

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
September 11, 2007

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairperson – Trustee Spella; Trustees Dianis, Glogowski, Sosine, Steigert; and President Schmitt

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jeff Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager; and Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

A. Algonquin Corporate Condominiums – (2007-13) – North side of Corporate Parkway, West of Boyer Road – Existing Zoning B-P Business Park

Mr. Mihelich presented Par Development's petition to build two more buildings in the Algonquin Corporate Campus Phase III. He summarized the buildings' design, parking, and curb appeal. The project will be done in two phases, with the first phase being the lot closest to Corporate Drive. Phase two will be done as space is needed. The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed and recommends approval.

Mr. Glogowski asked what the signage will look like. Ryan Trottier of Par Development stated that they will be made of the same materials as the building. Mr. Glogowski then asked what kind of tenants these units are geared towards. Mr. Trottier said they are versatile and can accommodate any type of office or light manufacturing type businesses. Mr. Glogowski was concerned that the dock area would not be able to handle an 18 wheeler. Mr. Trottier assured the committee that they have designed that particular area to handle larger truck traffic, including 18 wheelers having to turn around.

There was also concern that Corporate Parkway would not be able to handle the weight of larger trucks. Mr. Mihelich stated that the Parkway was designed specifically with that in mind. Mr. Ganek added that the design of Corporate Parkway was to encourage truck drivers to use this route.

Ms. Sosine asked if the trash container quantities and locations were finalized. Mr. Mihelich said it will depend on who the tenants are, and trash output. She also asked if the parking shown is the final layout. Mr. Trottier stated that they have some reserve parking areas that could add more parking in the future. Ms. Sosine then asked if there would be space for trucks to maneuver between buildings if cars parked between the buildings. Mr. Trottier stated yes.

Mr. Dianis asked if trucks will be hitting the curbs on Corporate Pkwy while turning into the development. Mr. Trottier stated that their engineers use a formula to determine the turning radius of trucks and angles needed to complete proper turns.

Mr. Dianis asked about the planned landscaping west of the development. Mr. Mihelich stated that additional landscaping will be added in the area when the property to the west is annexed and developed.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously, to forward the Algonquin Corporate Condominiums Final Plat of Subdivision and Plats of Vacation to the Village Board for consideration.

B. Presentation of the 2007 Artwork Display Plan

Mr. Mihelich presented the 2007 Public Art Display Plan including pieces recommended for display and their proposed locations, with their goal being to spread the artwork throughout the Village. There were 91 submissions with 42 pieces selected, and one piece carried over from last year.

Mr. Steigert commented on the high level of art that has been chosen, stating how it has raised the bar from last year.

Mr. Dianis asked about the different types of call outs and what works the best. Mr. Mihelich said that it wasn't one outreach effort that was particularly effective, but really the combination of methods that enhanced the submittal response from artists.

Chairman Spella had one concern, the art piece displayed on page 41 of the presentation, the "Light Log". His concern was that this specific piece would not fit in with the other proposed pieces that are to be in the Village Hall. Mr. Steigert pointed out, that this type of piece encourages discussion.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the 2007 Artwork Display Plan be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Consider Ordinance Declaring Certain Property and Vehicles as Surplus

Mr. Ganek presented a list of equipment and vehicles that the Village would like to declare surplus, as they have surpassed their usable life.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the request to Consider Ordinance Declaring Certain Property and Vehicles as Surplus be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider Circle Drive Drainage Easement

Mr. Ganek asked the committee that once drainage improvements are complete along Circle Drive, that the Village obtains an easement to continue monitoring and maintaining this area.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the request to Consider Circle Drive Drainage Easement be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

None necessary

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other business

President Schmitt presented a request to put up two signs for the McHenry County Better Roads Coalition. These signs will be erected to raise public awareness, to help improve the Western By-Pass Funding. The signs will encourage motorists to take note of the amount of time it takes them to get through the Rt. 31 and Rt. 62 intersection and encourages motorists to visit a website and request that the Governor restore project funding. President Schmitt noted that these will not be the only signs throughout the county, and that they will be posted for approximately one month.

Mr. Dianis asked if this is within Village ordinance and if not, does this set an unwanted precedent. President Schmitt stated that he is asking the Village Board for special permission to erect the two signs.

The consensus of the Committee of the Whole is to forward the request to erect two signs for the McHenry County Better Roads Commission, to the Village Board for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Spella adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Morgan".

Susan Morgan, Recording Secretary