

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 21, 2015**

Call to Order

President Turry called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, July 21, 2015 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 Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

PRESENT: President Turry, Trustees Elster, Spino, Bass, Klatzco, Cope (6:25PM)

ABSENT: Trustee Patel

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Douglas Petroschius, Assistant Village manager; Steven Elrod, Village Attorney; Amanda Williams, Management Analyst; Ashley Engelmann, Public Works Director; Andrew Letson, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Charles Greenstein, Village Treasurer; Aaron Cook, Community Development Manager, Mark Duntemann, Village Botanist.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 16, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Elster seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

Regular Business

1. Presentation from South Bay Partners concerning their Proposed Senior Housing Development for the Former Bell & Howell Site

Mr. Wiberg introduced this item.

It is noted that this presentation is for information only.

The following addressed the Board: Adam Arnold, David Kastur, David Shindoll and Wendy Schulenberg.

Project Overview

***Senior Living Unit Counts**

- 249 Independent Living Units
- 90 Assisted Living Units
- 44 Memory Care Units

***Features**

- Multiple Dining Options
- Indoor Pool
- Living Areas

- Patios and Courtyards
- Exercise Facilities
- Social Programming

The following were identified:

- *Developer – South Bay Partners
- *Architect – Jensen and Halstead Ltd
- *Civil Engineer – Mackie Consultants
- *Construction – Charles Hall Construction

An aerial view of the location (3400 W. Pratt) was exhibited.

Zoning and Design Considerations

- *Traditional vs PUD Zoning Approval
 - Special Use – Few, if any variations required – Parking
 - Application 30 days before Board Meeting
- *Main building entrances focus traffic to Northeast Parkway
- *Single curb-cut onto Pratt Avenue to minimize traffic
- *302 Parking spaces including a 142 space enclosed garage
- *On-Site EMT Garage and Facility
- *Maximizing Green Spaces
 - Patios
 - Walking Pathways
 - Parking vs Landscaped Green Space
- *Joining two existing storm water basins into one and retaining berms, landscaping and trees along Pratt for screening
- *Studies

Requested Studies

- *Traffic impact study
 - Focus ingress/egress towards Northeast Parkway
 - Limit traffic on Pratt Avenue
- *Economic Impact Study
 - Fiscal: What, if any additional impact will project have on police, fire, schools etc.
 - Economic: What, if any, additional revenue will be driven to Village and community.
- *Parking Analysis
 - Historical Data. Developer's, operator's, architect's and construction's other projects

Renderings of entire project were exhibited.

Parking: Potential Land Bank

- *Code definition (Article VII, 7.10)
 - Independent living: 1 space/unit+1 space/2 full time employees
 - Assisted (Group) Living: 1 space/4 residents+1 space/full time employee
 - Memory care?
- *Applied Code
 - 253 Independent Living Spaces (249 Unit Spaces + Four Employee Spaces)
 - 48.5 Assisted Living Spaces (22.5 Unit Spaces +26 Employee Spaces)
 - Memory Care : 0 Resident spaces (practical application), FTEs in Assisted Living count
- *Site Planned Currently
 - 302 Total Spaces: 142 Garage (including 5 ADA) and 159 Surface (including 6 ADA)
 - Note: Estimated employee counts based on historical programming

- *Historical Data/Parking Study: We are compiling historical senior living parking data. Traditionally, fewer residents require parking than is required by the Village Code.
- *Village Guidance: The parking code as defined can be accommodated. Given historical data suggests a lesser need than code coupled with the Village's desire for green space. We are working with Village Staff for the process to Land Bank "extra" spaces.

Discussion and questions ensued. The petitioners will next go before the Plan Commission.

2. Status Report Concerning the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

This item was introduced by Andrew Letson and Mark Duntemann.

The purpose of this discussion is to provide an update on the current EAB situation within the Village.

Background

- *Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a small destructive beetle
 - Native to Asia and Eastern Russia
 - Invasive species, highly destructive to Ash trees
 - First discovered in North America in Michigan, June of 2002
 - 8 million urban Ash trees in the United States
 - Currently found in 24 states

A map was displayed identifying the states involved in the Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project

EAB Damage

- *Most significant damage takes place when the insect is in its larval stage
- *Bore holes and "s" shaped feeding galleries of the larvae disrupt the flow of nutrients and water as they rise up the trunk from the roots to the crown of the tree
- *Results in the death of the tree
- *First noticeable sign is dieback in the upper crown of the tree
- *Tree will usually be dead by the following year

Photos of affected trees were displayed.

Illinois Department of Agriculture

- *2006-quarantine zones established which restrict the movement of firewood and guidelines for debris chipping
 - 2006-Lincolnwood within quarantine zone
- *Today-Entire State of Illinois is within a quarantine zone
 - Ash products are prohibited from being moved outside of the state
 - 56 counties within Illinois have confirmed EAB and are restricted to interstate movement of Ash products

EAB Management Approach

- *Since April 2007. Staff has worked to implement the Village's EAB management plan
 - Remove and replace approach
 - Removals completed in-house by Village Staff
 - New trees are planted as funds are available and where space is sufficient
- *No way to stop EAB or reverse the damage
 - Treatments exist, but will not repair the damage
 - At this point, it is believed that every Ash tree is infested, so treatment would not be a feasible option

Lincolnwood Ash Tree Population

*2006 Inventory – 9,000 street trees

- 1,714 Ash (19% of total population)

*2009-2014 Ash Removals

- Removals increased from approximately 120 trees per year to 350 in 2014
- To date, 1,234 Ash trees have been removed

*2015-433 Ash Remaining (5% of total population)

- By next Spring it is anticipated that 133 Ash trees will remain and will be monitored and removed as necessary

A map indicating Ash tree locations was exhibited.

Replacement

*2009-2012: 120 trees/year removed and replaced

- Annual tree replacement budget used

*2013: number of Ash trees removed increases beyond existing fund levels

- Starting I FY 2014/15 the Village Board increased fundi9ng to keep up with the number of trees being lost

*Recently completed the spring 2015 planting

- 122 trees were planted
- 180 additional trees are budgeted for planting in the fall
- New parkway trees will only be planted in areas where there is sufficient space

A map indicating the locations of planned spring planting was exhibited.

Replacement Funding

*General Fund

- \$105,000 annually for three years for a total of \$315,000 (beginning in FY2014/14, currently in the second year)
- Includes species other than Ash that were lost

*Northeast Industrial District (NEID) TIF:

- \$30,000 annually for a total of \$90,000 (beginning in FY2014/15, currently in the second year)
- Since Fall of 2012 used entire budget to replace Ash trees

*Grants

- 2011-awarded \$10-,000 from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- 2012-awarded \$15,000 from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Upcoming Tree Planting (Planned)

<i>Planting Season</i>	<i>Number of Trees</i>	<i>Cost - \$375 per tree</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Funding Mechanism</i>
Fall 2015	180	\$67,500	2015/16	Village Funds
Spring 2016	180	\$67,500	2015/16	Village Funds
Fall 2016	180	\$67,500	2016/17	Village Funds
Spring 2017	180	\$67,500	2016/17	Village Funds

*After spring 2017 the total number of trees replaced will be approximately 1,550

- Estimate may vary based on parkway space availability
- Staff will evaluate the program as part of the budget process to determine if additional funding is still required for FY2016/17

Private Trees

*The Village Arborist estimates that there are 250 Ash trees located on private property

- Hazardous trees must be removed from private property within 30 days of notification

*Since 2010, the Village has issued permits to 125 properties for the removal of Ash trees, of those, 28 were through nuisance tree letters.

A map of the United States indicating the areas of the Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project was exhibited.

A graph of neighboring communities indicated that the majority were not treating the Ash Borer problem.

Discussion ensued.

3. Discussion Concerning Public Transportation Options

This item was presented by Charles Meyer using PowerPoint.

At the last presentation of this item survey results and research results were presented.

It was suggested that a citizen's committee be formed to address the issue. Mr. Abe Rokach, a resident would be willing to chair such a committee. Staff will attempt to contact interested residents. Research showed that no other local contacted communities have such a committee.

Three communities, in Massachusetts, North Carolina and Oregon have committees which address these areas of concern. The components of the committees are as follows:

*Elected Officials

*Community Leaders

- Business owners
- University/non-profit leaders
- Religious leaders

*Residents

Structure Options

*Commission

- Created via an Ordinance approved by the Village Board
- Includes seven residents who would serve on the commission
- Staff would provide ongoing support for the Commission and help in implementing any decisions of the Commission

*Not-For-Profit

- Is a separate entity from the Village
- Requires grassroots support from the community
- Would likely require initial seed money and ongoing support from the Village

Additional Considerations

*Village Board discussed the potential cost of creating a route that would provide services from Lincolnwood to Jefferson Park

*Results

- The projected expense would be \$144,000 in the first year
- Would require three buses

- Village would only recover a small percentage of revenue relative to operating expenses
- Would duplicate services currently being provided by CTA and Pace

CTA and Pace routes were exhibited as well as a map of Public Transportation Routes for the Village.

Additional cost considerations were presented.

Recommended Options

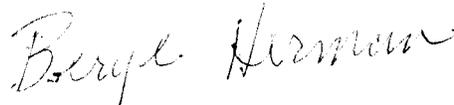
- *Create a Commission that is charged with overseeing mass transit options for the Village
- *Support the creation of a not-for-profit guided by volunteers to develop mass transit options for the community
- *Continue to lobby the State, Pace, and CTA by Staff and elected officials to expand services throughout Lincolnwood
- *Create a Village-operated route at an annual expense of approximately \$140,000

An attempt should be made to reach out to residents.

Adjournment

At 7:28 PM Trustee Spino moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Elster. The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Beryl Herman
Village Clerk