

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
April 23, 2013

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairperson – Trustee Jerry Glogowski; Trustees John Spella, Brian Dianis, Robert Smith, Jim Steigert , Debby Sosine, and President John Schmitt

Staff Members Present: Tim Schloneger, Village Manager; Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director; Russ Laine, Police Chief; Michael Kumbera; Assistant to the Village Manager; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk

Chairperson Glogowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and established a quorum with all Committee members present.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

A. River Ridge Estates (2013-06)/North River Road, Annexation, Rezoning to R-1 PUD and Preliminary Plat/PUD for 25 Single-Family Home Lots on 26 Acres

Mr. Farnum introduced Greg Pantos, representing AK Group, who submitted petitions for development approvals for “River Ridge Estates,” a development located on North River Road. The plan for this property includes 25 custom single-family home sites in a wooded hillside setting with homes in the \$700,000 range.

This owner had previously submitted a smaller project, “Riverwoods on the Fox,” which was denied by the Village in 2008 due to a variety of concerns and issues that included small lot sizes, variations from the subdivision ordinance, and a lack of public utilities. Pantos has been working with his engineer and village staff to overcome the prior deficiencies, and this new project has been substantially improved. Due to the prior denial by the village, AK Group would like to proceed with preliminary approvals at this time before spending significantly more money on final engineering and subdivision development, as well as securing off-site easements and approvals necessary to extend the proper utilities to the development. Further, because a portion of the additional property is not currently in the village limits, that property will need to be annexed. The property is contiguous and can be readily annexed, and it also provides the village and the developer an opportunity to negotiate an annexation and development agreement, which will be part of the formal Board consideration of this request. All of the considerations and conditions approved as part of this development will be included in the annexation agreement and the PUD ordinance for this project. The Plan and Zoning Commission had previously recommended this updated plan. There were many questions and answers. The Fox River seawall along River Road would be totally reconstructed and completed before Phase 2 of the plan would begin. The maintenance of the riverfront would be the

responsibility of a Homeowners' Association, and River Road would also be reinforced as part of the plan. Ms. Sosine asked how traffic would be controlled. Mr. Pantos replied if he can work an agreement with Kennedy, the adjacent land owner, traffic would funnel to Highland Avenue. If not, the road would be a cul-de-sac. President Schmitt said he liked this plan much better than the first one three years ago. The other trustees also liked the plan. Mr. Mitchard stated the development would use a grinder sanitary sewer system which has worked well in other areas. Mr. Mike Brennen, neighboring landowner, voiced agreement with the plan and said it would greatly enhance the area. He also offered other alternatives for access. Mr. and Mrs. Al Gafka, 1843 North River Road, voiced opposition to the development because a retention pond would be placed right behind their home. Their concerns with the proposed development include water runoff onto adjoining properties, the number of natural springs in the area, loss of mature trees, more vehicles on North River Road, and wildlife habitat loss and disruption. Mrs. Gafka stated she is most concerned about the proposed detention pond that is located above their home. She asked who would be responsible for ensuring this water will not flood her property. They were also very concerned about the extra traffic generated, especially turning onto Algonquin Road. Mr. Pantos replied the retention pond would hold rainfall but if a "100-year rain" should occur, the water would be channeled to the road and then into the river.

Following the lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to allow staff to continue working with the developer regarding conditions for annexation.

B. Consider Resolutions Accepting Land Donations:

- (1) 19-31-451-001 – Millbrook Townhomes Lot
- (2) 19-30-327-010 & 19-30-327-012 – Winding Creek Outlots A1 and A2
- (3) 03-06-203-001 – Canterbury Townhomes Lot 9
- (4) 03-06-203-003 – Canterbury Townhomes Lot 8
- (5) 03-05-428-012 – Stoneridge II Lot 35

Mr. Farnum reported village staff has been working on clearing up titles and ownership of several parcels that were to be donated to the village but, for a variety of reasons, have not been fully accomplished. These consist of the aforementioned parcels with a total of six.

With no discussion, the Committee of the Whole consensus was to recommend that the Board pass the resolutions accepting these parcels is requested.

C. Consider Resolution to Renew and Amend the Intergovernmental Boundary Agreement with the Village of Carpentersville

Mr. Farnum reported this is extending the successful boundary agreement the village has had with Carpentersville. There are some ongoing negotiations regarding street connections between the two villages.

The Committee of the Whole gave consensus to move on for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Executive Session:

- (1) Interview Candidate for Vacant Position on the Public Arts Commission

Moved by Steigert, seconded by Smith, to recess into Executive Session to interview for a position on the Public Arts Commission. Roll vote: Glogowski, Steigert, Smith, Spella, Sosine, Dianis, Schmitt. Motion carried; 7-ayes, 0-nays at 8:55 p.m. Reconvene: Moved by Dianis, seconded by Schmitt, to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:06 p.m. Attorney Cahill reported action will be taken at the next Board meeting.

