

**VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE**  
**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 8 P.M.**  
**3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Village President: Rodriguez  
Trustees: Acuna, Hannon,  
Lazakis, Schmitt, Wachs  
Trustees Absent: Barry  
Village Clerk: Schultheis  
Also Present: Village  
Manager  
Lothspeich,  
Superintendent  
Block,  
Village  
Planner  
Hogue,  
Village  
Engineer  
Chiczewski,  
and  
Village  
Counsel  
Filippini

**HOMEOWNERS**

**ASSOCIATIONS/ITEMS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

**Homeowner Associations:**

**Fields Of Long Grove** – Karen Grandt.  
– **No one was present. No  
action was taken.**

**Cobblestone** – Darren Knapp. – **No one  
was present. No action was  
taken.**

**Item:** **Lake County Forest**  
**Preserve:** Heron Creek  
**Expansion:** CF Industries,  
etc.

In January 2008 the Lake County Forest Preserve purchased an additional 119 acres located immediately to the west of these properties resulting in roughly 358 acres of Forest Preserve in Long

Grove and Kildeer (for comparison, Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve is 387 acres). The Lake County Forest Preserve will have spent more than \$18 million toward the purchase of these properties and millions more toward the improvements of the properties (ecological and passive recreational). - President Rodriguez told the Board that the purchase of the site at Heron Creek spared (240 acres) the area from having up to 200 homes. It means that the area will be made into forest preserve. The Commissioner of the Lake County Forest Preserve, Mike Talbett said that the trails should be open by Fall, 2008. Commissioner Pam Newton was instrumental in getting this property purchased at a reduced rate. Commissioner Talbett said that there would be a Strategic Planning Meeting on March 31, 2008 at the ELA Library to hear what the public wants for the future in terms of the Forest Preserve. President Rodriguez wanted to thank Barbara Turner for her “tenacious” efforts in pointing out this open space.  
 – **No action was taken.**

**Item:      Special Event**  
**Applications:**

The Long Grove Business and Community Partners recommended approval of the following events during their February 26, 2008 meeting:

- Chocolate Fest. – The chocolate chef tent and chocolate fashion show have been moved to Mill Pond.
- Strawberry Fest. – The event is similar to previous years with the exception of relocating events back to Towner Green.
- Apple Fest. – The Apple Fest is similar to previous years with the exception of relocating events back to Towner Green. =

John Maguire, Director of the LGBCP,

wanted to thank the Board for putting together the Master Plan, and said that the Business Partners were grateful for the efforts of the Village. He also said that the events had grown in size and scope, and that a consultant had been hired from "Star Events" to "systematize" the events.

John Barry of Star Events spoke about prioritizing existing businesses, and looking at new formats along Robert Parker Coffin Road. They are looking to extend hours and change the signage.

Trustee Lazakis asked if the LGBCP was looking for profitability from the events.

John Maguire said that the events were already becoming more profitable, and that there was a hope to build on that, and increase the quality of the events.

**Trustee Wachs moved to approve the Annual Chocolate Fest from May 2, 2008 thru May 4, 2008; the Annual Strawberry Fest from June 20, 2008 thru June 22, 2008; and the Annual Apple Fest from October 3, 2008 thru October 5, 2008; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

**All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 – 0; Trustee Barry absent).**

**Item: Egg Hunt:**

President Rodriguez mentioned that the Egg Hunt would take place on March 15, 2008 and that volunteers would be needed. She also said that due to the mud, the location of the choir would be changed to the Village Tavern – **No action was taken.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Item #1: Report Of The March 4, 2008 Plan Commission & Zoning Board Of Appeals Meeting.**

The PCZBA considered the following items during their meeting:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING:
  - Amendment To A
  - Previously Approved
  - Special Use Permit
  - And/Or Additional
  - Relief Necessary
  - And/Or Appropriate

Under The Zoning Code  
To Allow Co-Location  
Of Additional Antennas  
On An Existing  
Monopole  
Telecommunications  
Tower At 5105  
Arlington Heights Road  
And Zoned Under The  
R-2 Zoning District  
Classification As  
Submitted By Cricket  
Communications.  
*(Discussion by full  
PCZBA). Item  
continued at the request  
of the Petitioner – **No  
action was necessary.**  
**No action was taken.***

- B. PUBLIC HEARING:**  
Variation Of The Front  
And Corner Yard  
Setback Requirement  
For Lot 21 In Skycrest  
Estates Subdivision And  
Zoned Under The R-2  
Zoning District  
Classification To Allow  
For An Addition To An  
Existing Residence At  
5301 RFD, As  
Submitted By Kristin  
Wojick And Don Tyer  
*(Discussion by ZBA  
only). Recommended  
approval. – Village  
Planner Hogue said that  
the structure predates all  
of the Village  
regulations, as it was  
built in the early 1900's.  
He also said that the  
ZBA had found  
conditions for hardship.  
**Trustee Schmitt moved  
to approve directing  
Village Counsel to  
prepare revised draft  
ordinance granting  
approval of the front  
yard and side yard  
setback variations for  
consideration during***

**the March 25, 2008  
Board Meeting;  
seconded by Trustee  
Wachs.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Acuna – aye; Barry –  
absent; Hannon- aye;  
Lazakis – aye; Schmitt  
– aye; Wachs – aye.  
(Motion carried 5 – 0;  
one absent)**

**Item #2: Request For Referral To  
The Plan Commission & ZBA  
Meeting – April 1, 2008.**

Village Counsel Filippini discussed  
some of the parameters of  
the amendment stating that  
Village

Board could review any of the  
Architectural Board rulings  
based upon the request of a  
Village Board

Member. –

**Trustee Acuna moved to approve the  
April 1, 2008 Plan  
Commission & Zoning  
Board of Appeals**

**Meeting for public hearing on an  
application for Zoning  
Code Amendment re:  
Architectural**

**Board duties; seconded by Trustee  
Hannon.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

**All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 –  
0; Trustee Barry absent).**

**Item #3: Resolution Opposing The  
Sale Of EJ&E Rail Line  
To Canadian National  
Railroad.**

As directed during the February 26,  
2008 Board Meeting, Staff  
prepared a draft resolution  
objecting to

the sale of the EJ&E Rail Line to  
Canadian National Railroad.

President Rodriguez stated that the  
status of the situation  
changes every day. She said  
that

Representative Melissa Bean and  
Senator Durbin were

championing the movement  
to include the Star

Line in discussions regarding the EJ &  
E Rail Line. Indian Creek  
Homeowners Association

Representative said that their  
subdivision was most  
impacted by the rail line  
usage, and that he had  
written to the Surface Transportation  
Board regarding impending  
traffic, and asking them to  
consider

an overpass.

**Trustee Wachs moved to approve a  
Resolution Opposing the  
Sale of the EJ & E Rail  
Line to**

**Canadian national Railroad;  
seconded by Trustee  
Schmitt.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

**All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 –  
0; Trustee Barry absent).**

**Item #4: Resolution Awarding The  
Contract For Replacement  
Of Oakwood Bridge  
Guardrail.**

Of the three (3) bids received, Northern  
Contracting, Inc. with a bid  
of \$54,386.00 is the  
apparent low

bidder. The following summarizes the  
guard rail bids received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount:</u>
Northern Contracting, Inc.	\$54,386.00
GFS Fence, Guardrail & Signage, Inc.	\$64,830.00
Midwest Fence Corp.	\$85,445.00

Village Engineer Chiczewski said that  
he had checked the references of the  
low bidder. He said that the money  
from the insurance was only a partial  
payment for the amount of work that

was needed..

**Trustee Lazakis moved to approve a Resolution Awarding a contract for the Replacement of the Oakwood Bridge Guardrails to Northern Contracting, Inc. in the Total Amount of \$54, 386.00; seconded by Trustee Acuna.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Acuna – aye; Barry – absent; Hannon- aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye.**

**(Motion carried 5 – 0; one absent).**

**Item #5: Annual Updates To Village Zoning Map.**

As required by the Village Code, the resolution approves the annual updates to the official

Long Grove Zoning Map. The proposed updates are limited to minor corrections and do not reflect any

change in zoning.

**Trustee Schmitt moved to approve a Resolution Approving Annual Updates to the Village Zoning**

**Map; seconded by Trustee Wachs.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

**All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 – 0; Trustee Barry absent).**

**Item #6: Ordinance Vacating Wildlife Way.**

As directed during the February 12, 2008 Board Meeting, Village Counsel Filippini prepared the draft

ordinance vacating Wildlife Way to the former Ducks Unlimited building/property.

Procedurally, the ordinance must be adopted by 3/4 of the trustees then holding office, or 5 of the 6 trustees. No notice

or public hearing is required since Wildlife Way is within the Village's boundaries. –

Due to the fact that Trustee Barry is absent, Village Counsel Filippini said that it would be necessary

for President Rodriguez to cast a vote regarding the motion to be in compliance with the requirements

for the Ordinance. Trustee Wachs suggested that there should be pathway easements – the other

Trustees agreed.

**Trustee Wachs moved to Approve an Ordinance vacating Wildlife Way; seconded by Trustee Lazakis.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Acuna – aye; Barry – absent;**

**Hannon- aye; Lazakis – aye;**

**Rodriguez – aye; Schmitt – aye;**

**Wachs – aye.**

**(Motion carried 6 – 0; one absent).**

**Item #7: Ordinance Amending The Village Code Re: Liquor License Regulations.**

As directed during the February 26, 2008 Board Meeting, the draft ordinance amends the Village's

liquor license regulations for *The Village Tavern* and other holders of that license category. –**Trustee Schmitt moved to approve an**

**Ordinance Amending the Village Code regarding Liquor License Regulations; seconded by**

**Trustee Wachs.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Acuna – aye; Barry – absent;**

**Hannon- aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt**

**– aye; Wachs – aye.**

**(Motion carried 5 – 0; one absent).**

**Item #8: Discussion Of Draft FY 2008/09 Village Budgets.**

The draft budget were circulated during the upcoming March 11, 2008 Board Meeting. The draft

budget included the basic operating budget with possible projects (wish list items) for consideration by

the Village Board. The Village Board is asked to discuss each of the

possible projects and  
identify as

either (1) “approved”; (2) “not  
approved”, or (3) “on hold”  
for possible consideration so  
that the

“approved” items can be implemented.

– Trustee Hannon said that  
Menards is expected to open  
in

November, 2008.

Discussion followed regarding various  
budget items. There were  
also discussion regarding  
wish list

items. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #9: Village President  
Rodriguez.**

**A. IL Route 53 Update.** – President  
Rodriguez said that there  
was a regional board  
hearing - **No**

**action was taken.**

**B. Sunset Foods.** – President Rodriguez  
said that Sunset Foods had met with the  
Long Grove Rotary Club to introduce  
themselves as members of the  
Community – **No action was taken.**

**Item #10: Village Trustee Acuna.**

**Lake Michigan Water Feasibility Study  
Update.** Applied Rep John  
Callan reports that the  
“original”

seven communities met on February 14,  
2008 to review the  
preliminary reports and  
agreed to invite the

“new” communities to their next  
meeting tentatively  
scheduled for April 11,  
2008. Mr. Callan noted

that in addition to the Village of Lake  
Zurich, the Village of Volo  
had expressed an interest in  
being part

of the study. Mr. Callan reiterated that  
the costs were looking better  
than expected and that the  
draft

report would be circulated after their  
financial consultant audited  
their numbers (3<sup>rd</sup> week in

March) and  
before their next meeting. – Trustee  
Acuna said that Lake Zurich  
and Volo wanted to be  
included in the  
study; and that everyone involved was  
waiting for the auditor's  
review to see what the cost  
of the  
feasibility study would be. – **No action  
was taken.**

**Item #11: Village Trustee Barry.**  
**Absent.**

**Item #12: Village Trustee Hannon.**

A. *Treasurer Report For  
February 29, 2008.* –  
**Trustee Hannon moved  
to approve the paying  
of the Bills; seconded  
by Trustee Wachs.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Acuna – aye; Barry –  
absent; Hannon- aye; Lazakis – aye;  
Schmitt – aye; Wachs  
aye.**

**(Motion carried 5 – 0;  
one absent).**

**Trustee Hannon moved  
to approve the Account  
Balance; seconded by  
Trustee Lazakis.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Acuna – aye; Barry –  
absent; Hannon- aye;  
Lazakis – aye; Schmitt  
– aye; Wachs – aye.**

**(Motion carried 5 – 0;  
one absent).**

B. *Actual and Budget  
Comparisons For Period  
Ending February 29,  
2008.* For informational  
purposes only, no  
motion required. – **No  
action was taken.**

**Item #13: Village Trustee Lazakis.**  
**Nothing to report. No action was  
taken.**

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**Item #14: Trustee Schmitt.**

The Bridge: - Trustee Schmitt reported that *The Bridge* would be a month late. – **No action was taken.**

Water Testing: Trustee Schmitt reported that water bottles were available to have local water tested.

