

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the President and the Board of Trustees  
Held on Monday, August 9, 2010  
In Community Room A**

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board present: Mayor Collins, Trustee Peck (electronic attendance), Trustee Racich, Trustee Bonuchi, Trustee Fay, Trustee Kachel, and Trustee Lamb. Others present: Michael Garrigan, Planning Supervisor; Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director; Bill Doster, Chief of Police, Allen Persons, Public Works Director; Dean Marquez, Interim Building Supervisor; Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk; and Jon Proulx, Planner. There were 3 persons in the audience.

Trustee Fay moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting and Committee of the Whole Workshop held on Monday, July 12, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Racich. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS**

None

**TRUSTEES COMMENTS**

Trustee Lamb expressed some concern regarding the pond on the north side of 135<sup>th</sup> Street by the bridge and asked staff to take a look at it.

Trustee Kachel suggested looking into putting wind turbines at Electric Park.

Trustee Bonuchi complimented Sgt. Novak and Mary Ludemann for the safety checks that are being performed at the Schools.

Trustee Racich inquired about spraying for mosquitoes. Mr. Persons stated that the Township used to spray for mosquitoes and they have discontinued that program. The Village has placed tablets in the storm sewers and ponds and continues to watch mosquito counts.

**WORKSHOP MEETING**

**#1 WIND ENERGY**

Mr. Jon Proulx, Planner, stated that he, as well as other staff members, recently attended a wind-power workshop presented by the South Suburban Building Officials Association. The presentation covered a range of topics including wind-power basics, various turbine technologies, and zoning issues. Mr. Proulx pointed out that site selection is critical to a successful installation. Mr. Proulx also pointed out that wind turbines need to be designed by professional engineers and should be certified by the Small Wind Certification Council. Mr. Proulx presented a model wind energy ordinance.

Mr. Rob Hefner, Ardens Bros., LLC/AB WindPower, gave a presentation highlighting how wind power is defined, made, and measured. Mr. Hefner reviewed the different types of wind turbines as well as the pros and cons of leasing versus buying. Mr. Hefner also reviewed some possible financing options.

Trustee Lamb stated that the concept has some merit and thought that staff should do some additional research. Trustee Kachel stated that he too thought the concept had some merit and would like to get additional information. Trustee Racich stated that he would like some additional information and asked the staff to investigate zoning and possible places to put the wind turbines. Trustee Fay stated that he would like some additional information and suggested talking with some developers on a possible partnership or land swaps. Trustee Peck stated that the concept has merit and cautioned land deals with developers on subdivisions that are not built-out completely. Trustee Bonuchi stated that she would like to have more information and thought that partnering with the School District might be a good idea.

Mayor Collins asked the staff to do some additional research as requested by the Board and to bring the information back in 90 days.

## **#2 USE OF MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE DRIVING**

Chief Doster stated that the State of Illinois passed legislation prohibiting texting while driving. Several municipalities have further restricted this to banning almost all cell phone use while driving. However, if Plainfield enacted such an ordinance, we would be one of the few communities in the area to effectively do so and public notification may be a problem. Chief Doster suggested creating a “negligent driving” or “inattentive driving” ordinance. The focus of the ordinance would make it a violation to operate a vehicle in such a manner to cause observable deficiencies in the safe operation of the vehicle. In order to be cited, a driver’s conduct should be such that his or her attention is visibly diverted from the safe operation of the vehicle.

Trustee Fay stated that he likes the concept and would like the Chief to bring back a sample ordinance. Trustee Racich stated that he likes the concept. He also felt that banning cell phone usage would be enforceable. Trustee Kachel stated that he likes the concept and would like to see a sample ordinance. Trustee Lamb stated that he likes the concept and suggested lobbying the State to broaden the ban to include all use of mobile electronic devices. Trustee Peck expressed concern with government telling people what to do.

There being no further business, on a motion from Trustee Fay and Seconded by Trustee Kachel, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk