

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Meeting Minutes  
Ganek Municipal Center  
September 10, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Absent: Trustee John Spella

Staff Members Present: Tim Schloneger, Village Manager; Ben Mason, Senior Planner; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; Michele Zimmerman, Assistant Public Works Director; Carlos Arevalo, Village Attorney; Michelle Weber, Deputy Village Clerk

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and established a quorum with six (6) Committee members present.

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Community Development

A. Consider Proposed Extension and Amendments to the Annexation Agreement for Prairie Path Planned Unit Development (Terra Cotta Realty and KP Algonquin LLC).

Mr. Farnum reported John Emigh, representing the owners of Prairie Path Subdivision (Terra Cotta Realty and KP Algonquin), have requested the first amendment to the annexation agreement for this subdivision. The first amendment will accommodate changes to the land use plan that both the village and the neighboring property owner (River Ridge Estates – Greg Pantos) have requested, as well as extending the term of the agreement for another ten years.

The requested amendment includes the following provisions:

1. Extension of the term of the agreement for another ten years;
2. Adopting revised preliminary plat and plan to reflect changes desired by the village in the open space and bike path layout, extension of streets and utilities to service the adjacent River Ridge Estates project, and a minor increase in the number of lots;
3. Provision that the village-desired upsizing of the water mains is not at the owners' expense;
4. Extension of the final plat approval for four years (typically by our ordinance is two years at time).

This subdivision is north of Highland Avenue and east of Presidential Park. This project was originally approved via annexation agreement in 2004, with subsequent final plat and PUD approval in 2005. The annexation agreement has a term that the village agrees to approve the project, which essentially "locks in" the prior approvals during the term of the annexation agreement. The agreement would otherwise expire in 2014.

Trustee Spella arrived at 7:33 p.m.; Trustee Smith relinquished the Chair to Trustee Spella

It was noted that the number of lots would be increased from 130 to 135, lots 27 and 28 would be treated as corner lots, and it would be the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain the parkway and easements. Mr. Farnum explained this increase in the number of lots was allowed to cover the costs of the plan change to accommodate the new development, River Ridge. Mr. Emigh and Mr. Pantos have come to an agreement that if one development was to begin prior to the other, one another would be granted certain utility easements to provide sewer and water.

President Schmitt asked if River Ridge was to start development prior to Prairie Path, would the only access for those 25 homes be River Road, and when would access to Highland be produced? Mr. Farnum explained River Road would be the only access until Prairie Path was developed. Mr. Emigh explained until the development was in full swing, it would be

cost prohibitive to develop that roadway. And he cannot see how the smaller development could support the cost of such a large roadway. He is willing to grant access to the other developer if they were to begin before them.

Resident Rosemary Costello, 111 N. Hubbard St., Algonquin expressed concerns of traffic congestion on North River Road and when will relief come through.

Trustee Smith addressed Ms. Costello, explaining the River Ridge project is being built in waves of 10 and 15 homes. This should elevate some of the push of traffic flow. Also, due to the economy, this project will be slow moving, but, once development begins, that road will be a priority.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this item forward for Board approval.

**B. Review and Accept the Public Art Display Selection for 2013/2014**

Mr. Mason presented a PowerPoint presentation of the 40 recommended artworks for display this year as recommended for Year 2013-2014 Public Art Display Plan. In this presentation each piece of art selected was shown and its location recommendation. It was also noted by Mr. Mason that this will be the first year art will be displayed in local businesses as well as schools and municipal buildings.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this item forward for Board approval.

**C. Presentation of Art on the Fox Sponsorship Opportunities**

Mr. Mason and Ms. Miller, Public Art Commission member, explained it has been suggested by Consultant Julie Farris of JMF Events to extend Art on the Fox sponsorship opportunities to local business. This would help grow the event and supplement the show's budget by partnering with local businesses to sponsor activities associated with the art fair, such as entertainment, hands-on children's tent, and best of show awards.

In addition to giving added visibility to local businesses, sponsorship would also help the Public Arts Commission promote and program. Traditionally, revenue does not come into focus until the spring, when artist applications are submitted, and varies anywhere from \$2,500 to \$4,000 in a given year. Sponsorship commitments early in the planning stages for the event would provide the Public Arts Commission with a working budget for the following year's Art on the Fox and allow time to explore, for example, hiring a music group to perform or a sand sculptor to give a demonstration.

Trustee Sosine brought up concerns regarding not-for-profit status and that sponsors would need to know their sponsorship donation may not be deductible on their taxes. Attorney Arevalo added that, in order for the sponsorships to be a deduction, a foundation would need to be created.

President Schmitt inquired about sponsor signage. What it would entail; he feels that white sponsor banners throughout the fest would be tacky. Ms. Miller agreed white banners throughout the fest would take away from the art being displayed. A more subtle banner welcoming visitors to the fest and listing the various sponsors would be recommended.

Trustee Dianis questioned how art awards will be chosen. Does the sponsor choose the winner of the award they are sponsoring? Ms. Miller indicated all awards will be determined by a panel of judges chosen by the Arts Commission. The sponsor will not have any say in the recipient of the award they are sponsoring.

Trustee Spella commented that he feels there are too many unanswered questions at this point to move to the Board for approval. Mr. Schloneger indicated it was staff's intent to bring this to the Committee for approval to move forward with more staff time being spent on the business sponsorship.

It was the consensus of the Committee to have staff to continue to work on fine-tuning the Art on the Fox business sponsorship application and guidelines. Once completed and prior to soliciting businesses, staff will bring this back before the Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration**

A. Consider Purchase of Real Property in Gaslight Terrace North Subdivision (PIN: 19-33-176-016)

Mr. Schloneger explained this property was brought to the village's attention due to a recent attempt of tax sale. In 1981, the way this property was platted shows this to be a village road. After working with the county, we are able to purchase that parcel for \$650.00.

B. Consider Purchase of Real Property in Algonquin Corporate Campus (PIN: 03-06-279-001)

Mr. Schloneger explained this property was also up for tax sale. Due to many PINs and receivership issues, it is better for us to purchase this property for \$492.00. Once we take ownership, we can then work with the Commons to take over maintenance and transfer to them.

Trustee Sosine asked if the village get their money back. Mr. Schloneger indicated staff would attempt to get the money back but was doubtful.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move both of these items forward for Board approval.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:** Public Works & Safety

A. Presentation of Woods Creek Watershed Plan

B. Presentation of Jelkes Creek Watershed Plan

Ms. Zimmerman presented the final versions of both the Woods Creek Watershed Plan and the Jelkes Creek-Fox River Watershed Plan. Both plans were funded by a 319 Water Quality Grant from the EPA. The Village of Algonquin was awarded and administered the Woods Creek Plan, while the Kane-Dupage Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded and administered the Jelkes Creek-Fox River Plan. Together, these two documents cover about 90 percent of the drainage area of the village, thus giving us planning tools for moving forward with improving surface water quality within the village. The plans are meant to spark interest and give stakeholders a better understanding of what constitutes a watershed. From this information, plans and recommendations can be made within the village to improve green infrastructure, improve water quality, conserve groundwater, restore habitat, and provide educational and recreational opportunities. In addition to this, since potential projects areas are now covered in these official watershed plans, they are eligible for future funding through the EPA's 319 Water Quality grant program.

Ms. Zimmerman asks that the Committee support these plans and move them forward to the next Board meeting for official adoption by the Village of Algonquin.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to move both plans to the Board for approval.

**AGENDA ITEM 5:** Executive Session

No items to discuss.

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Other Business

No items to discuss.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:** Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Spella adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted: Michelle Weber, Deputy Village Clerk