She said that the water had to be tested within 24-hours. – **No action was taken.**

SWALCO: Trustee Schmitt said that the Village had collected \$5,349 worth of recyclables thus far.

She also said that SWALCO is looking into recycling electronic products. – **No action was taken.**

Plan Commission Agendas: There was a request to the Staff that Plan Commission agendas be distributed to the Trustees before the meetings. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #15: Village Trustee Wachs.**

**A. Downtown B1&B1A**

**Master Plan & Design Guidelines – Update.**

Trustee Charlie Wachs and Staff met with the Master Plan Task Force on February 26, 2008 and met again on March 11, 2008. – Trustee Wachs stated that the Plan Commission was looking to review the Master Plan further during their next meeting. Village Engineer Chiczewski said that there are several key dates coming up. He also said that the Way Finding System design should be

ready by May, 2008. He also said that there was a Public Open House on April 17, 2008. – **No action was taken.**

**B. Lake County Sheriff Annual Incident Report – 2007.** – Trustee Wachs said that the Police Incident report could easily be put in *The Bridge*. Trustee Hannon noted that there were too many items under MISCELLANEOUS that needed to be identified. Trustee Lazakis said that we ought to be tracking crime rate so that it could be compared to other communities. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #16: Village Clerk Schultheis.**  
**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

**Item #17: Village Manager Lothspeich.**

*IDOT:* Village Manager Lothspeich said that the widening of Route 45 has been scaled down because of objections from Mundelein. They are now looking at improvements to intersections – **No action was taken.**

*Pathway* - Village Manager Lothspeich said that IDOT is open to a Path to connect Ravenna to Route 45. – **No action was taken.**

*Route 22* – Village Manager Lothspeich said that all but one property remains in the right of way on Route 22 and North Krueger. It is the one property that gave the Village an easement. He said that there was an idea to put in a pedestrian crosswalk. – **No action was taken.**

*Menard's* – Village Manager Lothspeich said that there is talk about

relocating the lift station to an area on the S-curve on Checker Road. There is also the question of how Menard's will be able to keep traffic flowing on Checker Road when they start construction. Village Manager Lothspeich said that when a plan has been given to the Village, the Village will contact any affected residents. –

**No action was taken.**

**Item #18: Village Superintendent Block.**

Snowplowing/Salt – Superintendent Block said that snow and salt for the 2007-2008 Winter has cost \$334,000 (the Village had budgeted for \$220,000). The problems were the amount of snow, and the inability to obtain salt. He suggested that there might be more usage of liquid than salt next year. – **No**

**action was taken.**

Un-built Lots: Superintendent Block said that there were two housing permits that are on hold until Fall, 2008. He also said that Menard's has not sold any of its out-lots, yet. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #19: Village Planner Hogue.**  
**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

**Item #20: Village Attorney Filippini.**  
**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

**Item #21: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.**

February 26, 2008 Minutes. – Trustee Wachs moved to approve the February 26, 2008 Minutes as amended; seconded by Trustee Lazakis.

**VOICE VOTE:**

**All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 – 0; Trustee Barry absent).**

**Item: Executive Session.**

**At 10:53 P.M., Trustee Schmitt  
moved to go into Executive  
Session to discuss (1)  
Executive  
Session Minutes; (2) Litigation; (3)  
Personnel Matters; (4)  
Acquisition and  
Disposition of  
Property; seconded by Trustee  
Lazakis.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Acuna – aye; Barry – absent;  
Hannon- aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt  
– aye; Wachs – aye.  
(Motion carried 5 – 0; one absent).**

**Item: Other Business.**

**February 26, 2008 Executive Session  
Meeting Minutes. –  
**Continued.****

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**Burying Power Lines:** President  
Rodriguez asked for a  
consensus as to whether or  
not the Board was in  
favor of or against spending money to  
bury power lines. It was  
estimated that it would cost  
\$400,000 to  
do so. The Board was split. – **No action  
was taken.**

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**Item: Adjournment.**

**At 12:12 A.M., Trustee Wachs  
motioned to adjourn;  
seconded by Trustee  
Schmitt.**

**VOICE VOTE:**

**All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 5 –  
0; Trustee Barry absent).**