

Item #13:
Village Trustee Schmitt
Long Grove Park District Board Meeting – May 3, 2010

AGENDA
LONG GROVE PARK DISTRICT
MAY 3, 2010 – 7:00 PM

Call to order	Bassett
Roll call	Gorski
Items from Audience: Sunset Development	David Lothspeich
Treasurer's report	Krause
Site Management	Borg
Approval of March Minutes	Bassett
Legal/Insurance Cell Tower Update (U.S. Cellular/Verizon)	Wiberg
BCP / CBT:	Martlock
Publicity / BCP Gazebo:	Lyons/Wittig
Freedom of Information Act	Lyons
Park District Legislative Update:	Bell
Sports:	Borawski /Nathanson
Purchasing Cooperative:	Borawski
Recreation:	Bassett
Village Board Meetings: April 13, 2010 April 27, 2010	Borg Meeting canceled due to lack of quorum.
V. P. Report: Earth Day Electrical Work Eagle Scouts Woodland Walks LVM Burn/Fire Breaks	Wittig
President Report: Property Inspections Glenstone Bridge Annual Financial Report	Bassett
Move to closed session	
Return to open session	
Motion to adjourn	

DRAFT
MEMORANDUM

TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ AND TRUSTEES

FROM: VILLAGE ENGINEER JOE CHICZEWSKI

DATE: APRIL 7, 2010

RE: SUNSET GROVE ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS RE: IEPA VIOLATIONS

Village Engineer ESI focused on work along Buffalo Creek due to its' proximity to the Sunset Groves project, visibility and its' importance to the Village's identity.

The first recommended option (level 1) includes:

- A. Limited stream bank stabilization, removal of non native species and creation of a butterfly garden.
- B. Development of a wet prairie, addition of wood chip path and signage to described the added features (butterfly garden and wet prairie etc) .
- C. Creation of an artificial Bird (duck) nesting platform.

The above is estimated to require approximately 270-300 volunteer hours (volunteer time gets counted as a contribution for the IEPA considerations and is assumed at \$12.50 per hour) with a monetary contribution of \$22,000 to \$32,000. The required design work and permitting work required is included in this approximate cost.

The second recommended option (level 2) further expands this to include a small pond on the park district parcel, additional plantings, more signage and educational materials, creation of a pool and riffle in the stream and other similar enhancements. This would require an additional 250 volunteer labor hours (along with some outside contracting for the earthwork). It would add another \$30,000 to the cost contributed by Sunset (so this may be too large a project)

The Village Engineer believes that the IEPA would accept any and all of these SEP's. The first question is whether the Park District and Village support these ideas. Secondly, how much is Sunset Groves willing to contribute (some of this may be pushed by the IEPA as an alternative to any fines. At our meeting the IEPA said not to look at larger projects like \$100k since that would not be necessary)

As discussed, this can be a public relations plus for Sunset Foods / Groves and a cooperative venture with the park district and Village.



January 8, 2010

The Honorable Doug Scott
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**Re: Sunset Grove Development Long Grove, IL
Violation Notice: W-2009-00122**

Dear Director Scott:

As Village President, I take very seriously issues raised by the Illinois EPA regarding environmental conditions within the Village's borders. We pride ourselves on being environmentally sensitive and strive to do what we can to limit our Village's impact on the environment. I also applaud the Illinois EPA and you for the good efforts on behalf of the citizens of the State of Illinois to protect our environment.

Recently, I was advised by the new owners of Sunset Grove project of concerns raised by Illinois EPA in a Notice of Intent to Pursue Legal Action. The Sunset Grove Shopping Center project located in the heart of Long Grove has and continues to be very important to the Village and will support needed infrastructure improvements and drainage work in the historic business district and the Village's primary commercial area.

Unfortunately, last year the Sunset Grove Development project, like many real estate projects across the nation, suffered as a result of the hard economic times. Work at the project site was suspended in October, 2008, and financial resources were not available from the then developer to fund the activities necessary to move the project forward nor to address fully the stormwater compliance issues of concern to the Village, Lake County, and Illinois EPA. In light of its concerns but understanding the circumstances, the Village stepped in and stabilized the site in June, 2009 to address, among other things, the stormwater compliance issues. The site then, sadly, laid dormant.

In October, 2009, the project found new life when the ownership of the project changed hands and Lakewood Real Estate Solutions was brought in as the new general contractor. With the new ownership comes both the financial and resource commitments necessary to keep the project moving forward.

The new owners and general contractor are also fully committed to keeping the project in compliance with all State and County environmental requirements. In fact, I understand that we have not noted any new violations and the Village engineers have been very pleased with the efforts put forth by the new team to maintain full compliance.

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In light of the new ownership and clear commitment to maintain compliance in the future, I respectfully urge Illinois EPA to reconsider the need to proceed with enforcement in this matter. The Village understands the need for the Illinois EPA to enforce its laws, but the circumstances surrounding this project are unique and warrant special consideration. I thank you for your reconsideration and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Rodriguez".

Maria Rodriguez
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Long Grove, Illinois

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