

VILLAGE BOARD LISTENING SESSION – JUNE 9, 2010

PRESENT: President Fischer, Trustee Frassetto, Trustee Hietpas, Trustee Mahlik, Trustee Van Deurzen, Trustee Verstegen

EXCUSED: Trustee Elrick

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, D. Haug, R. Van Gheem J. Moes, T. Flick, E. Misselt, V. Schneider, Interested Citizens and Media Reps

Call to Order

President Fischer called the Listening Session to Order at 6:00 p.m.

Introductions

Trustees introduced themselves to the audience.

Ground Rules for Listening Session

President Fischer reviewed the ground rules for the Listening Session.

Public Participation – Ideas, Concerns, Issues Regarding the Village

Mary Janssen, 420 Park Avenue, thanked the Board for holding the listening session and commented on being on the committee that was involved with the pool study and she asked the Board to balance the costs of capital improvements such as the intersection of Main and Depot Street with the cost of improvements for our youth.

Ms. Janssen stated that the youth in the community don't have a voice and she wants the needs of the community's youth to be considered by the Board when decisions are made concerning the pool and other programs that effect the youth in our community. Ms. Janssen commented that to help with the library's youth programs, the Friends of the Library wrote a check to the library for \$500.

Pete Hertz, 812 Sheridan St., asked the Village Board to not spend any taxpayer money on the Windmill Project.

Laurie Hansen, 823 Bluff Avenue, asked the Board to consider an ordinance to address the issue of vicious dogs as her dog was attacked and she has safety concerns for children and others.

Joyce Tiedt, 221 Paradise Drive, asked why season passes are not offered for the pool and if the Board is going to hold a referendum on the pool and what the criteria is for holding a referendum.

Peg Kons, commented that she and others use the pool so she has concerns about the future of the pool and she likes the current location of the pool.

Don De Groot, LC Windmill President, stated that he agrees with Mr. Hertz and the Windmill Committee never has and never intends to ask for taxpayer dollars. Mr. De Groot commented that the LC Windmill is an incorporated 501(c3) non-profit organization and he provided information on the history of the LC Windmill project.

Robin Dekker, Executive Director of LC Windmill Inc., commented on the Windmill Project and stated that 2 million dollars had been raised towards the 2.8 million dollar goal and 86% of the donations are from Little Chute residents and community organizations. Ms. Dekker shared how the Windmill will be used as an educational tool on the history and culture of the community and on how it will benefit the entire Village and she made an appeal to the Board to work together with the LC Windmill group and she asked everyone to be ambassadors for the Windmill and the entire community.

Steven Ransbottom, 112 W. Florida Avenue, commented on the issue of Village Board representation by Mr. Ransbottom stating he had asked for this item to be on a future agenda when he was a trustee because he would like to see representation on the Board from all areas of the Village and he asked the Board to put this issue on a future agenda and he requested to be notified when the issue is on the agenda.

Daniel Hietpas, N9588 Crystal Drive, Appleton, stated he is the property owner of 1312/1314 Washington Street and he is not happy that he has to pay a higher fee because a concrete street is being put in the section of Washington Street north of Hwy. OO when the south side is having the street constructed in asphalt. Mr. Hietpas stated that his property is located 250 feet north of Hwy. OO and as part of the Washington Street project he will be losing parking in front of his rental property. Mr. Hietpas stated that his current residents have indicated to him that they may have to move if they cannot park on the road and he asked the Public Works Dept. to work with him as he moves forward with plans to widen his driveway and apron.

Don De Groot, President of LC Windmill Inc., commented that he counted 36 people in the audience, 13 Village officials and three Media Reps., so it seems like an indication that things are not going to bad in the Village. Mr. De Groot provided additional comments on the Windmill project stating the project has a lot of good backing from community members and organizations and he asked for cooperation from the Village as they move forward with the project as they will need to work with the Public Works Department and other village departments. Mr. De Groot stated they have never asked for taxpayer dollars but they were offered it at one time but the cost to move the project to Island Park was too much. Mr. De Groot stated the first shipment of the Windmill parts arrived last week. Mr. De Groot stated that the project is lacking some funds but the money will be raised and he wanted to make clear that there is no affiliation between the Windmill Committee and the local government. Mr. De Groot asked the Board for cooperation with the project as it is going to be a good project and it will help the downtown and the entire community.

Robin Dekker, Executive Director, LC Windmill Inc., asked the Village for cooperation on the project and for everyone to make positive comments about the Windmill and the community in general and if anyone has questions about the project they should contact her so that accurate information is communicated throughout the community.

Jean Hietpas, 403 W. Lincoln Avenue, asked the Board to consider giving the residents on the street an opportunity to name the new street that will be connecting W. Lincoln Ave. to Main St.

Mary Janssen, 420 Park Avenue, stated she wanted to respond to the issue of pool passes as there are season passes available for individuals, families, and out of town residents and the Rec. Dept also has a program to help fund recreational activities for low income families and children.

Dick Evers, Appleton, stated he was formerly a LC resident and he commented on concerns he has heard about the Windmill being noisy and he stated that is not true as he is very familiar with the type of Windmill that is being constructed in Little Chute and noise from the Windmill will not be an issue.

Laurie Hansen, 823 Bluff Avenue, stated that she has been a Little Chute resident for 13 years and has been at her current residence three years and she commented on the Village ordinances being laws and asked that the Board consider the effect that amendments and creation of ordinances will have on all departments in the Village and that they are made so they are fair to everyone.

Adjournment

The Listening Session Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk