

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

IN ATTENDANCE: President Pro-tem Koch called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz. President Byrne arrived at 8:00 p.m. Trustee Williams was absent.

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

1. APPROVAL OF 1/05/2005 & 11/15/2005 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Schwartz to approve the 1/05/2005 & 11/15/2005 Committee of the Whole minutes. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0-None

Absent and not voting: 1-Williams

Motion declared carried.

2. SUMMER CELEBRATION BUDGET.

Manager Allison stated the Summer Celebration Committee would like to take a different direction for procuring production and entertainment for next summer. Mr. Allison introduced Erin Byrne who had volunteered her services for entertainment as outlined in his memo dated 12/01/2005. Group Built would provide the production that would include the stage, lights, sound, backline and promotion. This would provide for higher quality for light and sound. The Committee would do the promotion for the event and would begin earlier with their promotion than what had been done in the past. Committee Chairperson Ina Marquardt requested an increase to \$80,000 for their budget. Ms. Byrne stated that not all of the bands would require backline. The entertainment could be hired directly through their agents versus going through an intermediary. Different entertainment could be hired by using local bands. Trustee Koch had concerns if there would be a savings with the changes. President Byrne reiterated the budget would be \$25,000 for production; \$53,000 for entertainment and \$3,000 for backline for the total of \$80,000. Chairperson Marquardt stated the Committee would work on generating more revenues from donations to off set expenses.

Trustee Hebda requested keeping the budget close to last year and added the entertainment should appeal to the masses. Trustee Hebda requested the "Battle of the Bands" should be brought back for the event. Trustee Schwartz was in favor of the proposed change. Trustee Marquardt concurred. Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Koch to increase the Summer Celebration Budget to \$80,000. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0-None

Absent and not voting: 1-Williams

Motion declared carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REGARDING A REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL

PLAT APPROVAL OF A TWO-LOT RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 7 IN CONTINENTAL EXECUTIVE PARKE SUBDIVISION. (CASE 05-07 - TOYS R US SUBDIVISION)

Assistant Manager Kalmar stated Toys ‘R’ Us, Inc. appeared before the P & Z Commission on November 16th to request preliminary and final plat approval of a two-lot resubdivision of Lot 7 in Continental Executive Parke Subdivision. The proposed lots were located in the Townline Commons Shopping Center on Route 60. The subdivision would result in the split of the retail spaces along the common wall between Toys ‘R’ Us and Petco and would include the associated parking fields in front of each space. Mr. Kalmar stated there were no parking issues with this subdivision due to cross parking agreements that cover the entire development. Mr. Kalmar stated the proposed subdivision was appropriate for the property and met the requirements of the annexation agreement. Parking would be adequate for the future uses and the current cross access and maintenance agreements would remain in place for the entire development. The P & Z Commission voted unanimously to recommend preliminary and final approval of the Toys ‘R’Us Subdivision, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Compliance with the final plat of Toys ‘R’ Us Subdivision prepared by Sherrill Associates with a revision date 10/6/05 except as otherwise amended by the Village Engineer or Board of Trustees.
- b) Compliance with all ordinances of the Village except as otherwise noted.

Trustee Schultz inquired what the firewall rating was between Toys ‘R’ Us and Petco and Mr. Kalmar informed him that it was a 2-hour rated wall consistent to code. Mr. Kalmar added the purpose of the subdivision would allow the owner to sell one or both units in the future. Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Schwartz to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance granting preliminary and final approval of the Toys R Us Subdivision, subject to the conditions listed above. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0-None

Absent and not voting: 1-Williams

Motion declared carried.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF GREGG’S LANDING, POD I-AMLI @ MUSEUM GARDENS-PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Village Engineer Brown stated AMLI @ Museum Gardens had completed all public improvements of the development located in Pod I, Gregg’s Landing. Mr. Brown stated a resolution would be drafted and presented to the Board on 12/20/2005 subject to the receipt of a two-year maintenance warranty in the amount of \$205,254. Trustee Schwartz inquired how many units had been rented, but that information was not available by staff.

5. PLYMOUTH FARMS PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS.

Public Works Director Laudenslager referred to the Pedestrian Bridge at Plymouth Farms Project Development Report completed by Ciorba Group dated December 2005. The consultant investigated sources of project funding and subsequently prepared a funding request for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Funds (ITEP). Letters were sent to state legislators requesting support on this project. Mr. Laudenslager referred to the letter from the Illinois Commerce Commission dated October 31, 2005 requesting an update of the project. The Village had received funding based on a project cost of \$540,000 for FY2008 (July 2007) in the amount of \$324,000, which is 60% of the project cost.

Staff met with the consultant on site in May and reviewed the alternates for the bridge approaches on each side. The consultant was directed to evaluate the Russet Way approach on the railroad right of way and partially on the Plymouth Farms HOA property. The approach on the Hawthorn School side

would benefit from the existing large berms and then transition back to the bus driveway. Aspen Drive was the preferred ending of the path rather than the bus driveway. The ramp and bridge cross section would need to be 10 feet wide and the ramp slope at 5%. Increasing the slope would be possible; any savings would be lost in the cost of intermediate platforms.

The bridge was based on minimizing the clearance between the deck and rails and the minimum clearance would have to be 23 feet. The support structure would be above the bridge deck and enclosed at the top with fencing. The stairs would be included at each abutment. If the Village chose not to do anything, there would be no way of stopping people from crossing the tracks illegally. The construction of a tunnel would have to be 15 feet underground, which would pose a safety issue and the tunnel was eliminated early in the design.

The preliminary construction cost estimate was \$2.33 million dollars. The cost was based now on the 700 foot ramp on the west side, and the 600 plus foot ramp on the east side. The path at 5% slope dictated the increase.

Mr. Laudenslager recommended not to move forward with design without external funding. (President Byrne arrived at 8:00 p.m.) Trustee Koch inquired if stadium style ramps were applicable and Mr. Laudenslager stated the switchback of stadium ramps would use all the Plymouth Farm Road. Trustee Schultz inquired if fencing at grade crossing was feasible and Attorney Citron stated the ICC would probably not approve a freestanding crossing. The Committee concurred to delay the project and discuss in the matter in 6 to 7 months.

6. AD HOC BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE.

Manager Allison introduced John Sonnenburg who had requested to form another ad hoc Committee to discuss high-speed internet access for the Community. Trustee Hebda inquired if previous members would be requested to join. Mr. Sonnenburg suggested members could include all the school districts, including the College of Lake County. Mr. Sonnenburg would like volunteers who are interested to join. Trustee Koch volunteered to be the committee liaison.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Hebda to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and go to Closed Session for discussion of land acquisition as allowed under Section 2 (c) (5) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0-None

Absent and not voting: 1-Williams

Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Linda Pelletier, Deputy Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne, Village President