B Public Event Request for Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce Cruise Nights – June 11, July 9, and August 6, 2013 (Oakridge Court Shopping Center)

Mr. Farnum reported the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce has submitted a Public Event/Entertainment License Application requesting to sponsor a series of Cruise Nights within the Oakridge Court parking lot area across the frontage road from Sonic on June 11, July 9, and August 6, 2013. Due to their request for the use of outdoor amplified music involving a DJ at the Sonic location; Village Board approval is necessary.

Consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to move to the Board for approval.

C. Staff Development Days Presentation

Mr. Schloneger stated village facilities are currently open for business on the following federal holidays: Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day. He is proposing that the village utilize these four days as staff development days. The doors would be closed to the general public; however, staff would report to work as normal. Scheduling this time free from interruption will allow staff to reflect on where we are, showcase how far we've come, and take the first steps towards where we are going. These days will provide staff dedicated time to come together as an organization.

During discussion, trustees' reactions were mixed. Dianis said he thought it worth trying but Smith was definitely not in favor of closing the village to the public on those days. Mr. Schloneger said this dedicated time would enhance staff training and development. Sosine responded this was just a suggested pilot program and try it to see if it is viable. Schmitt suggested that since there are only two of those holidays left this year, in October and November, the plan should be tried. Spella said yes to the pilot program but that there should be a skeleton staff available to handle emergency business if it arises.

Following discussion, it was the consensus to try the program the rest of this year.

D Discussion on Village Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole Schedule

Mr. Schloneger recommended that, effective July 1, the village modify its monthly meeting schedule to the following: a. first Tuesday of the month a Board Meeting; b. second Tuesday of the month no meeting; c. third Tuesday of the month a Board meeting (Typically the only item on the agenda will be to approve the list of bills.); this would be following by Committee of the Whole meeting; d. fourth Tuesday of the month a Board meeting followed by a Committee of the Whole meeting; e. fifth Tuesday of the month (if applicable) would have no meeting

This schedule, which would continue to use a 7:30 p.m. start time, would reduce the number of night meetings from four to three per month which would be a benefit to staff. However, it does not reduce the total number of monthly meetings since the fourth Tuesday has both a Board meeting and a COW meeting back to back. During discussion, Chairman Glogowski immediately stated he is against this plan and wants to meet every Tuesday due to such good camaraderie of this board. Mr. Smith and Ms. Sosine were adamantly opposed to this plan saying this Board works very well with each other and residents have access to the village.

Finally, a consensus vote was taken with the majority favoring no action on this matter.

E. Consider Ordinance Amending Section 43.03, Battery

Attorney Cahill explained an ordinance was passed on May 19, 2009 to do some housekeeping on the code, but that ordinance, 2009-O-07, inadvertently deleted two sentences from Section 43.03, Battery, by mistake. The proposed ordinance will fix this omission.

The Committee of the Whole gave consensus to move on for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider Ordinance Amending Section 11.04, Parks and Playgrounds, Alcoholic Liquor

Chief Laine reported, during discussion of the planning for the 2013 Founders' Day event to be held in Algonquin Lakes Park, it was determined that there was a need to modify the village code to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the park. In discussion at a department head staff meeting there was concurrence to permit the possession and also sale of alcoholic beverages in all our parks. This is still controlled through the permit process for Daily or Event Permits and concurrence of village staff. Chief Laine emphasized that this would not open our parks to allowing uncontrolled alcoholic beverages in the parks. This would only allow possession and sales of liquor pursuant to a permit.

The Committee of the Whole consensus was to move forward to the Board for approval

B. Consider Bid for Asphalt Material Purchases for 2013 Using MFT Funds

Mr. Mitchard reported this is an annual housekeeping matter to receive bids for hot asphalt using MFT funds. Bids were received with Arrow Road being the lowest bidder (Arrow Road \$152,252.96 and Curran Contracting \$154,605.85). Therefore, he recommends purchasing from Arrow.

The consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to accept the Arrow bid at the next Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Other Business

1. Mr. Kumbera brought this last-minute item to the Committee of the Whole. A three-year contract with the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Soccer Association (ALITHSA) that permits usage

of village athletic fields is ready for execution. It is similar to the contract recently approved with AAYO Baseball.

The Committee of the Whole consensus was to move on to approve.

2. Chairman Glogowski complained about potholes on Sandbloom Road. He was informed by Mr. Mitchard that the hot asphalt used to repair such potholes was not available as yet so they, along with several others, will be fixed as soon as possible.

3. The Public Works Department was complimented on its fine work during the recent flooding

AGENDA ITEM 6: Executive Session
See Item (A) under Administration.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Glogowski adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 9:48 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk