

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
JULY 5, 2005**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams. Trustee Schwartz was absent.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Assistant Manager Kalmar, Finance Director Nakrin, Building Commission Gerth, Deputy Chief Price, Public Works Director Laudenslager and Attorney Citron.

1. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES (DELAYED)

2. GREGG'S LANDING, POD 18-RIVIERA ESTATES, 1714 LAKE CHARLES DRIVE'S-CONSIDERATION OF DUAL ACCESS REQUEST

Assistant Manager. Kalmar provided details of the resident's request to install a dual access driveway based on the frontage 176 lineal feet. Mr. Kalmar indicated this is not atypical for corner lots within Gregg's Landing. The Village Engineer requested a convent be placed on the property which would require the apron to be maintained by the property owner. He indicated the resident will install additional landscaping between the driveways to address the streetscape concern and has committed to be responsible for the repair of the Dillon Court's apron.

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Hebda to approve the request for dual access subject to covenants requiring the property owner to be responsible for repairs to the apron. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 - Schwartz

Motion declared carried.

3. PRESENTATION OF CONCEPT PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF LEARNING RESOURCES – 380 NORTH FAIRWAY DRIVE

Mr. Warner Briskee, Architect for Learning Resources, provided the Board with an overview of the project. He addressed Learning Resources plan to add approximately 95,000 sq ft of warehouse/office space to the south side of the building and an additional 26,000 sq ft of office space on the east side of the existing building along with 125 parking spaces. The warehouse will include 8 truck bays. He indicated the project is designed with the potential as a multi tenant unit in case of future sale.

President Byrne indicated he was fine with the concept and Trustee Hebda complimented the use of the two story element and noted the need for additional landscaping. Trustee Schultz expressed concerns regarding the truck parking and maneuvering. Mr. Briskee

stated there was a cross over easement to allow for the additional turning radius. The Board indicted that the petitioner could continue with technical review process.

4. AARON’S ENTERPRISES-REQUEST TO WAIVE BURIAL OF UTILITIES REQUIREMENT

Mr. Ron Cope representing the petitioner requested that the Village Board waive the requirements for Aarons Enterprises to bury the utilities wires on the four acres of property along Route 21. Mr. Cope stated that the petitioner requests the requirement be waived and a convent be placed upon the property and at such time that other development takes place along Route 21 in accordance with the comprehensive plan. He indicated the cost to bury the utilities is approximately \$230,000 and he feels it for aesthetics purposes only.

Trustee Koch stated it is part of the overall plan and expressed concern that if it is done after, it will be more expensive due to removal of driveways, sidewalks and landscaping. Ron Cope indicated the petitioner feels it should be an overall effort for the community and it seems to be an immediate expense and is requesting a delay until he is established on the site. President Byrne indicated all utilities within the TIF District will be buried and Staff indicated that the College of Lake County is currently under construction and they are burying all utilities. Mr. Citron noted that a convent would not be effective way to deal with this unless he wanted to put up a letter of credit.

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Hebda to deny the request at this time.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0-None

Absent: 1-Schwartz

Motion declared carried. (Request Denied)

5. TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) – RECOMMENDATIONS.

Public Works Director Laudenslauger reviewed the recommendation of the Traffic Advisory Committee with regard to posting “No Parking “signs around the park entrance at Stone Fence Road. He indicated that there were already park warning signs, but this would add to the safety of any children darting out between cars. Trustee Schultz indicated that as a member of the TAC their conclusion was to make the park more visible to the vehicular traffic and visibility

Mr. Laudenslauger indicated the TAC received a request from the HOA Manager of Sarah’s Glen asking for no parking signs to be posted on both sides of the streets. The TAC recommended that the HOA get a consensus of the homeowners and have yet to responded. Trustee Schultz asked Mr. Laudenslauger follow up with Sarah’s Glen to find out what the status is on the request. Mr. Laudenslauger also indicated students from Stephenson High School have also been known to park in Sarah’s Glen during school. Trustee Koch asked if the streets were public streets and if signs could be posted for no school parking. Attorney Citron indicated there is no basis for posting signs for school parking.

Mr. Laudenslauger provided an update of a traffic warrant study conducted by PW staff on May 24 & 25 at the intersection of Huntington and Gregg's Parkway. The warrants were met between the hours of 6:00 AM to 9:00AM when vehicle were making a left hand turn, but at no other time during study. He stated the traffic accident data did not warrant an all way stop at the intersection but they will continue to monitor the traffic volumes and accident inform.

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Hebda to approve the installation of a "No Parking" sign at Stone Fence and Barn Swallow to enhance the park entrance. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0- None

Absent: 1- Schwartz

Motion declared carried.

6. SULLIVAN WOODS BIKEPATH LIGHTING

Public Works Director Laudenslauger provided insight into the Capital Improvement budget which includes two street lighting projects for this fiscal year. The area will be from Sussex to the overpass and they would install overhead fixtures of about 10 to 12 feet in height with linear dispersion on the luminary; limiting the number of lights. He indicated Metra will be lighting the stairs and Manager Allison indicated there will be lighting spill over from the platform. Staff was directed to move forward and combine both projects to benefit from cost savings on a larger project.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Marquardt to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Schultz, Williams Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Byrne

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 - Schwartz

Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.pm.

Holly D. Udesky,
Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne,
Village President