

Village Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2015
Lemont Village Hall - 418 Main St., Lemont, IL 60439

1. Call to Order

Mayor Reaves called the COW Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Trustees, Blatzer, Chialdikas, Miklos, Sniegowski, Stapleton and Virgilio. Also present was staff, Village Administrator George Schafer, Charity Jones, Ralph Schafer and Chris Smith.

3. Discussion Items

A. Pulte Concept Plan Discussion

The Committee reviewed the submitted concept plan and was supportive of the project, including the proposed emergency only access through the Heritage Woodland Sanctuary. However, the Committee noted that the final alignment of the proposed emergency access road, the construction work, and the restoration of any impacted area needed to comply with any requirements of Lemont Township. The Committee was generally amenable to the proposal to donate 25 acres of the subject site to the Township as satisfaction of the required land donation for park and recreation purposes, with the condition that Village staff consults with the Park District regarding the proposal. Given that the concept plan only included one unrestricted access to the subdivision, Trustee Blatzer requested that the developer consider making that access off Timberline Drive a boulevard style road so if one portion of the road were temporarily unpassable, residents would have another alternative to enter and exit their subdivision.

B. Fiscal Year 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan Discussion

The Committee reviewed a draft capital improvement plan that covers the upcoming fiscal year through 2020. The discussed plan includes 33 capital projects worth approximately 21 million over the course of five years. The plan follows the strategic priorities of the Village Board. The projects for 2016 that were discussed include:

1. Water & Sewer - Stephen Street Water Main, Water supply study, Buffet Harbor Detention Rehab, annual water main replacement program, IMTT culvert replacement (100% funded through grant) and potential Bell Road Water and Sewer Extension (funded through bond issuance), Hillview Storm drain replacement.
2. MFT Projects - Annual MFT resurfacing program, streets still being finalized.
3. Downtown TIF - I&M Canal Improvements.

4. Road Improvement Projects - Preliminary engineering for the I&M Canal/Centennial Trail Connection, McCarthy Road bike lane project, ComEd ROW bike trail project, misc. sidewalk repair.
5. General Fund - Way Finding Signs, Bike Path signage, EAB tree removal, school sidewalk connections, Quarry Expenditures.

The capital items discussed with will be presented again at the February Committee of the Whole for further comment.

4. New Business

- A. Charity Jones brought up the request to eliminate the no parking on the south side of Talcott near the Bella Strada development, to give guests areas to park along that stretch of roadway. The board was amenable to the request; staff will put together documentation for approval at a future meeting. The request to demolish the St. Patrick's school building on Illinois Street was also discussed. The request will be on the February Historical Preservation Commission agenda for recommendation, and then will eventually reach the Village Board for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.