

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
December 9, 2008

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jenna Kollings, Assistant Village Manager; Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director; Michelle Zimmerman, Assistant Public Works Director; Carlos Arevalo, Village Attorney

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Consider License Agreement Renewal with Foresite Wireless, Inc.

Ms. Kollings provided a brief overview of the license agreement with Foresite Wireless, originally signed in 2003. All terms of the original agreement remain the same with two exceptions: First, the fees have been increased to remain consistent with similar lease fees charged in the Chicago metro region. The second change is that Foresite will have the option to install their equipment on Lakewood Water Tower.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the License Agreement Renewal with Foresite Wireless Inc. be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

B. Consider Services with Latitude Geographics for Web-GIS Hosting

Ms. Kollings provided a summary of the services that Latitude Geographics would provide the Village for the GIS system that would be made available to the public via the Village website. This program would allow residents to view fire, school, and library districts, as well as aerial photos of their property. They would also be able to view the locations of all of the Village parks and paths.

Mr. Dianis asked if there would be any additional charges if the Village wanted to change any of the specifications of the web site. Ms. Kollings replied they would use an hourly rate; however, Village staff recommend keeping it as simple as possible for ease of use by residents. She continued by stating all software upgrades are included in the annual fee. Mr. Dianis then asked if the hourly rate would change or increase over time. Ms. Kollings said their hourly rate is locked in for three years.

Mr. Glogowski asked if this would be different from the current Village web site. Ms. Kollings stated it is a different website; however, residents will not know that they are being linked to another site.

Ms. Smith asked if there will be any security issues or if the residents will be subject to junk mail generated from this program. Ms. Kollings replied that residents will not have to log in or provide an email address to utilize the site.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the Service Agreement with Latitude Geographics for Web-GIS Hosting be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works and Safety

A. Presentation by Applied Ecological Services Regarding Naturalized Stormwater Treatment

Ms. Zimmerman introduced Mr. Randy Vogel, a senior ecologist and IL Branch Manager for Applied Ecological Services. Mr. Vogel provided a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the different steps in Best Management Practice (BMP) in stormwater treatment. He specifically went over the natural process, including rain gardens, detention basins, and wetlands. Ms. Zimmerman concluded by stating next year's projects will include the second phase of Ratt Creek and the North Gaslight Park Corridor which will be geared toward being a "Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary."

At this time, Ms. Zimmerman presented to the Committee a Conservation and Native Landscaping award from the EPA received for the Lake Drive South Naturalized Detention (the first award received was for the Arquilla Detention Area.)

President Schmitt stated that the effort staff is making is greatly appreciated and that these projects are good for the environment and the future of the community, as well as being beautiful to look at. He then said he would like to see this presentation made into a color handout for the public.

Mr. Steigert asked, in regards to a slide on the presentation, if there was a curb cut shown on the cross section diagram of the street. Mr. Vogel stated in some instances curbs are a part of the design, and other times they are not beneficial and therefore not used. Mr. Steigert continued by saying the presentation is a great educational tool. He would like to see more information provided in the Village newsletter and website as well as having Ms. Zimmerman or other staff meet with homeowners' associations to present to them the different benefits of having naturalized stormwater detention areas. Ms. Zimmerman replied she has met with a couple of associations but would be willing to meet with others and give this presentation.

Mr. Dianis recognized staff's efforts in these projects and recommended that the Village post a presentation that includes narrative audio that would be easier understood than just a PowerPoint presentation.

Chairperson Sosine thanked Ms. Zimmerman for her good work and complimented the presentation. She agreed that this presentation should be done for all the homeowners' associations.

With no official action to be taken on this item, Chairperson Sosine closed discussion on agenda item 4A.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

No items to discuss.

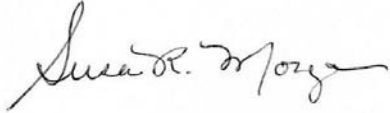
AGENDA ITEM 6: Other business

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Sosine adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan R. Morgan".

Susan Morgan, Recording Secretary