

Village of Long Grove
3110 RFD, ILLINOIS 60047-9613
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 8 P.M.
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CALL TO ORDER:

At 8:03 P.M., Village Clerk Schultheis opened the meeting by asking for a motion to declare Trustee Lazakis as President Pro Tempore in the absence of President Rodriguez.

Trustee Hannon moved to accept Trustee Lazakis as President Pro Tempore for the October 14, 2008 Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Acuna.

VOICE VOTES:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 4 – 0; Trustee Barry absent; Trustee Lazakis recused himself)

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President: Absent

Village President Pro

Tempore: Lazakis

Trustees: Acuna, Barry (arrived at 8:05 P.M.), Hannon, Lazakis, Schmitt, Wachs

Village Clerk: Schultheis

Also Present: Superintendent Block, Village Manager Lothspeich, Village Counsel Furr, Village Engineers Chiczewski and Witkowski.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS/ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Towner Subdivision – *Roland Holup*. – No one was present. No action was taken.

Prairie Trails – *Anthony Spina*. – No one was present. No action was taken.

Item: Raffle License - Waiver Of Application Fee and Bond Requirements.

***Long Grove Fire Protection District*. - The Long Grove Fire Protection District submitted a raffle license application for the IFSA Burn Camp charity and is requesting waiver of the bond and fee requirements.**

Trustee Wachs moved to approve the waiver of the \$25 application fee and bond requirements for the Long Grove Fire Protection District for the IFSA Burn Camp; seconded by Trustee Acuna.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

(Motion carried 4 – 0)

At 8:05 P.M., Trustee Barry entered the meeting).

Archer Parking Lot: Merchants at the meeting asked that more parking spaces be kept available in the Archer Parking lot. BDI Representative Bridget Lane said that after the proposed development, there would still be 5.7 – 6.2 spaces per 1,000 feet; which exceeded the spacing standards. Village Engineer added that there was a balance that was needed as to what to maximize – parking or green space.

Hal Francke, attorney on behalf of Green Courte Partners said that there were two points at issue: 1) the adequacy of the allotted parking spaces and 2) the sense that there was a breakdown in the process, and that the retailers did not get a forum to express their opinion.

Trustee Schmitt replied that there were meetings and forums, and the plans were communicated; so that even though there might be future informational meetings the process could not be halted.

Village Manager Lothspeich added that the contract had already been awarded, and that everything that was agreed upon was part of the master plan that the retailers were all privy to; so that there could not be wholesale changes at any future meeting. However, the Infrastructure Committee and Staff were amenable to more informational meetings with the merchants.

President Pro Tempore Lazakis said that the Village the Village Downtown plan for revitalization represented more than \$2,000,000 spent for the sake of the residents and the retailers.

Trustee Barry said that a future meeting with the merchants might include contingency plans if parking needs changed. – **No action was taken.**

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1: Report Of The October 1, 2008 CSCC Meeting.

The Conservancy Scenic Corridor Committee considered the following items during their meeting. Since each of the items considered by the CSCC are related to Subdivision applications that require review by the PCZBA and consideration by the Village Board, it is suggested that the Village Board consider the CSCC reviews when the PCZBA makes their recommendations to the Village Board (The PCZBA recommend approval of Steeple View Estates petition and continued The Equestrian Village petition during the October 7, 2008 Meeting – Board Agenda Item #2). – **No motions necessary.**

- A. Pathway And Berming Within The Proposed Scenic Corridor Of *The Steeple View Estates PUD/ Subdivision* Located At 1128 RFD (South Side Of Route 53 And North Of Manassas Lane), Ullrich. (**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL**)
- B. Bufferyard Requirements And A Request For The Excavation Of Ponds In Lowland Conservancy District Soils In Conjunction With A Petition For Subdivision Of Property To Be Known As *The Equestrian Village Of Galway Farm Subdivision* Per Sections 7-5-3 (F) & (G) Of The Village Code, Canady. (**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL**) – There was a question from Trustee Acuna regarding the ownership of the property in question. Village Attorney Furr said that there the property is owned by Galway Farms. He also said that there is a private declaration on the property and that the Village cannot interfere with the subdivision covenants (it is also a straight subdivision, and has no PUD). Plan Commissioner Tobin Fraley added that Galway Farms has shown an interest in moving the path away from the edge of the property. – **No action was taken.**

Item #2: Report Of The October 7, 2008 PC&ZBA Meeting.

The Plan Commission & Zoning Board Of Appeals considered the following items during their meeting.

- A. Final Approval Of Plans And Plat, As Part Of The Final PUD Approval, For Nine (9) Single Family Lots To Be Known As *The Steeple View Estates PUD Subdivision*, Located On The South Side Of Route 53 And North Of Manassas Lane, Ullrich.
- B. (**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL**) – Trustee Wachs moved to ask Counsel to prepare

An Ordinance to approve the Final PUD of the Single Family Lots to be Known as The Steeple View Estates PUD Subdivision; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Hannon – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye.
(Motion carried 5 – 0)

- C. Approval Of The Final Plat, Engineering And Site Plans Including Landscaping, Lighting, Signage & Elevations As Part Of An Application By The Sunset Grove, LLC Authorizing *The Sunset Grove Planned Unit Development/Subdivision*, Mid-America Development Company. (**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL**)
- D. PUBLIC HEARING; Preliminary Plat Approval & Special Use Permit For The Excavation Of Ponds In Lowland Conservancy District Soils Per Sections 7-5-3 (F) & (G) Of The Village Code Or Additional Relief Necessary And/Or Appropriate Under The Village Code To Allow Such Work In Conjunction With A Petition For Preliminary Plat Approval For A Five (5) Single Family Lots Subdivision Of Property To Be Known As *The Equestrian Village Of Galway Farm Subdivision* On Property Commonly Known As 1889 Checker Road, Canady. (**CONTINUED**)

Item #3: Ordinance Approving Regional Water Well Construction and Acquisition Agreement.

Please note that MidAmerica has been advised that the PCZBA recommended approval of the Final Plat and Plans for Sunset Grove contingent upon the Agreement for the deep well water system being approved by the Village Board. If the Agreement is not approved, then it is recommended that Agenda Items #4 and #5 be continued. – DEFERRED.

Item #4: Ordinance Approving Final PUD Plat & Plans For Sunset Grove – Mid-America.
DEFERRED

Item #5: Ordinance Amending the Village Liquor Code Regarding Grocery Stores.

The draft ordinance amends the Village’s Liquor Code by adding the new category specific to “Grocery Stores” in order to provide the requested liquor license for Sunset Foods – There was discussion by Trustees regarding the hours that liquor could be served and the amount – **DEFERRED.**

Item #6: Resolution Supporting Chicago’s Bid For The 2016 Olympic & Paralympic Games.

The Lake County Municipal League circulated a draft resolution requesting the support of Lake County municipalities. –

Trustee Schmitt moved to approve a Resolution Supporting the City of Chicago's Bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; seconded by Trustee Acuna.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays. (Motion carried 5 – 0)

Item #7: Resolution Authorizing A New Banking Account With Citigroup.

Village Trustee Hannon and Staff continue to explore various banking options that protect the Village's principal (third-party collateralization) while maximizing return on investment within the limitations of the Village's Investment Policy. Due to continued concerns with JP Morgan/Chase, the intent is to transfer the funds out of JP Morgan/Chase to Citigroup with the possibility of distributing these funds out through other existing banking options (IMET, IL Funds, etc.). Also, please note that the Authorized Agents have been changed from prior approvals to replace Trustee Lazakis with Trustee Barry in an effort to include elected officials with alternating terms of office. – Trustees agreed that Trustee Barry should replace Trustee Lazakis as an Authorized Agent to stagger the terms of office.

Trustee Schmitt moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing a New Banking Account with Citigroup subject to approval of Village Counsel; seconded by Trustee Wachs.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

(Motion carried 5 – 0)

Item #8: Village President Rodriguez.

A. Widening Of IL Route 22 Between Quentin Road and IL Route 83 – Update. Village Engineer Brian Witkowski and Staff met with IDOT Representatives on September 30, 2008. – President Pro Tempore Lazakis said that there may be a need to start thinking of ways to protect access to streets like Old McHenry. If IL-22 is widened, it may divert traffic patterns. President Pro Tempore Lazakis said that IDOT's timeframe is to have the project in place some time between 2010 and 2012. - **No action was taken.**

B. Vernon Area Public Library “We A Community Of Immigrants” Event - Discussion. Vernon Area Library is requesting support for area municipalities of their upcoming events planned for this coming year. – **Trustee Acuna moved to support the Vernon Area Library “We Are a Community of Immigrants;” seconded by Trustee Barry.**

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays. (Motion carried 5 – 0).

Item #9: Village Trustee Acuna.

