

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, June 23, 2008
Memorial Hall
7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Smith, Trustee Orler, Trustee Cauley

Absent: Trustee Follett

Also Present: Village Manager David Cook, Chief of Police Bradley Bloom,
Fire Chief Michael Kelly, Community Development Director Tim
Bleuher, Parks and Recreation Director Carrie Hauptert

Minutes

Chairman Smith noted that the March meeting minutes were missing from the agenda packet and that there was a correction needed for the May minutes. Chairman Smith advised that he would make the necessary correction and send that on to staff for adoption in revised minutes at the next meeting. Chairman Smith asked the other members if they would agree to motion for the minutes of March and May to be continued until the next scheduled meeting in July. Trustee Cauley made the motion with Trustee Orler seconding. Motion passed on 3-0.

May 2008 Monthly Reports

Chief Bloom discussed the police department's monthly report for May 2008 with the Committee. At the April ZPS meeting Trustee Cauley questioned why police incidents categorized as "Citizen Assists" showed such a large increase from the previous year and asked about the variance in the number of parking and meter citations. Chief Bloom stated that in 2008 the department began tracking the number of times police personnel covered school crossings due to a crossing guard absence under the "Citizen Assist" category. Chief Bloom stated that during the 07/08 school year police personnel covered 706 crossing guard absences. Absences are filled with non-emergency personnel first including meter enforcement personnel, community service officers and finally police officers. The use of meter enforcement personnel to cover a crossing is why meter tickets went down. Parking tickets went up due primarily to a IDOT grant to conduct seatbelt enforcement which are written on a parking ticket form and counted as a parking ticket in the Village's system.

Chief Bloom discussed the CALEA Accreditation on-site process that took place during the last week of April 2008. Chief Bloom said that the on-site examination went very smoothly and he is awaiting the final report of its findings from the Commission.

Copies of the Police Department's Annual report was provided to the Committee. Chief Bloom stated that an electronic version would be placed on the website and copies would be left for distribution in the Village Hall and Police Department lobby areas.

Chief Bloom further reported that inaccurate numbers indicating the total number of DUI arrests had been provided to the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists which resulted in the Department receiving an award for a 121% increase in DUI arrests from the previous calendar year. In summary, Chief Bloom explained that people arrested and charged with multiple counts of DUI were counted as separate arrests. The actual increase in DUI arrests from the previous

years was actually a 25% increase. Chief Bloom stated that a press release correcting the information was sent local newspapers.

Chief Bloom summarized a memo to the Committee regarding the Hinsdale Middle School Traffic Safety Plan. A brief discussion was held with the Committee and with visitors attending the meeting. In summary, questions regarding the need for a crossing guard at Garfield and Chicago (Symonds Drive) were raised. Chief Bloom indicated that bus service has been provided to students and the safest route to school is by bus. Additionally, as a matter of practice the Village has been not to provide crossing guards in areas that receive busing. The Committee indicated that they would like additional information and that the matter be placed on the July ZPS agenda for further discuss

Chief Kelly provided a summary of the 2007 Fire Department Annual Report and informed the Committee that a large portion of the report detailed the fire department's training activities, which totaled over 7,000 hours for 2007. From the May monthly report, Chief Kelly informed the Committee that four members of the fire department received educational scholarships from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Kelly also corrected some errors that were in the May monthly report.

Director of Community Development Tim Bleuher gave an overview of the departmental monthly report highlighting the deficient revenue that was taken in during the month of May and that this with the number of foreclosed properties in town was reflective of the down slump in the housing market. Director Bleuher did note that this month's number was indeed higher than the same month last year. Dave Cook, Village Manager, mentioned that the department needed to generate over \$100,000 per month in order to keep the overall budget balanced and that even though the revenue number is higher this month in comparison to the same month last year, last year's numbers don't reflect the updated permit fees.

Director Bleuher, as liaison to the Zoning Code Rewrite Task Force, requested a directive from the Committee as to whether or not the Task Force should begin review of Article Six of the Zoning Code pertaining to planned developments. Chairman Smith and the other members agreed to let the Task Force continue their research. Director Bleuher noted that this Article of the Zoning Code should be the last before findings and recommendations are presented to the Board of Trustees possibly in August.

Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Village Manager Cook explained that this item was before the Committee only due to a timing requirement by the State of Illinois. Trustee Orler made the motion to approve with Trustee Cauley seconding the motion. Motion passed on unanimous vote.

