

PROPERTIES and RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Call to Order: 8:30AM

Committee Members Present:

William Siffermann- Village Trustee
Sheila Hansen- Chair

Staff Present

Matthew Supert-Staff
Casey Biernacki-Staff
Tracy Alden-Staff
Jenny Pesek-Staff

Others:

Alice Gallagher –Village President
Ingrid Velkme-Village Manager
Mary Dorsey-4900 Fair Elms Western Springs
Scott Merrifield- 5010 Fair Elms Western Springs

1) Public Comment

The residents in attendance, Scott Merrifield and Mary Dorsey, requested information on the Flagg Creek Greenway/Bike Path Project.

Director Supert reported to the Committee there were approximately thirty-five comments from the meeting and approximately seventy- two attendees at the Bike Path meeting held on February 19, 2019. Chair Hansen requested to view the feedback and comments from the audience. Director Supert reported a comment sheet is available for review. Director Supert reported no money has been spent on this project to date.

Resident Mr. Merrifield asked if the Properties & Recreation Committee has any jurisdiction over the Tollway. He expressed his concern about the noise level and wall height. He would like the Village to assist with obtaining a higher wall like the surrounding towns currently have. Director Supert reported the Village is working with the Tollway and BNSF with on-going engineering and surveying work.

Trustee Hansen reported three new Trustees will be coming on the Village Board in May 2019.

2) Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from 2/1/2019 were approved with corrections by Chair Hansen and motion seconded by Trustee Siffermann.

3) 2019 Landscaping Contract

Assistant Director Biernacki presented the information regarding the 2019 Landscaping Contract update. He reported all bids were rejected by the Village Board and proposals were collected from the remaining bidders. The proposals were reviewed, and Brightview Landscape Services was recommended by staff for the 2019 Landscaping Contract.

4) Salt Purchase

Director Supert reported the salt purchase costs to date and explained that pricing continues to fluctuate. He advised Committee there are new chloride limits, including application processes and pretreatment that staff is exploring. Director Supert reported the Village has exceeded its salt allotment for this year and informed the committee that there is enough salt for another three to four storms. The next state salt purchase contract isn't available until April-May 2019.

Director Supert recommended that Village Manager Velkme be authorized to purchase salt as needed. The Committee recommended a \$20,000 limit reserve be authorized. Trustee Siffermann supported this motion. Chair Hansen agreed with this recommendation.

Several questions were asked regarding beet juice. Director Supert reported it is a more expensive process and requires a specific type of mixing tank and application supplies, and additives.

Director Supert will direct a memo to the Village Board regarding a \$20,000 reserve for salt if needed.

5) SEASPAR Sensory Room Update

Director Alden reported this project is moving forward. Trustee Hansen & Director Alden reiterated the budget has allocated \$15,000.00 for any SEAPAR improvement between now and the summer. Director Alden reported the building is ADA compliant. Director Alden reported there may be a fundraising opportunity directly through SEASPAR.

6) Recreation Office Expansion

Director Alden reported an update on the Recreation Office Expansion. A pre-construction meeting was held last week with contractors. The work is scheduled to occur over spring break while there are fewer people in the building.

Director Alden reported The Recreation Commission didn't have a quorum on Monday night and the meeting was canceled and no action items.

7) Capital Summary Report

Project Update

Historic Water Tower

Director Supert reported the front door restoration project was budgeted for 2019. Preliminary cost estimates for the project were obtained in 2018 and exceeded the project budget at that time. A preliminary meeting with the architect is scheduled for March 14, 2019.

Wolf Road Bike Path

Project Development Reports (PDR) were submitted to IDOT in November 2018 and reports were lost by IDOT as mentioned in a previous Committee meeting in January 2019. Director Supert spoke with IDOT to expedite the new PDR for review, due to the loss of the reports by IDOT. Tree mitigation costs can't be resolved until IDOT approves the Project Development Report. Director Supert reports they are working diligently to resolve this with IDOT.

Director Supert reported IDOT is planning to do some work on Ogden Avenue, at Wolf Rd. Currently there is no schedule with IDOT for that project. No design concepts have been received from IDOT yet.

East Platform

Director Supert advised the Committee there is no update on the East Platform at this time. Staff reports they are waiting for the weather to break.

Trustee Siffermann motioned to adjourn

Chair Hansen seconded motion

The meeting adjourned at 9:11A.M.

Respectfully Submitted: J. Pesek