A. Village-wide Lake Michigan Water Allocation & Distribution System – Discussion Re: Referendum. The Lake County Communities will be meeting October 23, 2008. Staff met with Retired Buffalo Grove Village Manager Bill Balling who has offered to assist the Village with possible access to Lake Michigan Water through other possible communities and agencies that may not require an all or nothing approach to gaining access to Lake Michigan water. Considering the projected expenses for the Lake County and Long Grove systems, the Village Board may want Staff to explore all other possible options with the limitation that any additional potential expenses be limited or otherwise approved by the Village Board. – Trustee Acuna said that the cost estimates from ESI are in regarding the estimates for a water distribution system for Long Grove, and that the figures were approximately \$180,000,000.00 (or, somewhere in the range of \$70,000.00 per home). The final figures and wording for the estimates would have to be finalized to be put in a possible referendum. Trustee Acuna said that the other question that residents would have to determine would be whether or not we need to replace the water system that we have. President Pro Tempore Lazakis said that whether or not the Village wanted to go to referendum would have to be decided by December (to get on the April, 2009 ballot). There was a consensus amongst the Trustees that the shallow aquifers had plenty of water, and that as more communities got on to Lake Michigan water (communities that already have distribution systems in place, and therefore, would not have to incur the cost of building a new distribution system) there will be more water available on the deep aquifers. The consensus amongst the Trustees was to direct Counsel to put together total costs of a Lake Michigan water distribution system from Long Grove to residents so that it can be put to referendum – **Direction given.**

B. North Schaeffer Road Traffic Calming Request. Resident NTMP Application Requesting The Village Installation Of Two (2) Speed Tables Between IL Rt. 53 & Manassas- Update. A neighboring property owner from Bridgewater Farms raised objections to the current resident request that does not include the property owners from Bridgewater Farms. The Infrastructure Committee reviewed the NTMP Standards and concluded that the petition was too limited and should be expanded to include additional properties in Bridgewater Farms

and further South on Schaeffer Road to Holly Court in order to install the recommended minimum traffic calming to be effective. – ESI Engineers said that the area being studied was too localized to affect traffic calming, and suggested that the area would need to be extended to include Route 53 to Holly Lane. Trustee Wachs referenced a letter from Bridgewater Farms HOA President Sophia Hanson regarding questioning why residents bordering the proposed traffic calming were not included in the petition. Trustees and Village Engineer Chiczewski agreed that a greater subset of residents bordering any proposed traffic calming changes would have to be included, and that an even larger group of affected residents might be needed. Trustee Acuna said that the petitioning process needed to be consistent, because the petitioners that requested the study had excluded residents that abutted the traffic calming area. HOA President Camy Gould read a statement suggesting, among other points, that the Speed Tables were not anything that surrounding HOA Presidents had agreed upon in their meeting; that Speed Tables were unsafe; and that the petition had not included only a small portion of the residents affected by the Speed Tables (she believed that every resident who used the affected roads on a daily basis should be included in the petition); and that the problem traffic area was not Schaeffer Road. President Pro Tempore reminded the audience that the Village can initiate a project without an NTMP request; and that they do not have to abide by the desires of the NTMP request if costs or other issues precluded its implementation. Trustees agreed that more residents needed to be polled. – **No action was taken.**

- C. Mardan Drainage Study – Update. ESI has completed the Study and plans to have final versions for distribution during the upcoming Board Meeting. The recommended repairs are estimated to cost \$467,000 and the Infrastructure Committee is considering the establishment of a Special Service Area to fund these improvements- Trustee Acuna said that the residents are open to an SSA. President Pro Tempore Lazakis said that there needs to be more direction as to whether the costs would be ad valorem or per capita. Trustee Schmitt wanted to know if the SSA could be mapped out to exclude homes that have no drainage issues. Village Engineer Chiczewski said that the SSA could be drawn up in a way to exclude residences that did not have these issues. President Pro Tempore Lazakis reminded the Trustees that the SSA area had to be contiguous. Resident Vernadine Martlock requested a copy of the study, and was told by Village Manager Lothspeich that she would be given one. – **Direction given to set up a meeting with the residents.**
- D. Oakwood Bridge Guardrail & Bridge Deck Replacement - Update. The guardrail replacement will begin this month. The funding for bridge replacement is anticipated in 2008/10. – Trustee Acuna said that IDOT lost the paperwork for the funding request, but that the funding should be available for 2009-2010. – **No action was taken.**
- E. Old McHenry Road/Robert Parker Coffin Road Intersection Modern Roundabout – Update. ESI has recently submitted to the County their response regarding the roundabout plans and received minor feedback. ESI concluded the modern roundabout plan is more effective than a traffic signal unless a left turn lane was provided in addition to the light. The drainage study and the design guidelines are completed. The next step is to wait for the County’s review. If approved by the County, the Village would present the plan to the LGBCP and the Village Board would then decide the final improvements. County funding would not be available for another 18 to 36 months. – Trustees and Village Engineer discussed suggestions for the Old McHenry Robert Parker Coffin intersection. Resident Susan Klein asked the Board if the idea of a raised, cobblestone intersection had been considered? Trustees and Staff said that there were various options being considered. The possibility that the Village might also want to tell the County that it wanted to do nothing was entertained as another option. – **No action was taken.**
- F. Archer Parking Lot – Update & Project Engineering Proposal From ESI. – The upcoming Infrastructure Committee meeting precluded any action taken at this meeting – **No action was taken.**

