



Village of Lake in the Hills

600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, Illinois 60156

Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Summit

October 6, 2007

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Board Members present were Trustees Ray Bogdanowski, Stephen Harlfinger, Paul Mulcahy, Paula Yensen, Trustee Murawski, Trustee Wakeman and President Edwin Plaza.

Also present were Village Administrator Gerald Sagona, Assistant Village Administrator Shannon Andrews, Director of Public Safety James Wales, Director of Community Development Dan Olson, Public Works Director Fred Mullard, Director of Parks and Recreation Trudy Wakeman, Village Attorney Michael Smoron, Finance Director Pete Steffan, Elaine Krohn, Bob Huckins, Russ Ryzanski, and Village Clerk Denise Wasserman Haugk. Sue Koch joined after the 10:30 a.m. morning break.

Introduction - Opening Remarks – President Plaza welcomed everyone and mentioned that the village is going to look into the possibility of holding the Strategic Planning sessions every other year.

Trudy Wakeman held the first ice breaker exercise.

Items For Discussion:

Community Development

Impact Fees, Filing Fees, Building Permit Fee Analysis – Dan Olson, Director of Community Development gave an overview of the current fee structure in place for builders impact fees. The purpose of this discussion was to determine if any of the fees the Village charges need to be adjusted to be more in line with neighboring communities. The information presented, for the most part, showed that Lake in the Hills was in-line with surrounding municipalities, however the structure and future prospects for the Village are not comparable to surrounding communities.

Based upon the above discussion, an item that came up for consideration. Once the Village is developed, and there are no new fees/taxes coming in, will there be enough funds to cover future projects, ie; roads.

Also discussed were the application fees that the Village charges. One suggestion was to keep current residential application fees at the current rate but adjust and increase application fees for new buildings/construction/commercial. It was recommended that an analysis of fees should take place to review the cost effectiveness of the current application rates being charged.

Annexation Analysis of Unincorporated Properties – Under Illinois law, parcels 60 acres or less and wholly bounded by one or more municipalities may be annexed by one of the municipalities via passage of an Ordinance. There are a few parcels on the western portion of the Village that are wholly bounded by municipal boundaries and some that would be wholly bounded if an adjacent parcel(s) was annexed. Although state law also allows park district and forest preserve districts to serve as boundaries for a

forced annexation, conservation districts are not included. There are a few parcels that are adjacent to the Exner Marsh (owned by McHenry County Conservation District) that would be wholly bounded using the Exner Marsh as a boundary.

1. **9204 Haligus** – Discussion took place not only on annexation but possible purchase of this property (could be used as possible nursery). Mention was made to possibly purchase the property and let the couple stay until they are ready to leave (similar to the Larson property agreement).
2. **9410 – 99518 Haligus Road** – No need for current annexation
3. **5 acres off of Lakewood** – No need for current annexation
4. **9703 Lakewood Road** – No need for current annexation
5. **9804 Lakewood Road** – No need for current annexation
6. **9110 Miller Road** - No need for current annexation
7. **9302 Algonquin Road** – No need for current annexation
8. **9112 Algonquin Road** – No need for current annexation

Algonquin Road Gateway to Lake in the Hills Concept – Trustee Mulcahy mentioned possible consideration to enhance the Algonquin/Pyott crossroads as a gateway to the Village, possibly including a memorial in conjunction with the American Legion. After much discussion it has been decided that “conversations” should be started to enhance the possibility of some sort of veterans’ memorial.

Video

"Success Through Motivation," - Educational Video on how to build a winning attitude.

Trustee Harlfinger

Architectural Services for Landscaping Projects – Trustee Harlfinger brought up the issue of dealing with the “middle man” for Landscape projects. Using recent landscaping as an example Trustee Harlfinger asked why is it necessary to have an outside contract (Hitchcock) design our landscaping plan to go to our landscapers to create? Shouldn’t this have been a project sent out for bidding? It may have been more cost effective to send out for bids for the design/implementation of a project, instead of paying for a design and then bidding out someone else’s work.

Among issues for discussion were the fact that firms that offer design services will charge a fee for the design, therefore unless you make a commitment to the design (or pay for just the design) it’s not cost effective to view several firms ideas.

LUNCH BREAK

Trustee Yensen

The Leading Charge on Climate Change – Trustee Yensen attended a Mayors Climate Protection Conference. She has done research on what municipalities can do to reduce CO2 emissions as well as using green friendly materials for building. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of implementing several suggestions to help with the green house effect. Several include, changing the energy efficient light bulbs, replacing outgoing autos with more fuel efficient, environmentally friendly vehicles. The village has approx. 60 – 70 percent of its fleet running on alternative fuels.

Police Department

Update on Administrative Hearing Process – James Wales, Director of Public Safety gave a brief overview of the Administrative Hearing Process. *The Code Hearing Department was established in January 2007 for the Village to adjudicate any violation of Village ordinances, except for moving violations, under the Illinois Vehicle Code and any reportable offenses pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/6-204.* According to Mr. Wales, a more accurate picture of the entire process should be available (specifically the latter part of the process that addresses invoicing and collection) once a period of time elapses to allow the orders and invoicing to cycle through and a pattern established. At that point, the total percentage of adjudicated ordinance violations successfully resolved through payment of fines should be able to be established.

Public Works

Airport Update – Fred Mullard, Public Works Director gave a brief update on the status of the Airport expansion plan.

Air Expo 2008 - An overview of the past several years of the Air Show was given by Shannon Andrews. Discussion took place regarding possible alternatives to the “traditional” air show. An open house was discussed as well as a scaled back air show or nothing at all. The air show committee would be in a favor of an open house. Discussion also took place regarding doing an open house during the airport construction and then possibly doing a huge air show once the improvements at the airport are complete. It was decided to table this discussion until Sunday, so everyone would have a chance to consider the different suggestions.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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