

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

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 Leicht, Trustee Ransbottom, Trustee Smith, Trustee Van Deurzen, Trustee Verstegen

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, D. Haug, J. Moes, R. Van Gheem, T. Flick, V. Schneider

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

Public Informational Meeting – Presentation by the DNR on Deer Herd Control Options

Brad Koele and Dick Nicolai, DNR Representatives presented information on the deer management program and options for reducing and managing the herd. Mr. Koele presented the various options that can be used to determine if there is a problem with the deer herd and stated that the more communities that get involved the better and the communities have to be committed to a long-term program to be able to control the herd. Mr. Koele stated that there are a limited number of grants available to assist with a management program. Mr. Koele stated that the four lethal options the DNR supports are, managed public archery hunting during the normal archery season, holding a special managed archery hunt at a different time than the regular season, hiring a company to trap and euthanize, or hire sharp shooters. Cost estimates were provided for each of the options. Mr. Nicolai stated that baiting and feeding of the deer must stop. Residents in attendance asked questions and provided comments. Trustee Smith reminded residents that the meeting was an informational meeting for the citizens and the Board and no decisions would be made at tonight's meeting. Carl Vandenberg, 1508 E. Lincoln Ave., commented that the issues are safety and cost and stated he supports a controlled hunt. Andy Sanders, 318 W. McKinley Avenue, stated he would not want to see anyone allowed in the park except the hunters during a managed hunt. Jane Vandenboogard, 414 Sanitorium Rd., stated she had safety concerns because of the deer population. Rosa Bonds, 311 Sanitorium Rd. stated she had concerns for the safety of drivers as deer stand on the road. Jim Killian, 401 Sanitorium Rd., stated someone had drove in his yard and in the park with a four wheel drive pickup to shine deer and tore up the park and his yard and he also stated there is a problem with dogs chasing the deer. Kevin Swiers, 716 Sue St., suggested a managed hunt be at a different time than the regular hunting season. Dave Allen, 715 Rosehill Rd., stated that the Village has residents who are capable of participating in a managed shoot. Rick Sanderfoot, Van Zeelands Nursery, stated this is the first year that the deer have been damaging plants in the nursery on a weekly basis and a number of residents commented on the growing herd and problems associated with the deer and urged the Board to not wait too long to take action. President Fischer indicated that before the Board moves forward he plans to meet with the Green Bay representatives that organize the managed hunt for their community. President Fischer informed the residents and they can check to see when the deer herd management issue is back on the agenda by going to the Village's website or contacting Village staff.

Action – Site Plan – 1251 Eisenhower Drive – William De Hart

J. Moes stated the addition to the building meets the Village's requirements for setbacks and zoning and staff is recommending approval of the site plan.

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Approve the Site Plan for William De Hart at 1251 Eisenhower Drive.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion/Possible Action – Award of Evergreen Pond Contract

R. Van Gheem stated staff's recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder remains the same as the low bidder has provided proof of responsibility and other municipalities had indicated this company is a responsible bidder. Staff stated the Village could risk losing the stimulus funding for the project if the project is not awarded to the low bidder.

Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Award the Contract for the Construction of the Evergreen Pond to Triple P, Inc. dba Peter's Concrete, Inc. of Green Bay, Wisconsin for \$195,363.79.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Elrick – Yes, Trustee Leicht – Yes, Trustee Smith – Yes, Trustee Ransbottom – Yes, Trustee Van Deurzen – No, Trustee Verstegen – No, President Fischer - Yes

Ayes 5, Nays 2 (Van Deurzen, Verstegen) – Motion Carried

Discussion of First Impressions Program Findings

Trustee Elrick stated he had asked for this discussion so the Board can look at the issues brought up in the report such as the lack of river access. C. Kell stated that ALC discussed the report at their meeting and determined that the role they will play on the major issues is to work to attract new businesses, with a focus on attracting a mix of businesses and specialty shops. C. Kell stated the Village can address signage issues and he is allocating dollars to next year's budget to take part in the CVB's way finding signage program. C. Kell stated the Village is also working on the issue of river access with the creation of the Island Park trail and plans for a pedestrian bridge at Heesakker Park. Trustee Verstegen stated she would like to see the Village involved in marketing the vacant building on the Freedom Road and North Ave. corridor and to also think about signage at the entrance points to the Village. Board members will continue to consider the First Impression Report findings as they make future decisions for the Village.

Discussion/Possible Action – Business Improvements/Facade Renovation Program

C. Kell led a discussion on the various examples presented that other communities have implemented as financial assistance to businesses for their Business Improvement/Facade Renovation programs. Items discussed were establishing the fund in an amount between \$100,000 and \$150,000 and offering the program for facade improvement, architectural and engineering design, and allowing a limited amount for signage. Board members indicated agreement with moving forward with a program that offers options for no interest loans, possibly long term no interest loans with repayment at time of sale, and matching grants.

Unfinished Business

President Fischer stated he had received a certified letter from Michael Heesaker that included a copy of Resolution No. 14, Series of 1983, and a copy of a newspaper editorial. Mr. Heesaker requested that the resolution "Adopting the official name Heesakker Park and commending the George Heesaker Family" be included with the minutes of the August 26th meeting. Board members agreed to include the resolution as part of the record with the August 26 Board meeting minutes.

Items for Future Agenda

None

Moved by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Van Deurzen to enter into Closed Session. (7:26p.m.)

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustee Ransbottom asked to be excused from the meeting at this time. (7:26 p.m.)

Closed Session: 19.85(1)(g) Wis. Stats. Legal (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the Village, legal counsel rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Village Board with respect to litigation in which the Village is now or is likely to become involved.

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Smith to exit Closed Session.

Ayes 6, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

No action taken on Closed Session item.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Smith to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Ayes-7, Nay-0, Motion Carried

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk