

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
July 27, 2010

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; Katie Parkhurst, Senior Planner; Andy Warmus, Utilities Superintendent; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and established a quorum with all Committee members present except for Mr. Spella. Committee member Spella was seated at 7:33 p.m.

No one registered for audience participation

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

A. Consider Public Event Licenses:

1. Take a Stand for Turning Point - August 6-7, 2010 at Algonquin Commons

Mr. Ganek stated all documents were in order for the event. Mr. Joe Kvidera from Turning Point explained the charitable organization will accept donations all day and will not serve food or alcohol. It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to approve this event at the next Board meeting.

2. Taste of St. Margaret Mary - August 29, 2010 at St. Margaret Mary Church Grounds

Mr. Ganek stated all documents were in order for this event, and, as with previous years, the event has been problem free. St. Margaret Mary organizers asked permission to place banners around the Village, but Mr. Ganek said the group must adhere to the Village's sign code which does not allow that. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to approve this event at the next Board meeting.

3. It's Our River Day - September 18, 2010 at Cornish Park

Ms. Katie Parkhurst explained this annual event will be held by both the McHenry County Defenders and the Village of Algonquin. It is a celebration of conservation, and there will be a cleanup of the river bank at the park. It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to approve this event at the next Board meeting.

B. Case # 2008-05, RSR Warehouse/Offices Final PUD Extension

Mr. Farnum reported this PUD was previously approved, but, due to current economic conditions, the PUD time limit is running out. The developer wishes a two-year extension. Mr.

Farnum said the grounds are kept in good condition, and the old Baptist church sign on the property will be removed. Staff recommends the extension. Following little discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this forward to the Board for approval

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

Moved by Schmitt, seconded by Spella, to move to Executive Session to conduct interviews to fill positions on advisory commissions. Roll call vote: voting aye – Schmitt, Spella, Sosine, Dianis, Glogowski, Steigert, Smith. Motion carried: 7-ayes, 0-nays.

The meeting was recessed at 7:47 p.m.

Reconvene: At 8:35 p.m., it was moved by Glogowski, seconded by Sosine, to reconvene the Committee of the Whole. Roll call vote: voting aye – Schmitt, Spella, Sosine, Dianis, Glogowski, Steigert, Smith. Motion carried: 7-ayes, 0-nays.

Attorney Cahill reported the Committee met in Executive Session to conduct interviews for positions on advisory commissions. Action will take place at the next Board meeting

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Update on Village Progress Implementing the McHenry County Groundwater Program Policies

Ms. Parkhurst gave a presentation updating the Committee of the Whole on the Village's progress on implementing this program. She started with Chapter 2 of the Groundwater Program, and, during her presentation, the subject of water conservation on golf courses came to light. Mr. Steigert was adamant about not having golf courses water their grounds during the hot daytime. Since there may be other reasons not known at this time, President Schmitt requested staff to look into this matter. During other parts of Ms. Parkhurst's presentation, the use of rain barrels and "gray water" for lawns were discussed by the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Warmus from Public Works responded that the EPA and County Health Departments will not allow gray water use for residential lawns, especially those where there are children up to ten years of age. Ms. Parkhurst's presentation was very concise, and she said that other chapters of the Groundwater Program will be reviewed and updated in the near future at which time she will report back to the Committee of the Whole. Since this was just an update, no official action is required by the Board.

B. Consider Ordinance Regarding Tobacco Sales and Products - Amend the Algonquin Municipal Code Section 43.30

Attorney Cahill reported this is a housekeeping measure that will update the current ordinance and bring it into compliance with State statutes. The ordinance makes it a crime to sell smoking herbs to minors. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this forward to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other business

Mr. Ganek reported that bricks on Bunker Hill Drive at the traffic calming points were replaced once before but are now failing. It will take a couple of months to see if federal stimulus funding will be available to do a street resurfacing and replacement of the bricks. If not, the Village will have to address this issue another way.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 9:18 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk