" brochure. Their next meeting will be March 15, 7:00 at the Village Hall.

K. Bikeways Planning Group - Martschinke

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9. Other Village Officials' Reports and Comments

A. Village President – State of the Village Address

>President Birutis enumerated the accomplishments and changes that have happened in the Village over the past year. She emphasized co-operative planning in improving the Village. She then had staff explain the accomplishments of their individual departments. Nadine Alletto gave a financial update. Frank Belasario listed Police Department accomplishments and projects. Dan Watson explained infrastructure projects accomplished in the past year. Kurt Barret discussed road issues. There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday the 27th at 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall to gather citizen input on funding options for road repair. Peter Krumins listed progress on various projects in the Village including Shelburn Crossings, Winfield Crossings and Lee Station III. President Birutis explained that the emphasis for 2010 will be on road repair, Town Center and Riverwalk development, improving finances and improving communication with residents and businesses.

B. Village Attorney

>> No report

C. Village Clerk

>> No report

D. Village Manager

>> Budget Workshops are scheduled for February 23, and March 2.

E. Village Treasurer – Treasurer's Report for January 2010

>> Detailed the budget balances.

10. Pending Future Business

A. RPZ/backflow prevention testing program

11. Adjournment

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Consider request from Klein Creek Golf Course to adjust noise restrictions

>> The Golf Course has a new owner. He came to the Village for help in resolving how noise complaints in the subdivision can be handled. According to Village code, all maintenance noise can be after 7 a.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. on weekends. The golf course is different because of the golf activities. In their Homeowners Agreement, residents waive the right to complain about golf course noise. The homeowners realize that a golf course community is unique by its very nature. Policy changes by the new owner such as no longer allowing fishing, jogging on cart paths and less access to the course by non-golfers in the evening when golfers are present due to legal issues has possibly led to a backlash of noise complaints.

The new owner would like to request an exemption to the Village's noise ordinance. He would like to amend it to reflect the 1992 Homeowner's agreement about allowing lawn mowing earlier for subdivision residents.

The current president of the Homeowner's Association spoke on behalf of the new owner. He felt the increase in complaints was linked to the new limits on access to cart paths. He said that the residents enjoy the amenities of a great view, and increased property values because of their location on the course. He supported the request for the exemption. There were questions from trustees about the timing of work starting. The course operator said it varied by season. Golfers can start earlier in the summer because of the light. Maintenance has to occur before they can start. The owners have tried to get the quietest equipment on the market and check it regularly. A question was raised about whether the course would remain public, as agreed to in the open space provision of the original agreement with the Village. The owner said it would remain public. Trustee Bajor had questions about noise level monitoring. He was on the 1994 conservation agreement committee. He asked how decibels, volume and distance were being measured when responding to complaints. The police chief explained enforcement determinations. Trustee Bajor thought the Village had sound measuring equipment, but the chief said he hadn't seen it. The Village attorney added that there were troubles in court over sound measuring equipment.

Trustee Vade Bon Coeur asked if the previous owner had had noise complaints. Very few had been received. He also asked for a position statement from the Homeowner's Association to help work out an agreement.

2. Consider support for DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference legislative priorities

>> The conference will focus on regional issues for the western suburbs. Towns will group together to lobby for these issues. The trustees were asked if they had questions or comments on the priorities so the issue can be put on a future agenda for endorsement by the Village.

Trustees were supportive of the process to move forward. A request for a formal endorsement and support will be on the next Board Agenda.

3. Public comments

>> Two citizens commented on the Klein Creek noise question by expressing feelings that the noise was inherent in living in a golf course community. They were surprised at the complaints. One citizen mentioned that he felt the Village should pay attention to the road bed situations and not just resurface roads that will not last due to road bed problems. He also expressed desire for an overpass or underpass on Winfield Road under the railroad tracks.

4. Village Board comments

>> There was universal support for President Biritis's State of the Village presentation. The inclusion of staff to explain their specific department's accomplishments was seen as a real positive. It gave many details as well as allowing citizens to put a face with names of department heads.

5. Adjournment