Item #10: Village Trustee Barry.

Pathway Committee – Village Engineer Chiczewski said that the Schaeffer Road Pathway would probably be installed by Menards in Spring, 2009. Village Manager Lothspeich said that Menards was having difficulty getting steel, and that this had caused delays in the sewer construction – **No action was taken.**

Village-wide disease update: Trustee Barry said that West Nile probability was low, but that there were still nuisance mosquitoes from the flood water.

Trustee Barry also said that the disease leptosporosis was confirmed in the area (it is contracted by pets and humans from coming in contact with the excretory matter from woodland animals). Dogs and cats were advised to be vaccinated against it – **No action was taken.**

Park District – Trustee Schmitt introduced Lee Bassett as the new Park District president. Park District President Lee Bassett said that the position of Land Manager was put on hold. – **No action was taken.**

Item #11: Village Trustee Hannon.

A. Treasurer Report For September 30, 2008. – **Trustee Hannon moved to approve**

payment of the Bills as presented; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

(Motion carried 5 – 0)

Trustee Hannon said that due to issues with the Fund Balances, there would be no motion on their approval at this meeting – **No action was taken.**

B. Downtown Master Plan Wayfinding Signage. – Trustee Hannon said that Hitchcock Design was looking at more renderings for the monument wayfinding signs. Trustee Hannon said that costs still needed to be determined for the monument signs – **No action was taken.**

Item #12: Village Trustee Lazakis.

Overhead Utilities: Burial IL Route 83; Relocate Aptakisic Road – Update. Commonwealth Edison New Business Engineer John Brandes has not yet provided the promised proposal and Staff has requested an update prior to the upcoming meeting. Upon receipt, these updated costs will be provided for consideration by the Village Board. – **No action was taken.**

Archer Lots – President Pro Tempore Lazakis said that there was interest by several developers in the configuration of the lots. – **No action was taken.**

Item #13: Trustee Schmitt.

SWALCO – Trustee Schmitt said that there would be an electronic recycling event in Spring, 2009. – **No action was taken.**

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

The Bridge – Trustee Schmitt said that there will be a Fourth Quarter, 2008 Bridge issued before Thanksgiving – **No action was taken.**

Item #14: Village Trustee Wachs.

Emergency Communications Network - Update. The authorized users (Bob Block; Marc Small; Sherry Shlagman and Staff) are scheduled for training this coming Monday. Staff is working with the Connect CTY public relations person and will have a press release early next week. It is expected to have the system test to all Residents and Businesses in the database next Friday, Oct 17, 2008. – Trustee Wachs said that the system would get tested on October 17, 2008 – **No action was taken.**

Item #15: Village Clerk Schultheis.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #16: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #17: Village Superintendent Block.

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #18: Village Planner Hogue.

Not present.

Item #19: Village Attorney Furr

Nothing to report. No action was taken.

Item #20: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

September 23, 2008 Minutes. – Trustee Wachs moved to approve the September 23, 2008 Minutes as amended; seconded by Trustee Hannon.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays. (Motion carried 5 – 0).

Item: Executive Session.

At 11:52 P.M., Trustee Wachs moved to go into Executive Session to discuss (1) Executive Session Minutes; (2) Litigation; (3) Personnel Matters and (4) Acquisition and Disposition of Property
Seconded by Trustee Barry.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Acuna – aye; Barry – aye; Hannon – aye; Schmitt – left the meeting momentarily; Wachs – aye
(Motion carried 4 – 0).**

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Item: Other Business.

September 9, 2008 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

September 23, 2008 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. – **Trustee Wachs moved to approve the September 9, 2008 Executive Session Minutes and the September 23, 2008 Executive Session Minutes, but not release to the public; seconded by Trustee Barry.**

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays. (Motion carried 5 – 0).

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Item: Adjournment.

At 12:53 A.M., Trustee Acuna moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays. (Motion carried 5 – 0).