

**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2005**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Assistant Village Manager Kalmar, Chief Fleischhauer, Building Commissioner Gerth, Public Works Director Laudenslager and Village Attorney Citron.

1. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES. (DELAYED)  
Pulled from discussion.

2. REQUEST FROM ELLIOTT BUILDERS TO ELIMINATE ONE OF TWO BEAVER CREEK ENTRANCE MONUMENTS, MODIFY THE DESIGN, AND ELIMINATE THE LIGHTING AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED.

Building Commission presented the proposed signage request by Elliot Builders.

Jon Elliott appeared and indicated that he had spoken to Beaver Creek residents prior to the meeting and was proposing to change the sign. He stated that as approved, each sign would cost \$15,000 each. Based on his discussions with residents, he was proposing to locate an "L" shape sign at the corner on the west side of the road to provide better visibility of both signs. It will be the same design as the one proposed in packet and it would be lighted. He stated that the proposed shade trees on east side of the street would be installed.

Trustee Koch inquired the positioning of the signage. Trustee Williams inquired if landscaping was acceptable. Assistant Manager Kalmar stated this change would require an amendment to the Development Permit. Trustee Schultz requested a letter from HOA or residents stating the proposed sign would be accepted.

Don Kathan requested Elliott Homes address the need for metered service to light, irrigation of sign and landscaping.

The COW expressed support for the new sign but needed further information included revised site and landscaping plans. Due to the need to amend the Development Permit for Beaver Creek, Elliott must return back before the Board on September 20 for further consideration.

3. REQUEST FROM LANDSCAPE CONCEPTS, INC. TO REPLACE THE EXISTING WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD GROUND-MOUNTED ENTRANCE SIGN WITH A COMBINATION STONE/CEDAR SIGN ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BUTTERFIELD ROAD & CREEKSIDE DRIVE.

Building Commissioner Gerth introduced the representative of Landscape Concepts. (Trustee Hebda left the room) Trustee Schultz inquired what the green was above the sign and was informed it was carved tree and would required maintenance. Landscaping Engineer Brettman concurred the plan was acceptable. Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Marquardt to draft an ordinance to approve the Ground-mounted Entrance Sign at Butterfield Road and Creekside Drive in the Westwood Subdivision as presented. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0-None

Absent: 1-Hebda  
Motion declared carried.

4. REVIEW OF 2005/06 SNOW AND ICE CONTROL PLAN.

Public Works Director Laudenslager stated he was presenting a review of the snow and ice control plan and to discuss changes. Cul-de-sacs would be turned over to the contractor and staff would acquire Fairway Drive along with the other roads. Staff would do the sidewalks and bike paths that had done the Cul-de-sacs in the past. Mechanic in shop would do the reloading of salt to vehicles. During an extended storm the shifts could be split to implement the tandem plowing. President Byrne inquired what the prognostication of snow we could receive this winter and Director Laudenslager stated post draught summers are generally followed by heavy moisture in winter. Trustee Schultz inquired about the salt routes provided by Vernon Township. Staff to seek proposals from contractors for service for one ton and pickup trucks. Proposals were to be developed for the Cul-de-sacs and the Metra station. Trustee Schultz requested consistency in snow removal. Trustee Schultz requested an analysis of numbers from last year to compare. The COW expressed its support to implement the plan.

5. REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE VHAC.

Public Work Director Laudenslager stated the Village had worked with the Cougars and gathered costs for additional work and items added to the VHAC. In the future, additional improvements would need to be funded. Additional ComEd work would be need at the site. Consensus was to bring back to Board approval for additional monies to pay for additional work to be done. Work on Field #2 would be postponed. Attorney Citron reminded any work over \$20,000 must be bidded out. Trustee Schultz stated concerns for the netting. Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Marquardt to approve the expenditure of \$57,750 out of bond fund for the project as requested and present to the Board for final approval. Roll call vote:

Ayes: 6-Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams

Nays: 0-None

Absent: 0-None

Motion declared carried.

6. GREGG'S LANDING, TORREY PINES DEED TRANSFER TO VERNON HILLS PARK DISTRICT.

Manager Allison stated that this request was discussed previously. Manager Allison suggested a playground could be placed on the property. Trustee Schultz inquired if the Park District had a plan for the property and was informed no set plan had been established; only the Park District consultant had drafted a preliminary plan. The COW consensus was to use the property for recreation purposes. Attorney Citron requested clarification of what all was to be transferred. Motion by Trustee Koch, second Hebda to draft an ordinance to transfer the entire piece of property including wetlands to the Vernon Hills Park District. Roll call vote:

Ayes: 6-Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams

Nays: 0-None

Absent: 0-None

Motion declared carried.

7. BUFFER ZONE PROTECTION PLAN (BZPP) GRANT.

Chief Fleischhauer stated the grant had been applied for and received for that this was part of a grant from Homeland Security and that the Village must spend \$7,000 as its part of the grant. The grant covered the cost of the cameras, but not for installation of equipment. Attorney Citron inquired who would be signing the contract for the work and the submission of bills. Motion by Trustee Koch,

second by Trustee Hebda to approve the additional \$7,000 for the camera system for Westfield Hawthorn and bring back to Board for final approval subject to attorney approval. Roll call vote:  
Ayes: 6-Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams  
Nays: 0-None  
Absent: 0-None  
Motion declared carried.

8. ASPEN POINTE – REQUEST TO START CONSTRUCTION OF LOT 1 & 2 BUILDINGS

Asst. Manager Kalmar stated Aspen Pointe was requesting to begin vertical construction prior to completion to road construction. Asst. Manager Kalmar referred to the memo drafted by Engineer Brown in the summary packet. The pedestrian accessibility had been rectified. Access to site could be difficult during rainy periods and no stone road had been constructed as yet. President Byrne inquired what work was Osman doing. Trustee Koch stated concerns for construction to be finished prior to the engineering improvements. John Thomas stated there would be access from Route 60 for construction traffic. Completion of parking lots was to be completed prior to asphalt plants closing in late fall. Walgreen's foundation was complete and the Buffalo Wild Wings and the bank plans were submitted for permitting. Engineering had completed the review for the construction of the road. Trustee Koch inquired what the Building Division needed to access the project. Commission Gerth stated access would be needed to the site. If Aspen Pointe request is granted subject to completion of roads and parking lots prior to occupancy. Trustee Schultz stated a substantial need to start the construction prior to the road before the next meeting or shut down the vertical construction. Asst. Manager Kalmar stated concerns as to why the road construction had not been completed prior to their request. Commissioner Gerth stated the developer was not taking advantage of construction in the late afternoons. Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Williams to allow the vertical construction on Lots 1 & 2 with expectation for satisfactory progress on road within 2 weeks. Roll call vote:

Ayes: 6-Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams  
Nays: 0-None  
Absent: 0-None  
Motion declared carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Williams to adjourn the Committee of the Whole to Closed Session for discussion of Land Acquisition as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:  
Ayes: 6-Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams  
Nays: 0-None  
Absent: 0-None  
Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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John Kalmar, Asst. Village Manager

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Roger L. Byrne, Village President