

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
3110 RFD, ILLINOIS 60047-9613
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 8 P.M.
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CALL TO ORDER:

President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President: Rodriguez
Trustees: Acuna, Barry, Hannon (entered at 9:30 P.M.), Lazakis, Schmitt, Wachs
Village Clerk: Schultheis
Also Present: Superintendent Block, Village Manager Lothspeich, and Village Counsel Filippini, Village Engineer Chiczewski (entered at 8:56 P.M.)

Events: President Rodriguez said that the Concert in the Park was well-attended. She thanked the Long Grove Arts and Music Council. President Rodriguez reminded the audience that *Irish Days* was coming up the next weekend – **No action was taken.**

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS/ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Hérons Landing – David Wolfe. – Mentioned four issues –

- a) Water – Village Counsel Filippini updated HOA President Wolfe as to the status of the consortium of Lake County, and the collective action taken by surrounding municipalities to study the possibility of getting Lake Michigan water allocation. He said that further detail would be around the First Quarter, 2009 when a decision would be reached regarding who would get allocation. Village Counsel Filippini made clear that allocation for the Village would just be an initial step towards practical application of a water system – **No action was taken.**
- b) The status of the Canadian National Railroad – President Rodriguez said that she would be meeting with Congresswoman Melissa Bean regarding stopping the railroad from becoming a freight line. – **No action was taken.**
- c) Increasing property taxes – President Rodriguez said that the Village had nothing to do with increasing taxes, and that any issues should be taken up with Lake County. – **No action was taken.**
- d) The private contract that Heron's Landing has with the Lake County Sheriff. – HOA President Wolfe wanted to know if it would be possible for the subdivision to be reimbursed for their police protection by receiving a percentage of the receipts for all of the tickets written in Heron's Landing. Village Manager Lothspeich said that he would look into the possibility of that being done – **No action was taken.**

Royal Melbourne – Andy Maggio. – President Rodriguez said that a letter had been received from HOA President Maggio complimenting the Village Staff and Trustees for the job they have been doing – **No action was taken.**

ACTION ITEMS:**Item #1: Report Of The August 18, 2008 AC Meeting.**

There was nothing to report – **No action was taken.**

- A. Stormwater Detention Area Retaining Wall Materials For *The Sunset Grove Development*, Mid-America Development Corporation. *Located At Southeast Corner Of IL Route 83 And Aptakistic Road.*
- B. Window Treatments For Building "D" (CVS Pharmacy) Of *The Sunset Grove Development* Mid-America Development Company. *Located At Southeast Corner Of IL Route 83 And Aptakistic Road.*
- C. Revised Elevations For A Commercial Structure At 7107 Route 83 And Within The B-2 Business District, Daniel Lesus Architects, Inc. *Located At The Northwest Corner Of Osage Lane & IL Route 83.*

As a reminder, if there are any decisions of the AC that the Village Board has concerns with, Trustee(s) have the ability to appeal the decision of the AC to the Village Board.

Item #2: Ordinance Approving Comp Amendments To Zoning Code Re: Floor Area & Height.

Changes during the prior board meeting include: impact of straight subdivisions vs. PUD's; nature of open space; definition of areas included/excluded under the bulk regulations; applicability to existing subdivisions vs. new subdivisions, etc. – Village Counsel Filippini discussed changes made to the Ordinance draft. Trustees questioned some of the new restrictions on the Floor Area & Height, and wondered if the affected properties (lots in non-grandfathered, non pre-existing subdivisions)

represented too small of a grouping to consider applying restrictions only to them. President Rodriguez stated that these restrictions could also apply to subdivided lots, and so the potential for a greater number of affected areas existed. Superintendent Block noted that the terminology in the Ordinance had to reflect the different semantics, so that there might be different rules and regulations for “upland,” “woodland,” and “lowland” conservancy. The general consensus of the Trustees was that the Ordinance had so many alterations, it needed to be presented at the next meeting with the appropriate changes before they felt comfortable taking a vote. – **No Vote.**

Item #3: Resolution Approving Non-Binding Referendum.

Trustee Acuna said that by pushing the referendum forward, it might hurt the chances of the Village getting water allocation. It was also noted that even if the Village was granted water allocation there would still be a long period of time before the Village would have to decide whether or not to go to the next step.

Village Engineer Chiczewski entered the meeting at 8:56 P.M.

It was noted that there would not be a need for another large outlay of funds for the cost of participation in the allocation until February, 2010. Village Engineer Chiczewski said that it was premature to try to give a real dollar amount for the purpose of the referendum. The consensus was to put off the referendum. – **No vote.**

Item #4: Village President Rodriguez.

A. Buffalo Creek Reservoir Update. – President Rodriguez said that there was a meeting scheduled for September 15, 2008 regarding the Buffalo Creek Reservoir – **No action was taken.**

B. Board/Commission Appointments. – President Rodriguez said that Lori Lyman had retired from the Architectural Committee as she was selected for the School Board – **No action was taken.**

Item #5: Village Trustee Acuna.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #6: Village Trustee Barry.

