



**Village of Algonquin  
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Held in Village Board Room  
September 12, 2017**

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

Present: Trustees Debby Sosine, John Spella, Janis Jasper, Jerry Glogowski, Laura Brehmer, Jim Steigert, and President Schmitt. A quorum was established.

Staff Present: Tim Schloneger, Ben Mason. Chief John Bucci. Village Clerk, Jerry Kautz was also in attendance.

Trustee Spella, Chairman, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Administer Oath of Office

Clerk Kautz administered the Oath of Office to Police Sergeant Tim Cooney

**AGENDA ITEM 3:** Audience Participation  
None

**AGENDA ITEM 4:** Community Development

**A. Review and Accept the Public Art Display Selections for 2017/2018**

Mr. Mason reporting:

The Public Arts Commission met on August 17th and formulated a recommended Year 2017/18 Public Art Display Plan. The plan is a "stand-alone" document and provides a comprehensive overview of the Village's eleventh public art program.

Mr. Mason provided a PowerPoint presentation of the 33 recommended artworks for display this year. During discussion, questions were answered such as Village liability. We do not insure any pieces of art, that is up to the artist. Each artist has to sign a statement to have Village held harmless. Also the artist contact information will be available if someone wishes to buy the piece. But the artists must agree to display for a year. There is an Art open house scheduled for October 19 in Village Hall, 6 to 8 pm. The Committee of the Whole consensus was to forward this item on to the Board for approval.

**B. Consider Granting Four-Year Extension on Final Plat and Final PUD Approval for Case No. 2004-26 Prairie Path Subdivision**

Mr. Mason reporting:

Mr. John Emigh of Kennedy Real Estate has submitted a request for a four-year extension to the Final Plat of Subdivision and Final Planned Development (PUD) for Prairie Path. The proposed subdivision is located north of Highland Avenue and east of Presidential Park. The Village Board originally approved the Final Plat and Final PUD back in the fall of 2005. The development consists of 135 single-family lots, and attached is the site plan for a quick refresher of the subdivision design. Since 2005, the developer has subsequently requested and received extensions from the Village Board. The property owner has not moved forward with construction of the subdivision primarily due to market conditions. As noted in the attached letter from Mr. Emigh, the housing market is beginning to improve and the economic downturn the past few years is a compelling reason for the start-up delay. Additionally, the Prairie Path property is subject to an Annexation Agreement executed in 2004, and renewed in 2013, which confirms the village will ultimately approve the development's plat of subdivision and a reauthorization of the Plat/PUD extension at this time would maintain the terms of that agreement.

Staff recommends that the Committee recommend that the Village Board grant an extension to the planned development with the following conditions:

1. The final PUD shall be extended for an additional four years (48 months).
2. That all those conditions contained in Ordinance No. 2005-O-56 approving the final plat and final planned development for the Prairie Path Subdivision shall remain in full force and effect.

During discussion, Ms. Sosine brought up the fact that when this project was originally approved it included the reconstruction of Highland Avenue. Since that time, the Village completed the reconstruction and incurred all the costs. With all the extensions how will the Village be reimbursed? President Schmitt interjected, and to paraphrase, if we simply approve the extension, the developer will get what they want and the Village will get nothing in return. Ms. Kathy Martinez, representing the developer, said she was not aware of this issue. Mr. Schmitt then suggested the Village should revisit this development to see what can be negotiated. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to not take action at the Board level and have staff review the Highland Avenue issue.

**AGENDA ITEM 5:** General Administration  
None

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Public Works & Safety

**A. Consider an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Revenue, Liquor Control Commission, for the LC13 Liquor Enforcement Program**

Chief Bucci reporting:

The Village of Algonquin Police Department has been working with The Illinois Department of Revenue, Liquor Control Commission, with their new pilot program. The LC 13 Program has made it possible for the Village's Liquor Compliance Officers to complete compliance checks in a manner that is more detailed than the simple sale compliance checks that were previously conducted. As with the last agreement, the IDR will be paying the department a rate of \$75.00 per liquor license issued by the Village with the expectation that all establishments will go through the more detailed compliance check. The Committee of the Whole consensus was to forward this item on to the Board for approval.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:** Executive Session  
None

**AGENDA ITEM 8:** Other Business

(1) President Schmitt reported the Village has received several applications for various commission open seats. Staff is currently reviewing the resumes for qualifications and will recommend those that would best be able to serve. In the past, the Board interviewed each and every applicant but since so many have been received he feels that Staff, who has to work with these commissions, is better qualified and suited to pare down and recommend. Most trustees were in favor of this procedure but trustees Jasper and Brehmer said they would like to personally see all the applications and Mr. Mason said he would pass the material on to them. Also, Mr. Schmitt said those who are not chosen at this time will receive a letter of thanking them for their interest and telling them that they could be contacted as other openings arise.

(2) Trustee Brehmer and Trustee Janis asked why the Village doesn't post the meeting recordings on the website. Responding, President Schmitt stated recordings are not mandated to make public and that they are used by the Village Clerk in the writing of the meeting minutes. The Village is quite transparent in many ways with all Board and Committee of the Whole agendas including the same memos and material that the Village Board is privy to available online to the public. Mr. Schmitt and others wished more citizens would attend Board meetings.

**AGENDA ITEM 9:** Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned by Chairman Spella at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk