

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
MARCH 15, 2005**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Koch, Marquardt, Schwartz and Williams. Trustees Duros and Hebda were absent.

Also present were Manager Allison, Finance Director Nakrin, Building Commission Gerth, Police Chief Fleischhauer, Public Works Director Laudenslager, Attorney Sechen and Acting Village Clerk Udesky.

1. JACOBS HOMES – PRESENTATION OF CONCEPT PLANS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECT FOR THE ASPEN POINTE PROJECT – ROUTE 60 AND ASPEN DRIVE.

Representatives for Jacobs Homes presented their concept plans for the residential portion of the Aspen Pointe project. Jacobs Homes was proposing 131 townhomes for the 10.1-acre site. The plan had been modified to allow for the wetlands located at the southwest corner of the site. The elevations were rear loading and there were three different styles providing for two or three bedroom units. The concept plan provided for additional gables across the front of the buildings. The buildings would be constructed of brick and renaissance stone on all four sides. Bay windows had been added to give a dimensional appearance.

Trustee Schwartz recommended the rear roofline should be broken. President Byrne inquired if any variances were required and was informed the units were to be built to Village code. President Byrne inquired the height of the structures and was informed the height to be at 35 feet. Building Commissioner Gerth stated the site plan provided sufficient parking. Trustee Koch approved of the parking to the southwest of parcel out of view of neighboring facilities. President Byrne inquired if the streets were public or private. President Byrne was informed the streets were private and suggested a letter of awareness should be required for potential owners, so they are aware of the responsibility of maintenance and snow removal expense. Trustee Koch inquired if there were bump outs on the streets and was informed the bump outs were 8 feet to allow parallel parking on the street.

President Byrne inquired what type of lighting there would be, but the developers were not that far along on their plan. President Byrne also inquired if fireplaces would be offered and was informed that fireplaces were not included at this time. President Byrne inquired what type of shingle was to be used and was informed architectural shingles would be used for the dimensional look. The styles of the buildings were urban. President Byrne recommended distinctive windows and doors to be installed. The balconies varied in sizes depending on the unit and the location of bay windows. Jacobs Homes was directed to prepare plans for technical review process and for consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

2. VERNON HILLS ATHLETIC COMPLEX.

Village Manager Allison referred to a March 8th memo on discussions pertaining to the following: Monument Signs; Cougar Concessions; Review of Design Parameters for Ballfield Netting and AYSO Tournament. Mark Petersen presented information regarding sponsorship by Coca Cola for advertising to cover the costs of the concession stand operations. Direction was given to seek additional contributors. Trustee Koch stated he had no problem with the advertising on the scoreboards and suggested posting a list of contributors. The cultural partners could be added to the

donor list of contributors. President Byrne inquired on the costs of maintenance of fields by Landscape Concepts. Temporary lighting would probably be done for this season, permanent lighting would need to be researched for the future.

Manager Allison stated staff would meet at Field 6 to discuss modifications. The volunteers organized by the Cougars would assist in prepping of fields. It was noted that Field 6 was still retaining water and would need to be revisited. The In-Field North East (Field #1) was reduced in size until turf was established.

The football organization representative stated 300 children were signed up to participate in the football and cheerleading for the season. Increase in membership was expected over the next year. The organization thanked the board in helping get the program under way. Fields would be used as football and soccer with proper goal posts to be purchased. Flexibility would be needed in placement of structures. There is no electrical power currently available at the site. The organization would like help from the village for power. President Byrne inquired if the \$505,000 had been received from the state to offset some expenses. Some of the promised funding had been put toward the Fairway Drive project, but the funds had not been received from the State to date. Staff was to contact state representatives on the funding. Access to electrical power could come from the south end of the property.

Manager Allison suggested vertical safety netting for Fields 3 & 4 where foul balls would be likely to occur. Additional poles would be needed for the netting. Trustee Koch stated the use of netting was becoming more commonplace due to safety issues. Public Works Director Laudenslager stated it would be 6-8 weeks to install the netting after the Village sought requests for proposal from a soul source vendor. Mr. Allison added the lights would cost \$30 an hour and additional trash containers had been placed at the site.

Manager Allison referred the drawing prepared by a Stevenson student for the monument signs. Consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to keep the Vernon Hills Athletic Complex and place the addition of the school logo or mascot.

Manager Allison reported to the Committee of the AYSO Tournament scheduled to be held at the complex July 12-16, 2006 during the week of Summer Celebration.

3. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Koch to adjourn the Committee of the Whole to Closed Session for discussion of land acquisition-[Sec. 2(c)(5)] as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:

AYES: 4-Koch, Marquardt, Schwartz, Williams

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 2-Hebda, Duros

Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Holly D. Udesky, Acting Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne, Village President