Village-wide Pathway System – Old McHenry Road Pathway. – Trustee Barry said that the Village did not receive the grant, but had applied for a more applicable grant of 80% - **No action was taken.**

Athletic Seed – Trustee Barry said that he had located a cheaper seed that was also better suited for the playing field, saving the Village hundreds of dollars – **No action was taken.**

Path Relocation – Resident Dee McLaughlin asked if paths could be relocated to a safer place, as the set up of the White Oaks to Prairie Trails path was placed adjacent to a house that had large dogs. It created a safety issue for path-goers. – **No action was taken.**

Item #7: Village Trustee Hannon.

Postponed to later in the meeting.

Item #8: Village Trustee Lazakis.

Overhead Utilities: Burial IL Route 83; Relocate Aptakisic Road – Update. – Trustee Lazakis said that the Village is awaiting design work from Exelon Corp., and that the hope was to have the utilities buried by the end of 2008 or Spring, 2009. – **No action was taken.**

Item #9: Trustee Schmitt.

Soccer/Athletic Fields – Update. – Trustee Schmitt said that there would be an update by the next Board meeting – **No action was taken.**

Rain Barrels – Trustee Schmitt said that eight rain barrels were ordered. – **No action was taken.**

Item #10: Village Trustee Wachs.

A. LGBCP Board of Directors – August 19, 2008 Meeting. – Trustee Wachs said that there was a letter commending the Sheriff. – **No action was taken**

B. Discussion Re: Village Emergency Operations Plan & Appointment Of Marc Small As EOP Coordinator. Village Trustee Barry, Village Trustee Wachs, Village Superintendent Block and Staff have been working with proposed Emergency Operations Coordinator Marc Small to develop the DRAFT Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The draft EOP is on the August 26, 2008 Board Meeting agenda for discussion and, assuming no major concerns/changes, the approval of the EOP and appointment of Marc Small as the Coordinator would be considered during the September 9, 2008

Board Meeting. –

EOP Coordinator Small said that the Emergency Operations Plan would be an evolving document.

The Trustees believed that the document was well-written and comprehensive.

Village Manager Lothspeich noted that the actual Ordinance approval was to be considered at the September 9th meeting.

At 9:30 P.M., Trustee Hannon entered the meeting.

Trustee Wachs moved to direct Counsel to prepare the necessary approval documents for consideration during the September 9, 2008 Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Hannon – aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0).

Item #7: Village Trustee Hannon.

Downtown Master Plan Wayfinding Signage. Village Trustee Hannon met with various Architectural Commission/Downtown Merchant/Downtown Property Owner/LGBCP Director Maguire and Village Engineer Chiczewski on Thursday, August 4, 2008 and will be meeting again on Friday, August 22, 2008– Trustee Hannon was looking for a consensus on the signage, so that the committee could move forward. If a consensus could not be reached, she emphasized that a graphic artist might be needed. Trustees liked signs shown, and added minor changes. – **No action was taken.**

Item #11: Village Clerk Schultheis.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #12: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Rock Salt – Village Manager Lothspeich reported that the Village (as well as other Lake and Cook County Villages) were carved out of the State's bid for rock salt. Village Manager Lothspeich needed direction to solicit salt bids from overseas. Getting approval was crucial because it would take 45-60 days to get salt from overseas. Trustees discussed possible alternatives to salt like cinders or sand (but even sand required a mixture of salt). Village Manager Lothspeich said that the Village needed to cooperate with other communities before the window of opportunity closed. Superintendent Block said that each snow event, on average, used about 30 tons of salt. In the winter of 2007-08, the Village used 1500 tons of salt for \$63,000. This year that same amount might cost around \$217,000. There is also the issue of snow plowers wanting a fuel surcharge because of fuel costs that have soared since last winter.

Trustee Barry moved to give Village Manager Lothspeich the Authority to act as needed to purchase Rock Salt; seconded by Trustee Lazakis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Hannon – aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0).

Item #13: Village Superintendent Block.

Road Paving – Superintendent Block said that road paving was now completed – **No action was taken.**

Landscaping – Superintendent Block said that there were some complaints about inconvenience – **No action was taken.**

Bridge Closure – Superintendent Block said that the Covered Bridge will be closed from September 8 Thru September 30, 2008 – **No action was taken.**

Sunset Foods – Superintendent Block said that architects were in their preliminary review and that Sunset Foods might be ready for a permit in October, 2008. – **No action was taken.**

Schaeffer Road Sewer – Superintendent Block noted that Menards was waiting for the final permit; and that residents would be given two weeks notice before sewer construction began – **No action was taken.**

Item #14: Village Planner Hogue.

Not present. No action was taken.

Item #15: Village Attorney Filippini.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #16: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

August 12, 2008 Minutes. – Trustee Schmitt moved to approve the August 12, 2008 Minutes as amended; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

Five ayes, no nays, one abstain

(Motion carried 5- 0; Trustee Acuna abstained)

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Item: Executive Session.

At 10:22 P.M.; Trustee Barry moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Executive Session Minutes, Personnel, Litigation and Acquisition and Disposition of Property; seconded by Trustee Lazakis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Hannon – aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt – aye; Trustee Wachs – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0).

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Item: Other Business.

August 12, 2008 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. – Continued.

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Item: Adjournment.

At 11:35 P.M., Trustee Lazakis moved to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays

(Motion carried 6- 0).