Change Order in the Amount of \$23,565 – Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc. – 2008 Resurfacing Project – Washington Street

Chairman Smith provided an overview of the change order request. Trustee Cauley asked how this monetary request affected the overall budget and Manager Cook responded by stating that this was a dedicated fund for infrastructure improvements thereby not affecting the overall fiscal budget.

701 47th Street – Veeck Park – Sanitary Treatment Facilities – Request: Exterior Appearance/Site Plan Review

Chairman Smith introduced the item and Steve Dalton of the engineering firm, Clark Dietz, gave an overview and scope of the project and what has occurred to date. Mr. Dalton confirmed that the access road and buildings were moved along the east property line and within the northeast corner of the park based on conversations with abutting property owners.

Jerry Mejdrich, 515 Highland Road, praised the Village and hired engineers for listening to and responding to resident requests related to the project, but asked the Committee if this was indeed the best solution with respect to location. Mr. Mejdrich also asked if a potential rodent issue was addressed and how the flushing mechanism within the facility operated. The consultant explained that it would release 10,000 gallons to remove grit collected in the system and then it would be carried off to Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District Facility downstream. The consultant went on further to state that rodents should not be an issue because the entire facility would be closed to the elements.

Lois Mejdrich, 515 Highland Road, asked the Committee if the Flagg Creek letter supporting the facility had been received by the Village yet. The engineering consultant and staff confirmed that the letter had not arrived.

Keith Medick, Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson, stated that the project was presented to his Commission and there were no objections from the Commission or parents who have children utilizing the park. They did request that the access road be constructed of concrete in order to possibly extend it in the future around the park for a walking trail and fencing along the outfield of the baseball park abutting the access road.

Bethany Priester, 539 Highland Road, asked to have the process of this item explained to her. Chairman Smith responded by providing the schedule to route the item, which would eventually be discussed by the Board of Trustees in order to approve or disapprove. Ms. Priester also asked why the current location was selected and not east of the creek. The consultant explained that the facility could not be constructed east of the existing creek because of extensive costs associated with excavation of material, the need to construct a bridge and the potential detriment toward the expressway and railway in disturbing the existing topography.

Trustee Cauley stated that at the onset of this process and at the beginning of his term, the facility had originated as a holding tank for rainwater and that it appeared that the design and details of the project had greatly changed. Trustee Cauley felt that this issue needed a coherent process where all involved parties are present and can explain why this is the best solution. Trustee Cauley noted that this item might require a special meeting of the Board to solely discuss as it is a very complex issue and that he was uncomfortable voting for the item at this time.

Chairman Smith said that he agreed with Trustee Cauley regarding his concerns and questions. Chairman Smith asked the other members to make a motion.

Village Manager Dave Cook suggested that the Committee forward the item to the Board with no recommendation and discuss it further at the Board level or hold a special Board meeting to only discuss this one item with all parties involved present. The Committee decided to move the item with no vote on recommendation to the full Board of Trustees to review and discuss.

550 Walnut Street – Peirce Park – Field Lighting - Request: Exterior Appearance/Site Plan Review

Chairman Smith gave an overview of the proposal and noted that the Plan Commission's vote was to deny the request for additional lighting at Pierce Park.

Keith Medick, Parks and Recreation Chairman, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed lighting, which included the increase in the number of Little League players and the limitations of current ball fields and constraint of schedules within the baseball season.

Steve McKenna, president of Hinsdale Little League, spoke on the need for the additional lights due to staffing problems and conflicts with time and personal schedules. He noted that Little League games require a later starting time and need the additional ball fields lit in order to accommodate all of the players. Lastly, he stated that the Village could potentially lose Little League as other municipalities have because of lack of facilities.

Dave Miller, representative from Musco Lighting, gave a presentation on proposed lighting levels and that those reaching the residential property lines would be less than what the Code allows. He stated that these proposed lights utilize the most current technology and that 70 percent of the lighting falls onto the playing field with little, if any, glare.

Keith Medick said that he would continue to work with the surrounding neighborhood, the Village and police on traffic safety generated from sports activity within Pierce Park.

Trustee Orler asked Mr. Medick to confirm the league's playing schedule. Mr. Medick said that it would run from early April to early July.

Deborah Lazaar, resident, made mention that the additional lights would overburden the surrounding neighborhood and that the Parks Commission should utilize existing fields to accommodate the Little League players.

