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AGENDA
WINFIELD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010
7:00 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
>> President Birutis and all Trustees present except Jack Bajor and Joel Kunesh
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Correspondence
>> President Birutis read a commendation to the Winfield Police by a resident who was assisted promptly and well by three officers who responded to a fire at her home.
5. Audience Participation
 - A. Proclamation recognizing Volunteer Service in Winfield
>> Pres. Birutis commended all the residents who serve as volunteers at a variety of agencies and charities and who do with selfless dedication and much time.

Resident Erik Spande described the volunteer work of four such organizations, one of which helped in Earth Day cleanup, assisted by over 110 residents, the Bikeway Group, the Community Garden Group, coordinated by him and resident Tim Allen which has expanded its membership, and a not-for-profit Illinois Prairie organization that in addition to its other work, is raising funds for the Village Riverwalk project, doubling contributions and then again having the sum up to a point doubled by Central DuPage Hospital.

A representative of the Winfield Garden Club spoke of its work for homeless Veterans and welcomed more residents.

The President of the Lions Club spoke of the work and funds donated to help children who have eyesight and hearing problems and donations given to the local public school.

President Steve Romanelli of the Winfield United civic organization spoke of its numerous cooperative and its own activities, including its tree sales, its cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce events, including Good Old Days and its Garden activities for the Winfield School. Through its Civic Involvement Team numerous contributions have been made, including the Midwest Center for Homeless Veterans.

A Chamber of Commerce representative spoke of its work in numerous activities to promote Winfield to its residents and residents in other localities including the Farmers' Market, Cruising Winfield and scholarship donations to deserving students.

Resident Dennis Clark spoke of the work of the Conservation Foundation, The Morton Arboretum, the County Forest Preserve, and the Illinois Prairie Path to beautify the area, to preserve its ecological heritage and to provide both education and enjoyment to the residents of this County.

Dirk Enger, District 6 representative to the County Board spoke of the financial difficulties faced by the Board, although presently its budget is sound. However it is awaiting action by the Illinois Legislature to maintain needed funding to the County. Proposals to set State rates to counties which would severely reduce education funding by 10% is not acceptable and would prove harmful to the citizenry. He urged residents to contact their legislative Assembly and Senate representatives to refuse to go along with these hurtful cuts. He stated that the County did receive \$77 million from the Federal Government's Recovery Act which can be used by agencies and not-for-profit groups to purchase certain bonds for specified purposes at a 45% tax reduction and that currently \$30.1 million has so far been allocated.

Police Chief Frank Bellisario will present a summary of Winfield Emergency Management Agency (WEMA) activities over the past year.

>> Chief Bellisario and Assistant Coordinator Heidi Vollmuth spoke of the aid provided by WEMA volunteers in such activities as aiding the police in traffic control and special events, preparations for natural and man made disasters, providing shelters for those displaced, important advice to residents on protecting homes and loved ones in emergencies and preparing for them. Volunteers are much needed.

B. Village Clerk Anne Mareachen will administer the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Joseph Gaske. Officer Gaske completed Police Academy training March 12 and is currently completing the Police Department's 15-week field training program.

>> Officer Gaske was sworn in and welcomed by the Board and the residents who were present.

C. Public Comments

The opportunity to speak to the Village Board is provided for those who have a question or comment on an agenda item or Village of Winfield issue that will stimulate thought so as to make the Village Board deliberations more productive and meaningful. The Village Board appreciates hearing from our residents and your thoughts and questions are valued. The Village Board strives to make the best decisions for the Village and public input is very helpful.

Respect for the duties of the Village Board and for the democratic process will be adhered to – in this regard, civility and a sense of decorum will be strictly followed. All speakers must address their comments to the Board. Comments that are personally condescending will not be permitted. Therefore, speakers shall be courteous and should not make statements that are personally disrespectful to members of the Village Board.

Please use the microphone when speaking as the proceedings are being videotaped. Please announce your name and address before commenting – all comments under Audience Participation are limited to five (5) minutes and each citizen will only be permitted to speak once.

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6. Consent Agenda

>> Approved by the Board Trustees

- A. Motion approving meeting minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole held May 6, 2010.
- B. Motion approving payment of bills for May 20, 2010.
- C. Motion approving a temporary use permit and waiving applicable sections of the Village Code associated with Cruzin' Winfield events coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce on Monday nights June through August in downtown Winfield.
- D. Motion approving a temporary use permit and waiving applicable sections of the Village Code associated with the 2010 Farmer's Market coordinated by the Winfield Chamber of Commerce on Wednesdays from June 2 through October 27 in the Prairie Trail Shopping Center located at Geneva and County Farm Roads.

Non-Consent Agenda Items (7-10)

- 7. Motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Special Use Permit for an Outdoor Restaurant at 27W150 Roosevelt Road (Morgan's Charhouse).

Community Development Coordinator Peter Krumins will present information on the request from the owner of Morgan's Charhouse to approve an outdoor eating area, which requires a special use permit. The Plan Commission reviewed this request at their meeting held April 7, 2010, voting 5 to 0 to recommend Village Board approval.

>> [Approved by the Board Trustees](#)

- 8. Motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Variance from Sections 9-3-6.D.4 and 9-3-6.E.2 of the Winfield Sign Code to Allow an Electronic Message Center at the Winfield Park District Located at 0N020 County Farm Road.

Community Development Coordinator Peter Krumins will present information on the Winfield Park District's request to replace their existing signboard with an electronic sign, which requires a variance under the current Village Sign Code. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed this request at their meeting held March 25, 2010, voting 4 to 1 to recommend Village Board approval. The Village Board subsequently reviewed this item at the Committee of the Whole meeting held May 6, 2010.

>> [Approved by the Board Trustees](#)

- 9. Motion to approve a contract for repaving of the High Lake Parking Lot with E. Hoffman, Inc. of Lombard, IL in the not-to-exceed amount of \$59,175 to be expensed to the FY10-11 Parking Fund.

Village Engineer Dan Watson will present information on this repaving project for which 14 bids were received. Low bidder E. Hoffman's price was 24 percent below the engineer's estimate, and reference checks on the company were positive.

>> [Approved by the Board Trustees](#)

- 10. Motion to approve a three year lease agreement between the Village of Winfield and Java Connection of Wheaton, IL to provide coffee vending services at the Winfield Train Station.

Village Manager Curt Barrett will present information on the proposed lease. Java Connection has successfully operated coffee vending services in the Wheaton Station for the last three years and was evaluated as most responsive to a request for proposal process recently conducted by the Village.

>> Approved by the Board Trustees

11. Village Trustee Reports of Boards and Commissions

A. Communication & Technology - VadeBonCoeur

>> Progress continues on improving the format of the Village's Word publication

B. Riverwalk - VadeBonCoeur

>> Erik Spande was thanked for his efforts

C. Administration & Finance - VadeBonCoeur

>> Finance Director Alleto spoke of research in progress to solicit RFPs for a banking facility for the Village that would have a lower cost than presently is charged.

D. Winfield Fire Protection District - VadeBonCoeur

>> No remarks

E. Environmental Concerns - Bajor

>> No remarks. Mr Bajor is absent

F. Stormwater - Bajor

>> No remarks. Mr Bajor is absent

G. Public Works – Bajor

>> No remarks. Mr Bajor is absent

H. Winfield Park District - Bajor

>> No remarks. Mr Bajor is absent

I. Planning - Olson

>> Meetings continue on a regular basis

J. Zoning - Olson

>> The next Appeals meeting will be on May 27, 2010

K. Community Consolidated School District 200 - Olson

>> Applications for Grants for bikeways for schools will be submitted

L. Traffic & Public Safety - Kunesh

>> No report. Mr. Kunish is absent

M. Winfield Public Library - Kunesh

>> No report. Mr. Kunish is absent

N. Bikeways Planning Group - Martschinke

>> See above (K)

O. Economic Development Task Force- Martschinke

>> Surveys and business promotion literature is being prepared at scheduled meetings

P. Winfield Chamber of Commerce - Martschinke

>> See comments of the Chamber activities above

Q. Winfield School District 34 - Mrugacz

>> No report

12. Other Village Officials' Reports and Comments

A. Village President

>> Pres. Birutis reported that so far 88% of Village residents have responded to the federal Census which is a very high figure.

