

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 21, 2017**

Call to Order

President Turry called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 21, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

Roll Call

On roll call by Deputy Village Clerk Ashley Engelmann the following were:

PRESENT: President Turry, Trustees Klatzco, Patel, Elster, Bass and Cope

ABSENT: Trustee Spino

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager, Ashley Engelmann, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Management Analyst; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Chief LaMantia; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Charles Greenstein, Village Treasurer; Sean Gallagher, Clientfirst IT Consulting; and Craig Williams, Clientfirst IT Consulting.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Elster moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Klatzco seconded the motion. The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning Any Questions on Village Board Meeting Agenda Items

There was no discussion.

2. Discussion Concerning Installing Video Cameras in Public Places

This item was presented by Ashley Engelmann, Assistant Village Manager with use of PowerPoint.

Ms. Engelmann stated the purpose of the presentation which was to follow-up on the Village Board's direction from the January 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting in which the Village Board directed staff to obtain budget estimates to install security cameras in Centennial Park, on the Valley Line Trail, the Union Pacific Bike Path and within Proesel Park.

Ms. Engelmann provided a description of the estimation process which included walk-throughs of each location, a review of existing infrastructure and recommendations regarding camera coverage.

The project scope included the use of infrared cameras with a range of 100 feet in each direction; 15-foot poles placed every 200-250 feet, underground wiring, fiber or wireless mesh network connectivity, and restoration and labor costs.

A breakdown of the cost for each location was provided along with the number of cameras and poles that would be necessary. The total project cost was estimated to be \$2,038,505.13 or \$2,548,131.41 using a 25% contingency. An annual maintenance cost of \$46,000 would also be required.

Examples of the type of pole and camera were presented along with samples of the video image quality. A sample video clip was also shown which provided views from the cameras with various programmable settings and at different times of the day.

It was noted that the Village's existing 70 cameras are passively monitored. If active monitoring were to be requested for the proposed 202 cameras the cost to the Village would be approximately \$228,000 annually.

Options for implementation were presented.

Discussions and questions ensued with clarification by Mr. Wiberg, Ms. Engelmann and Chief LaMantia.

Items discussed included the proposed proximity of the installation of the poles to the bike paths; where cameras currently exist within the Village; clarification regarding the fact that the locations examined are not high crime areas; whether or not cameras exist on neighboring bike paths; the potential use of cameras in a test location; value of cameras as a deterrent and for the use of inditement in cases; and the use of cameras by private property owners as an effective measure to mitigate crime.

Mr. Afrin Tagani of 6538 Trumbull Avenue spoke on the matter. He questioned what the purpose of the cameras would be and whether or not the existing 70 cameras within the Village have aided in deterring crime. He also raised concerns regarding privacy.

Mr. Stan Wilke of 4830 Chase Avenue spoke on the matter. He has personal experience as an employee of the Chicago Transit Authority in their electronic communications department. He was responsible at one time for maintaining security cameras. He noted that the height of the

cameras can be a concern for access by individuals that want to vandalize them. He also stated that they were not always effective as a deterrent.

Mr. Charles Halevi of 4224 Pratt Avenue spoke on the matter. He reminded the public that a neighborhood watch meeting has been scheduled for March 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged the public to attend.

The Village Board directed staff to maintain status quo but noted that if in the future a specific location was identified by the Police Department as having security concerns that it should be presented to the Village Board. The Chief noted that the recommendation would most likely be to purchase a portable temporary covert camera. It was also suggested that a possible grant opportunity be provided to private property owners to help offset the cost of security systems. Finally, it was stated that if cameras are considered in the future a meeting needs to occur to obtain public input on the matter.

3. Status Report from the Park and Recreation Board

This item was presented by Laura McCarty, Director of Parks and Recreation, with use of PowerPoint. Ms. McCarty introduced Chairwoman Sarah Hardin of the Park and Recreation Board.

Ms. McCarty reviewed the Parks and Recreation Department's registration and sponsorship numbers for programs and events over the last two years. Significant projects such as construction of the two new bike paths, park renovations, and installation of the global fitness spot and renovation of the Proesel Park shelter house were presented.

Information regarding programs, events and activities was discussed. Items included: storytime in the parks, free book cart, storytime at the aquatic center, couples and comedy and stories n'smores.

Annual programs such as the Turkey Trot race, Touch-a-Truck and Pumpkins in Proesel were highlighted.

Ms. McCarty reviewed the 25th Anniversary of the Village Hall Municipal Campus celebration as well as the new Park Passport Program. It was also noted that the summer day camp program received accreditation for the second time.

The Parks and Recreation Department developed an aquatic center master plan and updated their Department's strategic plan for years 2016-2019.

Ms. McCarty reviewed anticipated goals and activities for years 2017-2018 which include: health and wellness initiatives, replacement of playground equipment, department updates to the logo and vision statement and development of a plan to utilize the east side of Centennial Park as well as complete Phase III of the Centennial Park development project.

Discussions and questions ensued with clarification by Mr. Wiberg and Ms. McCarty.

Items discussed included pursuing the east side of Centennial Park for Parks and Recreation programming. The Village Board thanked the Park and Recreation Board for their work.

Adjournment

At 7:40 P.M. Trustee Patel moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Elster. The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Engelmann".

Ashley Engelmann
Deputy Village Clerk