

Village Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 18, 2014 – 7:00 PM

A meeting of the Village of Lemont Committee of the Whole was held on August 18, 2014 at the Village Hall at 418 Main Street, Lemont, IL

- I. **Call to Order** - Mayor Reaves called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. **Roll Call** - Trustees Debby Blatzer, Paul Chialdikas, Cliff Miklos, Rick Sniegowski, Ron Stapleton, Jeanette Virgilio. Also present, George Schafer, Martha Glas, Charity Jones, Mark LaChappell, Ralph Pukula, Kevin Shaughnessy, Chris Smith (Linda Molitor arrived at 8:00 pm)

- III. **Discussion Items**
 - A. **Chicago Blaze Rugby Club PUD Revision**

Chicago Blaze Rugby Club's PUD was initially heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission in May and at the COW in June. An accessory building with a two car garage that they use for storage of lawn equipment was allowed to remain. Since then, this structure was damaged by a storm. Chicago Blaze wants to now make this garage a three car garage for additional storage. Discussion took place regarding the location of the garage and which way the doors could face. Board consensus was to allow the three car garage and allow the doors to face Smith Road. The final PUD will be up for approval at a future Village Board Meeting.

 - B. **Lemont 2030 – Future Land Use Map**

Revisions were made to the map from input at the July COW meeting. There were no further revision requests by the Board.

 - C. **Strategic Plan Progress and Update**

Various key performance indicators of the components from the strategic plan were discussed for clarification and direction (see agenda item memo.) Feedback from these items will redefine these performance indicators and action items as necessary. The majority of the staff recommended changes to the plan we agreed upon by the Board. Sections in need of further discussion and clarification include the economic development and financial stability indicators. These will be discussed at a future workshop meeting.

 - D. **La Dolce Vita Outdoor Dining Request**

The restaurant currently has an outdoor canopy seating area that is attached to their building. Mickey Martin represented La Dolce Vita. The owners want to now include a plastic roll down cover that would allow usage all year round. In addition, they want to remove the concrete slab and put a patio deck with composite material to make it level. This deck would extend over the existing pavers, part of which is on Village property.

This will allow for 5 more seating tables outdoor, as they have to turn customers away for lack of seating. It will include an ADA ramp and two emergency exits with lights.

They want to do things to increase revenue to draw more people in, and see it as bringing people to the downtown.

Village Administrator, George Schafer stated they would need a license to use Village property to serve. Building code and ADA requirements will be met. The Village Board discussed the request and the intent of the open air structure with the rollaway covering, which could be closed in inclement weather. Also, the license, if issued, could be revocable based upon change of ownership. There was a concern to accommodate other businesses with similar requests and the loss of room on the sidewalk. The business also needs to increase its revenue in order to do the other upgrades; they are willing to invest in their business.

Trustee Stapleton made mention of items that were not done through the Building Department. The owner noted the items were done to code and will first come to the Village with all further changes/updates. Trustee Stapleton is not in favor of the canopy, and added that it blocks the view of the other business.

Board majority was to approve the installation of the rollaway covering and deck providing all provisions of the building code are met and that the agreement can be revocable upon change in ownership. The owners may have to bring this before the Historical Society for the door item.

E. Route 83 and Main Development Process

The Planning and Economic Development Director talked with SB Friedman and Gruen Gruen + Associates. Staff will meet and discuss all the firms.

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Emerald Ash Borer Update – Homer Tree Service has finished with Gladys subdivision and will continue with the others.
- B. Trail Maintenance – Public Works is working on maintenance of the trail.

V. New Business

- A. Bonds – On August 18, 2014, we sold the refunding and restructuring bonds. The sale was very successful; originally it was thought we would have a savings of \$5,600, however our actual savings was \$21,000.
- B. Newsletter – Staff is obtaining quotes for printing and mailing of the newsletter. Depending on the cost difference, a company outside of town may be selected. It is also being considered to change the paper quality to a lower grade than the glossy which would be cheaper and less cost to mail.
- C. Bridge Work – Rauch construction informed us that the cracks they have to fill and repair have gotten larger since May. There may be a cost overrun, and they have to close the bridge down for a few weeks. They are looking at mid-September. The Lemont Road bridge has collected more debris from the river, so that is another time and material issue.