A group of residents from the surrounding neighborhood provided their own PowerPoint presentation to indicate that the Parks Commission does indeed have enough capacity already to accommodate the Little League schedule and that if scheduling of games was readjusted, additional lights would not be needed. The group also expressed concerns regarding traffic and that additional lights would have a negative effect on property values within the neighborhood. Neighbors also raised issue with terming Pierce Park as a "Sports Complex" rather than a community park, the combined effect of existing and proposed lighting and that the Zoning Code, if interpreted correctly, would not allow for the proposed height of said lights and possibly their location with regard to required setback.

Trustee Orler stated that his own home is in proximity to the local high school and that they knew moving in that they would be faced with related issues and that they have accepted the situation.

Trustee Orler motioned to recommend the request and that it be moved forward to the Board of Trustees for additional discussion.

Trustee Cauley said that this was the toughest issue that he has had to deal with to date as a trustee and was concerned about the negative effect these additional lights might have on the
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surrounding neighborhood and the safety of neighborhood children regarding increased traffic. He also noted that he supports the regulations of the Zoning Code and would not vote in recommendation of this request based on these factors. He also said that if the Village was successful in negotiations with Cook County, Duncan Field may be a more suitable location to be utilized for additional lit baseball fields.

Chairman Smith said that he concurred with Trustee Cauley's comments in large part because of the requirements of the Village's Zoning Code and would not be voting in favor of the request.

Trustee Cauley motioned to disapprove the request with Trustee Orler voting nay and Chairman Smith voting aye. Motion denied two to one.

230 E. Ogden – Addition and Exterior Improvements – Request: Exterior Appearance/Site Plan Review

Chairman Smith asked if anyone was present to describe the request and application. Mike LeBeau, Michael-James Development, described the scope of the project and the modifications based on the previous Plan Commission hearing, which were a reduction in floor area ratio and building height. He verified where these reductions occurred and that there only was one variation remaining, which was an encroachment into the side yard setback and that an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals was pending.

Trustee Cauley asked Director Bleuher how this proposal played into the Ogden Avenue Corridor Plan. Director Bleuher explained that this application has come into the evolution of the plan and that there were no firm standards of which to apply, but that the Committee should take issue of precedence with respect to design and architecture and that they only have the Hinsdale Club development to look to in addition to certain landscaping and streetscape design requirements within the plan. Director Bleuher made recommendation to the Committee that the applicant work with staff and the Hinsdale Club plan in order to provide some design consistencies before going on to the full Board for review.

Chairman Smith made a motion that the applicant work with staff to make these modifications before going to the Board of Trustees and that these changes be highlighted in the Board's staff report. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion passed on unanimous vote.

830 N. Madison (Salt Creek) – New Tennis Pro Shop and Paddle Tennis Courts – Request – Exterior Appearance/Site Plan Review*

Peter Coules, attorney for the Salt Creek Club, gave an overview of the two applications for exterior appearance and site plan approval for the paddle courts and pro shop in relation to location and entitlement process in 2006 and now. He noted that while not required, his client had notified surrounding property owners and that no objections have been raised.

Chairman Smith asked if the courts would be located within the floodplain and if the applicant was going to work with the County in order to address any associated issues. Jim Prisby, architect, confirmed that they were aware of this situation and that he had already begun discussions with County representatives and that they should be able to successfully address any floodplain related issues.

Chairman Smith noted that while he was in support of the architecture and proposal, he believed that the nature of the proposed building is not accessory in nature and that it should require that the entire project be processed as a special use not simply exterior appearance and site plan approval. Chairman Smith mentioned that he is preparing an appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals as he does not agree with the Village Attorney's position.

Trustee Cauley went on record to note that he was a member of the Salt Creek Club and that he respectfully disagreed with Trustee Smith's interpretation of an accessory use and/or structure and that both pro shop and paddle courts were incidental to the Club itself. Furthermore, he believed that there has already been ample public discussion that would have already addressed the need for an additional process.

Trustee Orler made a motion to approve the request for the paddle courts. Trustee Cauley seconded. Smith voted nay. Motion passed two to one.

Trustee Orler made a motion to approve the pro shop building. Trustee Cauley seconded. Smith voted nay. Motion passed two to one.

Director Bleuher recommended that items g, h, and i on the agenda be continued due to the late time.

Trustee Cauley made motion to continue the items and adjourn the meeting. Trustee Orler seconded. Motion passed on unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy Bleuher
Community Development Director