

**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
DECEMBER 15, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams. Trustee Schwartz was absent.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Assistant Village Manager Kalmar, Finance Director Nakrin, Chief of Police Fleischhauer, Village Engineer Brown, Public Works Director Laudenslager, Commissioner Atkinson, Attorney Kenny and Village Clerk Pelletier.

**1. APPROVAL OF 12/01/2009 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.**

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Marquardt approval of the 12/01/2009 Committee of the Whole. Roll call vote:

AYES: 4-Williams, Hebda, Koch Marquardt

NAYS: 0-None

ABSTAIN: 1-Schultz

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Schwartz

Motion carried.

**2. RIVER'S EDGE TRAIL TO HALF DAY FOREST PRESERVE-REQUEST FOR VILLAGE ASSISTANCE.**

Williams Seitz, attorney representing the River's Edge HOA was present to request a possible connection of their property to the path system in the Half Day Forest Preserve. The HOA would bear the costs. Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Williams approval to direct staff to move forward and assist the HOA on the path system connection. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5-Hebda, Koch Marquardt, Schultz, Williams

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Schwartz

Motion carried.

**3. CONCEPT PRESENTATION FOR EVERGREEN MARKETPLACE-289 EVERGREEN DRIVE-EVERGREEN PLAZA.**

Mr. Venkatt Kodali and Mr. Venu Danda were in attendance to present their concept for a new convenience store to be located at Evergreen Plaza. Trustee Schultz requested no advertising signs be placed in the windows. Trustee Williams stated there was no problem in seeking a beer and wine liquor license and would not support a hard liquor license. Trustee Koch concurred.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR ZONING AND SIGN VARIATIONS AT HAWTHORN HILLS FASHION SQUARE, 700 N. MILWAUKEE.**

Building Commissioner Atkinson stated the petitioner had appeared before the 12/10/2009 Zoning Board of Appeals to request an 8' 4" variance from the Zoning Code Article 13, section 13.5.1 to allow a building height of 43' - 4" in lieu of the maximum permitted height of 35' and allow a façade renovation for a proposed Dicks Sporting Goods at the former Wick's Furniture space Hawthorn Hills Fashion Square.

The petitioner also requested variances from Chapter 19, Signs, Section 19-3(c)(6a) to allow a building mounted sign to be 363.13 square feet in lieu of the maximum permitted size of 150 square

feet and Section 19-3(c)(6b) to allow a business with more than one frontage to have a second building mounted sign to be 363.13 square feet in lieu of the maximum permitted size of 75 square feet; a variance from Section 19-3(c)(6c) to allow two ground mounted signs to be 319.92 square feet in lieu of the maximum permitted size of 50 square feet; Section 19-3(c)(9b) to allow two ground mounted signs to be 24 feet in height in lieu of the maximum permitted height of 8 feet, and Section 19-3(c)(7b)1 to allow two ground mounted signs to display 5 tenants and the name of the shopping center rather than one tenant as required by the Sign Code. No one was present to speak in objection to the request. Motion by Trustee Koch, second by Trustee Hebda approval to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance approving the variations subject to the conditions recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5- Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams, Hebda,

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Schwartz

Motion carried.

**5. SUMMER CELEBRATION.**

Village Manager Allison stated the entertainment budget would remain the same as last year at approximately \$32,000 and would look at booking tribute bands. Trustee Hebda recommended using local bands.

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Williams approval to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and go to Closed Session for discussion of personnel-[Sec. 2(c)(1)] as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:

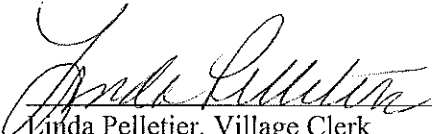
AYES: 5-Marquardt, Schultz, Williams, Hebda, Koch


NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Schwartz

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

  
Linda Pelletier, Village Clerk

  
Roger L. Byrne, Village President