B. Village Attorney

>> Attorney Elliott suggests that residents contact their legislative representatives and the Governor to oppose cutting out localities portion of state tax revenue, which if enacted would be disastrous to all of us.

C. Village Clerk

>> Anne Mareachen provided an update on upcoming Library activities including the Library Kickoff Program for adults and children on June 2nd.

D. Village Manager

>> Curt Barrett reported that the Underpass is reaching completion and when done, possibly in June, an Opening Ceremony will be held. Parking fees for those parking areas that were closed due to construction will now be reinstated now that the work is complete. Road construction on Winfield Road should be completed in July. Some of it is suspended until school ends for the year.

E. Village Treasurer – April Treasurer’s Report

>> Mr Barlow reported that currently the Village holds a sum of \$5,192,171 divided between cash and money market accounts.

13. Pending Future Business

- Zoning amendments on signs, bulk regulations, flag lots, and driveway setbacks
- Review rules for temporary tents

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14. Adjournment

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Review the Winfield Public Library Building and Maintenance Tax Levy request

>> The referendum on Library and Village borrowing, although combined, will have their levies separated in calculating the limits to tax rates. Further explanation will be available from the Library Director Mr. Suddarth or the Village Treasurer.

2. Review a noise ordinance request from Klein Creek Golf Course

>> A lengthy discussion was held on proposed noise variation from the town’s noise ordinance by the Golf Course. Their main proposal, after their discussion with the home owners associations and some compromises they claim to have made, was to begin mowing at 5:30 am rather than 5 am and have the mowers start at greens furthest from the homes. The Village rules currently require operation start times to be 7 am on weekdays and 8 am on weekends, which the Course regards as too late to properly maintain the grass and attract golfers. Some still dissatisfied homeowners, several dozen of whom attended the meeting and some of whom spoke passionately, argued that this time change by the Village is unsatisfactory in that they and their children are awakened by the loud noise. They argued that the Course uses mowers the decibel levels of which are equal to that of blowhorns and are far noisier than the ones used by the previous owner who had no complaints against him for 15 years. Mr. Weis, the Course owner, then made additional compromises at this meeting. He stated that he would go back to his original plan to start at 5 am but would purchase three quieter mowing machines at a cost of about \$40,000 each. Some residents at the meeting stated that this was satisfactory to them and this appeared to be a general view. President Birutis then suggested to the Council that vote at its next meeting on the ordinance exception

as now proposed by the Course president-that is start at 5 am but use quieter mowing equipment. Trustee Olson stated that for such an exception to be made, there needed to be assurance that only quieter equipment must be used. Village Attorney Elliot stated that the text of the proposed ordinance would require that lower decibel equipment would need to be used for the variance to take effect.

3. Consider a policy on construction of new irrigation wells
>> Mr. Dan Watson, Village Engineer suggested that the Board vote on a new ordinance at its next meeting. Erik Spande mentioned that a number of considerations regarding the placement of wells on private properties need be considered, in that well water is potable and can so be used if a problem arises concerning the amount of water that can be gotten in the future from Lake Michigan, our present supply.
4. Review of outdoor seating approval process
>> The Planning Commission will study the development of a fair and fixed procedure for approval of such requests
5. Consider revisions to the Village Code regarding dog regulations
>> The question of how many dogs a homeowner may keep, who they belong to and the ages of the dogs kept and still not be regarded as a business kennel keeper and dog seller will be discussed at a future meeting
6. Public Comments
>> A resident stated that the issue of a homeowner using well water for irrigation purposes is a non-issue since the water is not potable. This view was disputed by another resident who stated, as seen above, that such water is potable.

A resident remarked that the Village has good ordinances on the requirement to clean the area up after new construction projects and hopes that enforcement will be vigorous.
7. Village Board comments
>> none
8. Adjournment
>> 9:45 pm