

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Board and Town Hall Meeting - Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 7 P.M.
The Grove Country Club – 3217 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:14 P.M. President Rodriguez called the June 26, 2012 Village Board and Town Hall Meeting to Order.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President:	Rodriguez
Trustees:	Barry, Marshall, Schmitt, Underwood, Wachs, Weber
Village Clerk:	Schultheis
Also Present:	Village Manager Lothspeich, Village Planner Hogue, Village Counsels Gates and Filippini

Pledge of Allegiance:

President Rodriguez lead the Town Hall Meeting residents and Board Members in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item: Town Hall Meeting.

President Rodriguez began the Town Hall portion of the meeting. Village Manager Lothspeich and LGBCP President Rachel Perkal also spoke.

It was noted that Boy Scouts Troop 140 was in the audience working on a badge.

During the Question and Answer Period, the following questions were asked and addressed –

Seats in stores for the elderly – LGBCP President Perkal responded that there were different places in the Downtown area that did have seating, and that there were new benches around the fountain. She suggested that the resident might inform the LGBCP if there was a particular area that needed more seating.

Is the new pie store open, because it was not opened during a lot of Strawberry Fest – LGBCP President Perkal said that the store was not opened on Friday of Strawberry Fest due to prior commitments, and that they have been overwhelmed since opening on May 1. They were, however, open Saturday and Sunday and sold out. They are closed on Mondays. They are open for dinner and serve pizza.

Park District recreational activities – Resident wanted to know why there were few activities for children in the Park District. President Rodriguez said that Park District was adding more activities for children. She also noted that the Park District in Long Grove was founded as a steward for open space. She suggested that the resident contact Park District President Wittig regarding more activities. Trustee Schmitt added that there was a Park District website they could visit.

Is there a map for the Route 53 Extension – President Rodriguez said that there was less of a concrete map currently than before, as the proposed extension was in a fluid state of transition. She said that more attention was now being paid to environmental issues and plans were looking more like a boulevard with slower speeds and non-contiguous roads. President Rodriguez said that the developers were also part of the collective thought on making the roadway conform to environmental issues. She made it clear that the extension was most likely going to come to fruition, and that the Village needed to make it a roadway that was acceptable to the Community.

When will they start the 53 Extension? - President Rodriguez said that the bill could be accelerated in which case the extension would be ready by 2020 (the original date was 2025).

Lake Michigan Water - President Rodriguez said that the Village has allocation for the water, but that the cost for infrastructure was about \$1 million per mile. She said that subdivisions can pay for their connection. Trustee Wachs noted that there will be additional opportunities to connect on the periphery of Long Grove with connections to Palatine and Buffalo Grove infrastructure that was already installed.

Sidewalks – Resident asked about pathways and bikeways to the Downtown. Trustee Barry discussed the Village-wide pathway system that was being constructed as part of a multi-year project. He said that the pathway map was being updated and being put online. He said that the Village was working on easements and connections. President Rodriguez said that there would be a light on Old 53 and Old Hicks, and that improvements were being made so that pathways could be built.

Tollway Meeting - President Rodriguez said that the Tollway Meeting was 9 AM, in Downers Grove.

8.06% Tax multiplier – Resident asked why Long Grove residents are paying more taxes than other communities. Village Manager Lothspeich said that schools were the major part of most community's taxes, but he did not evaluate other community's tax structure. He had just provided facts and figures.

Is the Budget keeping up with infrastructure needs? – Village Manager Lothspeich said that the answer to the question was “no.” He explained that maintenance of the roadways was a major expense for the Village as there were 30-31 miles of road. He also told the residents that the Village has done its best to repave some roads, but that some roads were beyond being patched. President Rodriguez added that the Village cannot continue to defer road repair.

Volunteers – Resident asked if High School students could be volunteers for the Village. There was a resounding “yes” from President Rodriguez. Arts and Music Council Chair Tobin Fraley said that the Council had been reaching out to students and giving internships.

Handicapped Parking- Resident asked for information on services for ambulatory handicapped citizens during festivals. She offered to be a volunteer on a committee to address that issue.

100 Acres of Unincorporated land – south of Long Grove Road – Resident asked about whether or not land in this area had deannexed. Village Council Filippini noted that the area mentioned was not unincorporated and that the deannexation had been resisted successfully.

At 9:30 the Village Board Meeting resumed. Village Planner Hogue left the meeting.

Item: Homeowner Associations:

Fairfield Village - Athena Merageas. – HOA President Merageas had been at the Town Hall Meeting but could not stay for the Board Meeting. She had wanted to mention the trash and the parking situation that residents in Fairfield Village had faced during the Strawberry Festival.

Lakes of Long Grove – Jack Demes. – **No one was present. Correspondence regarding subdivision issues had been emailed to Village Manager Lothspeich previously.**

ACTION ITEMS:

Item: Special Event & Raffle License Applications:

Long Grove Rotary (Heritage Run – September 8, 2012) - The Long Grove Rotary filed the requests for approval of the special event application and raffle license and waiver of the bond or fee requirements. The Long Grove Business and Community Partners (LGBCP) recommended approval of the special event application during their June 19, 2012 meeting. – **Trustee Barry moved to Approve the Special Event Application and waiver of the raffle license bond and \$25 application fee requirements for the Long Grove Rotary Heritage Run on September 8, 2012; seconded by Trustee Underwood.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt –aye; Underwood - aye; Wachs –aye; Weber – aye (Motion carried 6 – 0).

Verizon Wireless Grand Opening. Verizon submitted the “Grand Opening” special event application for a feather flag at the IL Route 83 entrance to Sunset Grove. – **Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve Verizon “Grand Opening” Special Event Application; seconded by Trustee Weber.**

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)

Item #1: Report Of The June 18, 2012 Architectural Commission Meeting.

The Architectural Commission (AC) considered the following item during their June 18, 2012 meeting.

- Permanent signage for “*Wine Splash*” 132 Old McHenry Road, Sign Central.

The AC continued the request noting the following:

- Concerns with the “decal” on the sign – may fade, also appears to be a “magazine graphic” rather than within the “character” of signage in the rest of the downtown.
- Sign lacks “context” consider a border around the sign.

- White background may be difficult to see against white building. Consider different color background.
- Sign lack individuality.
- AC likes the “Wine Splash” concept (i.e. the wine bottle and wine glass) but the sign needs a better presentation.
- Consider examining the copy and the font style used in the signage. A lack of consistency between the fonts of the wall sign and hanging sign were noted.
- Rethink sign presentation.
- AC directed petitioner to modify signage request per the direction noted above and bring request back to the July 16th Meeting – 7:00 PM @ Village Hall. - **CONTINUED**

Item #2: Ordinance Repealing & Establishing Prevailing Wages.

The Prevailing Wage Act requires that all local governments adopt a prevailing wage ordinance each year. The draft Ordinance adopts the County's prevailing wages for May 2012

Trustee Barry moved to Approve an Ordinance Repealing and Establishing Prevailing Wages for the Village of Long Grove; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt –aye; Underwood - aye; Wachs –aye; Weber – aye
(Motion carried 6 – 0).**

Item #3: Village President Rodriguez.

Ad Hoc Committee on Route 53 Extension – President Rodriguez said that Camy Gould and Lori Lyman had agreed to be part of Committee that would look into how the Route 53 Extension would be designed. She said that this committee would work with other communities to explore ideas for the proposed roadway. – **No action was taken.**

Item #4: Village Trustee Barry.

Pathways Committee Meeting – June 15, 2012. Village Trustee Barry and Park District President Wittig met with the Pathway Committee on Friday, June 15, 2012 –Trustee Barry discussed help received from Lee Bassett and Eagle Scouts to clear pathways. He mentioned the idea that paths that had not been maintained but existed, should be trimmed back by landscapers so that they would be usable again. – **No action was taken.**

Item #5: Village Trustee Marshall.

Pipe Issues in Long Grove – Trustee Marshall said that pipes in the Village were showing signs of rotting and leaking. He said that O₂ molecules were separating from water creating the erosion.. Village Manager Lothspeich said that residents in Herons Landing were finding their 20 year old pipes were rotted. It further demonstrated the need for plastic piping – **No action was taken.**

Septic Systems – There was discussion regarding septic tops systems caving in in Country Club Estates. – **No action was taken.**

Item #6: Village Trustee Schmitt.

SWALCO – Trustee Schmitt said that SWALCO was asking the Village if it could send out a survey to the residents. It was suggested that the Village could send the survey out through a link. The consensus of the Board was to do this. Village Manager Lothsepeich said that the Village should put a disclaimer on the survey making certain that residents knew that the survey was not being conducted by the Village. – **No action was taken.**

Item #7: Village Trustee Underwood.

Clarke Mosquito Abatement – Village Manager Lothspeich said that Clarke had confirmed that it had done a second larvacide. – **No action was taken.**

Item #8: Village Trustee Wachs.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #9: Village Trustee Weber.

Long Grove Business & Community Partners Board Meeting – June 19, 2012. – Trustee Weber said that the Strawberry Fest needed to have better signage regarding the \$5.00 donation. She

said that there was also anger from attendees about having to pay. – **No action was taken.**

Item #10: Village Clerk Schultheis.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #11: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #12: Village Planner Hogue.

Not Present.

Item #13: Village Attorney Filippini/Gates.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #14: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

June 12, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes. – Trustee Wachs moved to Approve the June 12, 2012 Board Minutes as amended; seconded by Trustee Marshall.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)

Item: Executive Session.

At 9:54 PM, Trustee Wachs moved to go into Executive Session to Discuss (1) Executive Session Minutes; (2) Litigation; and (3) Acquisition And Disposition of Property; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Barry – aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt –aye; Underwood - aye; Wachs –aye; Weber – aye (Motion carried 6 – 0).

Item: Other Business – Approval Of Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

June 12, 2012 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. – Trustee Schmitt moved to Approve the June 12, 2012 Executive Session Minutes, but not for Public Release; seconded by Trustee Underwood.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)

Item: Adjournment.

At 10:24 PM, Trustee Marshall moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)