

**Committee of the Whole**  
**June 18, 2012**  
8:00 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Village of Lemont Committee of the Whole was held on Monday June 18, 2012 in the Board Room of the Village Hall at 418 Main Street in Lemont, Illinois.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Reaves called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. after the regularly scheduled Village Board Meeting and acknowledged that the following were present:

Trustees Paul Chialdikas, Ron Stapleton, Rick Sniegowski, Jeanette Virgilio, Debbie Blatzer and Cliff Miklos.

Also present were Village staff members Ben Wehmeier, James Brown, Charity Jones, Ed Buettner, Mark LaChappell, George Schafer, Chief Kevin Shaughnessy, Ralph Pukula, and Village Attorney Jeffery Stein.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Presentation of the Downtown Interpretative Park Project

The Lemont Junior Women's group gave a brief presentation to the Board on an interpretative park they would like to begin soliciting donations for. The group stated that it would likely be a multi-year project and would solicit donations for the construction. The Village would be asked to donate the land and also maintenance after the park is operational. The Mayor and the Board thought the project looked very promising but had concerns with long-term maintenance of the project, with the Village staff running fairly thin and with their other obligations. The Mayor mentioned that he would like the group to gain some support from the Lemont Park District, so as not to duplicate efforts. The rest of the Board concurred that the Park should see the project first; then the project can come to the Village for additional support. The group would be going in front of the Park Board at a future meeting. Discussion closed.

Old Quarry Professional Building

The property owner at 15884 W 127<sup>th</sup> St is requesting a special use for a medical office development. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with minor conditions. The conditions had to do with additional screening in which the petitioner was fine with providing. The majority of the Board was in favor of the request, with additional screening provisions included. Trustee Virgilio stated that she was not thrilled with the building going from one story as originally presented to three stories. The new building still meets the Village's unified development ordinance. There was limited further discussion on the topic. The item would be in front of the Village Board for approval at a future meeting. Discussion closed.

### Heritage Park Recreational Discussion

Trustee Virgilio led the discussion on an activity that a local group wanted to present for the Quarry area. A tri-athlon group in town wanted to conduct its swimming training in the Quarry area. The group completed a couple test swims and was very satisfied with the water. There was additional discussion on what regulations need to be considered if the Village is entertaining this idea. Village Attorney Stein completed some quick research and found that this use would be considered a public swimming area and would fall under the regulations of the State of Illinois. Water quality would have to be deemed acceptable and there would also likely be structures that would need to be installed. In addition, if it was deemed a public swimming area, it would be difficult to restrict it to public swimming and only allow this group. There was further discussion on the idea. Staff would continue to research the possibility and bring it up at a future meeting if the group is still interested.

### Proposed Amendment to Fund 25 and 45

Mr. Wehmeier led the discussion on a couple amendments to the budget that is required because a couple road projects ran over the budget. In Fund 45 there were a couple large changes due to the Walker/McCarthy project and the triangle project. The Board was fine with the amendments. The item would be up for a formal approval at the next Village Board Meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor mentioned that the water system was averaging 3.6 million gallons a day due to the draught.

Mr. Wehmeier discussed the upcoming treatment plant project by MWRD. The Village would be working with MWRD in the coming months to limit impact to local roads from the construction.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

No Audience Participation

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Reaves adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM