

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MAY 9, 2007

Call to Order

President Fischer called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: President Fischer., Trustee Elrick, Trustee Joosten Trustee Ransbottom,
Trustee Van Ooyen, Trustee Vanden Heuvel, Trustee Verstegen

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, J. Moes, T. Flick, V. Schneider

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

Discussion of Village Position on Variance Requests/School District Expansion Plans for the Elementary School

Administrator Kell updated the Board on the situation with the school expansion and the relocation of one of the Village's ball diamonds stating the situation is that the school district cannot confirm at this time whether they have the entire funds to pay for the relocation. The School District has gone out to bid on the project and they expect to have the bid opening in a few weeks. Administrator Kell asked the Board what comments they would like staff to make at the Plan Commission hearing on the school districts variance requests knowing that at this time, it is not known for sure if the School District can cover the cost of relocating the field. Board members and staff discussed and the consensus of the Board was that although they want to cooperate with the School District and they want the Elementary School expansion to be successful the variance requests could not be supported until the issues with the relocation and funding of the ball diamond are resolved.

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to recommend to the Plan Commission that they do not support the variance requests for the Little Chute School District until full funding for moving and reestablishing the ball diamond is achieved.

Further Discussion: Trustee Verstegen stated she would like to see the Plan Commission table the variance requests and keep the public hearing open until the bids for the project are reviewed. J. Moes stated based on the motion on the floor, as the Zoning Administrator he would recommend to the Plan Commission to table action on the variance requests until an agreement for the ball diamond relocation is in place.

Vote on the Motion:

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Action on Shared Use Agreement for Parking Facilities with the Little Chute School District

Administrator Kell stated he is recommending approval of the agreement for the shared parking facilities for the Elementary School as it protects the Village and is a fair agreement for both parties and the School Board approved the agreement on a four to one vote.

Moved by President Fischer, seconded by Trustee Verstegen to Approve the Shared Use Agreement for Parking Facilities with the Little Chute School District and the Village of Little Chute.

Further Discussion: Board members and staff discussed how this agreement relates to the relocation of the ball diamond and T. Flick stated he had concerns with giving up space for future parking if the Village was left with the current ball diamond moved to the north and not a new diamond in the northwest corner. Trustee Verstegen and Trustee Elrick also expressed concern with signing the agreement at this time. Administrator Kell stated he believes this agreement is not related to the ball diamond relocation issue and the agreement should be in writing even if the school district was not expanding. The agreement is

written so it will be reviewed and renewed on a five year and it would only involve moving the ball diamond immediately north of the school if the Village initiates vacating the current parking lot.

Vote on the Motion:

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Action on Resolution – Recognizing and Congratulating Van Zeeland Nursery and Landscape for their 75th Anniversary

Administrator Kell stated he will present the resolution to Van Zeeland Nursery at their anniversary celebration reception.

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Elrick to Adopt Resolution No. 14, Series of 2007 Recognizing and Congratulating Van Zeeland Nursery and Landscape on their 75th Anniversary of Doing Business in the Village of Little Chute.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Doyle Park – Playground Equipment

T. Flick reviewed the proposal for playground equipment replacement for Doyle Park. T. Flick stated that the Park Plan Committee had unanimously voted to recommend purchasing the equipment from Landscape Structures – Gerber Leisure Products and he agreed with the Committees' recommendation. The new playground equipment is 100% ADA accessible which is a first in playground design and this will be the first Village playground with ADA accessible equipment. Discussion took place. Trustee Verstegen asked T. Flick to give some consideration to installing a couple more benches.

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to award the contract for the replacement of the playground equipment at Doyle Park to Landscape Structures – Gerber Leisure Products of Mount Horeb, Wisconsin for design option #4, in the amount of \$56,500.00

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Review Amending Village of Little Chute Municipal Code Sections 7-16-1 through 7-16-12 Massage Therapy and Bodywork

V. Schneider commented that the amendment will bring the language governing massage therapy and bodywork in compliance with State Statutes and the proposed changes to the language are recommended by the Village Attorney. Board members reviewed and agreed to put the ordinance to amend the language of this section of the municipal code on next week's agenda for action.

Unfinished Business

Trustee Verstegen asked for the Board to consider taking up a discussion and review of the issues with storage buildings. Trustee Elrick asked for a review of the concrete street rate policy. Board members agreed to put both items on the next Committee of the Whole agenda.

Items for Future Agenda

Administrator Kell informed the Board that he had been contacted by Jim Killian, who is a resident that lives near Heesakker Park, concerning problems with deer. The resident was asking the Village to consider a way to reduce the number of deer in the Village. Board members discussed and agreed that it is a regional problem that should be discussed at a Quad Communities meeting. Administrator Kell will request that the issue be included on the agenda at the next Quad Communities meeting.

Administrator Kell stated he is still waiting for the State Historical Society to respond to him concerning the locks bridge and the Village cannot move forward until decisions concerning the bridge are agreed upon with the State Historical Society.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Elrick to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:18 p.m.

All Ayes-Motion Carried Unanimously

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk