

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
JUNE 15, 2009**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees Militello, Nash, Papesh, McMillin, Slocum, and Greco present.

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Village Attorney David Silverman, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahon, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Wold, and Village Clerk Missey Schumacher.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

**Lower DuPage River Watershed Planning**

Stephanie Sheetz of The Conservation Foundation offered a presentation on the watershed areas cooperating in funding the Lower DuPage River Watershed Planning project.

President Cook stated that Sheetz is asking that VOC partner in this project. They are asking for a commitment of \$1,500/yr. for two years (\$3,000). He stated that water quality is always a concern to Channahon. This watershed is part of our groundwater.

Trustee McMillin asked what an investment from VOC would accomplish.

Sheetz explained that they will develop a comprehensive plan for watershed throughout the communities. Illinois EPA has identified impairments on river. Also, they expect a report by fall 2009 concerning the maximum load of impurities the river is able to hold. She added that response upstream has been good.

President Cook stated that Plainfield and Romeoville are on board. The Conservation Foundation is also trying to get other municipalities such as Joliet and Bolingbrook.

Trustee Militello noted that other groups have been formalized with representatives from various entities, government, residents, etc.

Sheetz agreed that this is a similar group. They haven't established a chairperson at this time. The Upper DuPage group has a formal structure.

Trustee McMillin noted that a previous group split into two factions. He questioned whether there is any assurance that this group would remain stable. He asked if this group has approached property owners.

Sheetz stated that they haven't yet approached property owners and would like suggestions on who to approach.

## **ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

### **Approval for Radar Speed Sign**

Bowden stated that VOC currently has a speed sign on Bell Rd. We are looking to install one on Navajo. This would be purchased from the capital improvement budget of PD. \$7,954 is the core cost. He suggested that VOC develop a policy for future purchase and placement of these speed signs.

Trustee Militello questioned why we only got one quote from one company. She also asked how many signs we are going to purchase.

Bowden offered to get another quote if one is wanted. He added that the previous sign is from the same company. By purchasing from the same company, we will not be buying any additional software.

Bruce Vaickus (PW) stated that Traffic Control of Illinois is the only one who sells them in this area. There are others, but this is a quality company. He has found these signs to be very easily programmable and low maintenance. The company is responsive. PW hasn't done any maintenance on the current one. The battery life is a minimum of 5 years. The sign can be moved to another location. It would take about 2 days to move it. PW could put up additional poles and move signs from pole to pole.

Trustee McMillin asked that VOC develop a policy for placement of the signs.

President Cook stated that staff should draft a policy for board review.

Trustee Slocum suggested that they are contradicting themselves. We welcome families to a community with good police protections, yet we drag our feet when we have a proven product. It works well according to PW, PD, and residents. Let's take action, not just make a plan. Make a plan and follow up on it. Put a plan together next week, not next year.

President Cook stated that VOC must have an implementation policy.

Trustee Slocum agreed, adding that we've talked about neighborhood safety; we need to practice what we preach. Let residents see what we are doing to make neighborhoods safe. I've asked for other options. We need to explore those.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

No formal items for discussion

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

No formal items for discussion

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No formal items for discussion

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **Deer Ridge Subdivision – Agreement to Remove Cost of Tree Installation from Step 4 Guarantee; Improvement Completion Guarantee Reduction Allowance for Steps 3 and 4.**

Bowden stated that Scaggs Development has asked for reduction in guarantee amounts. In accordance with Subdivision and Development Regulations, the developer has requested reductions to the improvement completion guarantees for Steps 3 & 4 from \$34,719 to \$6,944 and \$127,244 to \$19,833, respectively. The reduced amount of Step 3 would equal the maximum allowable reduction to 20% of the original guarantee. Staff has inspected the Step 3 improvements and confirms they are  $\geq 95\%$  complete. The reduced amount of Step 4 would equal the maximum allowable reduction to 20% of the original guarantee with an additional reduction of \$5,616 for elimination of costs associated with tree installation. Staff has also inspected the Step 4 improvements and finds they are  $\geq 95\%$  complete not including tree installation.

Community Development and Administration recommend the reduction be allowed with the Village requiring installation of trees as part of building permitting and occupancy requirements.

Bowden stated that by waiving the tree installation you may not be able to insure consistent growth rate of parkway trees.

Trustee Papesh stated that if you wait until house is built, someone will be there to take care of the tree. Sidewalks are more important.

McMahon stated that the builder passes the cost onto the homeowner. Building is stagnant now and the trees are not going in.

Trustee McMillin asked what the tree board thinks of this request.

Bowden stated that the tree board hasn't been asked.

McMahon stated that 20-30 lots need trees.

Bowden estimated the cost at approx. \$6,000.00

Trustee McMillin suggested that the tree board should be consulted

Bowden stated that the request to reduce would be to \$163,907.00 or to \$158,294.00 if the reduction for the trees is accepted. He added that upon acceptance the parkways would be Village property.

Dolezal added that if trees are installed now there would be a 2 yr. maintenance agreement on trees. Any replacements that happen in two years would be the responsibility of the developer.

McMahon stated that this is just one part of the parkway installation. A lot of subdivisions are going to want to go into their maintenance period. This is probably the first of several developers who will ask for this consideration.

Bowden added that sidewalk installation is essential.

Trustee Papesh suggested the possibility of changing the ordinance.

McMahon stated that would be a revision of Ordinance 154. House will not be Certified for Occupancy until the parkway is completed.

Trustee McMillin clarified that parkways will already have utilities installed.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by  
Janet Schumacher  
Village Clerk