

**NOTES OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
PROPOSED POLK POND PROJECT
NOVEMBER 10, 2010, 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Charles Fischer, Village President
John Elrick, Trustee
Tammy Frassetto, Trustee
Jim Hietpas, Trustee
Dan Mahlik, Trustee
Don Van Deurzen, Trustee
Janet Verstegen, Trustee

Also: Chuck Kell, Village Administrator
Dale Haug, Finance Director
Jim Moes, Community Development Director
Nick Vande Hey, McMahon Associates, Inc.
Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk

President Fischer called the informational meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and introduced Nick Vande Hey of McMahon Associates, Inc.

Nick Vande Hey stated that the proposed Polk Pond Project came about for a number of reasons those being the DOT Hwy. 96 project that is scheduled to take place in 2012, the potential development of the property where the pond is being proposed, the fact that it is upslope from the Heesakker Park watershed and the need to improve storm water quality in the older part of the Village. Mr. Vande Hey explained why storm water management is needed and what the Village has accomplished as required by the DNR. The Village has met the requirement of reducing sediment by 20% in 2008 and the next requirement is to remove 40% of sediment by 2013. As of 2010 the Village has removed 34% and the Polk Pond would increase the percentage of sediment reduction to 35%. Mr. Vande Hey noted that the proposed Heesakker Pond that was denied a storm water permit would have reduced the sediment by an additional 2% to 3% and it was the most cost effective option for the Village. Mr. Vande Hey noted that the Heesakker Pond would have cost approximately \$400,000 and the cost of the Polk Pond would be approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000. Mr. Vande Hey explained how the project would be constructed noting that the pond will be about one acre, it will be at a depth of 6 to 8 feet with up to a one foot safety shelf with wetland plants and native prairie vegetation such as wildflowers would be planted and these areas would not be manicured so they pond does not attract geese. C. Kell stated that the Village is able to transfer the grant for the Heesakker Pond to the Polk Pond if it is decided to move forward with the ponds construction before the end of the year. C. Kell also informed the residents that the DOT will be participating in the cost of the pond so the Village will only end up paying an estimated \$149,000 for the pond construction. Mr. Vande Hey stated the Village has been very aggressive in going after grant money for storm water management and they have received approximately \$1.3 million in storm water grants so far.

Mr. Vande Hey estimated that if the pond is approved, digging would likely begin in the spring and the pond should be completed by the end of next summer or early fall.

A question and answer period followed. A resident in attendance expressed concern with the available land for the pond not having enough space to ensure that the pond is aesthetically pleasing and he didn't want to see the pond designed like the Buchanan Pond and he would like walking trails and possibly benches put around the pond. Others in attendance indicated that they would not want walking trails around the pond. A resident in attendance expressed concern about stagnant water and mosquitoes. A resident expressed interest in having a fence around the pond. Mr. Vande Hey stated the pond as presented is conceptual and it has not yet been designed so the resident's concerns can be taken into consideration. J. Moes noted that sump pumps will need to be connected to the storm sewer.

President Fischer stated the Board will be making a decision soon, possibly at next week's meeting, on whether they want to move forward with the construction of the Polk Pond.

(Listing of all in attendance who signed in at the meeting is on file in the Clerk's office)
President Fischer informed the residents that Mr. Vande Hey would remain available to answer additional questions but the Board would be exiting to the Board Room for their meeting.
The informational meeting ended at 6:58 p.m. at which time Board members relocated to the Village Board Room and Called the Village Board Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

Respectfully submitted:

By: _____
Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk