

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAY 17, 2016**

**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, May 17, 2016 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 Klatzco, Spino, Elster, Bass

ABSENT: Trustees Cope, Bass

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Douglas Petroschius, Assistant Village manager; Amanda Pazdan, Management Analyst; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Steve McNellis, Director of Community Development; Charles Greenstein, Village Treasurer; Andrew Letson, Assistant to the Public Works Director Robert LaMantia, Police Chief; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Village Attorney Steven Elrod (7PM)

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the May 3, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Spino moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Elster seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by Voice Vote.

**Regular Business**

**Discussion Concerning Potential Projects for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant Funding**

This item was presented by Andrew Letson using PowerPoint.

### Background

Illinois Department of Transportation ITEP Grant

\*\$29 million in funding

^Expand travel choices

^Enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of transportation infrastructure

- Up to 80% reimbursement for eligible project costs, the remaining 20% is the responsibility of the project sponsor
- Project must commence within three years of the award

\*IDOT has stated that communities may be awarded up to one grant

^Additional applications may be submitted

### Past ITEP Grants Received

\*2006 – Approximately \$900,000 Touhy/Crawford Improvements

- Landscaping, right-of-way improvements, street resurfacing

\*2009 – Approximately \$140,000 Native Tree Grant

- Purchase and Installation of 350 street trees

\*2010 – Approximately \$170,000 Bike Lane improvements

- Lane Lining and Signing

### Centennial Park / McCormick Blvd Recreation Path

#### Potential Projects

\*Bicycle Path Plaza

- Refuge for bicyclists and pedestrians to rest and perform minor repairs
- Location

^Former Union Pacific right-of-way at Pratt

- Cost

^Estimated Total Project Cost: \$195,000

^Estimated Eligible ITEP Funding: \$156,000

^Estimated Village Cost: \$39,000

*^Applied for in 2013 as a joint project with Skokie along Valley Line Trail – they are no longer interested*

A rendering of an aerial view of the area was presented.

### Parks and Recreation Board Feedback – May 10

\*Project #1 – Centennial Park/McCormick Path

- Opportunity to expand use of Centennial Park and provide a better lit path
- Concerned with the potential impact on disc golf and it may be too much in the narrow park

**\*Project #2 – Bicycle Path Plaza**

- Nice enhancement to the trail
- May be more of a “nice to have” than a necessity

\*Expressed interest in submitting applications for both projects

A Graph of Village Grant Activity was presented.

Proposed Timeline

\*May 10, 2016 Park and Recreation Board Meeting – **Complete**

- Present proposed projects for an ITEP Grant application and receive feedback from the Parks and Recreation Board

\*May 17, 2016 Committee of the Whole

- Present proposed projects and feedback from the Park and Recreation Board for an ITEP grant application and receive Village Board direction

\*June 7, 2016 Village Board Meeting

- Present a Resolution to support the grant application and commit to funding 20% of the total eligible project costs as a local match and any items that are deemed non-fundable by IDOT

\*June 17, 2016 – Submit Grant Application

Village Board Direction

\*Staff is seeking direction regarding moving forward with completing an ITEP Grant Application(s)

- Centennial Park/McCormick Boulevard Recreation Path
- Bicycle Path Plaza

Discussion ensued with questions from Trustees.

Consensus was to go ahead. #1 was a definite “yes”. #2 was mixed. Trustee Bass stated that he would approve #2, if it were in conjunction with Skokie.

## **2. Discussion Concerning Video Gaming**

This item was presented by Mr. Wiberg.

Current Status

\*Village Board discussed issue at April 19 Committee of the Whole

\*Direction to hold a public meeting at the May 17 Committee of the Whole

- Publicized in May/June edition of the newsletter
- Staff has received no correspondence in favor of or opposition to proposed video gaming

A map was exhibited showing Northern Illinois cities which allow video gaming (900 allow it state-wide).

A photo of a location owned by Laredo Hospitality was exhibited.

#### Additional Information

\*Staff visited Laredo Hospitality sites in: Franklin Park, Wheeling, Prospect Heights and Waukegan

\*All were located in strip commercial centers

- All were clean
- Friendly staff
- No noted problems reported from host Police Departments

\*Of 38 Laredo Hospitality facilities in the Chicagoland area, average annual revenue per facility is \$24,000

#### Potential Regulations Existing in Illinois Communities

- Limiting the number of gaming terminals in the Village
- Limiting gaming to certain Liquor License classes
- Limiting gaming to certain zoning districts
- Allowing gaming only through a Special Use process
- Require facilities to comply with specific requirements, i.e. service of food, hours of operation, floor area requirements, etc.
- Distance requirements from schools, parks, etc.

The following people spoke against video gambling in Lincolnwood:

Kathy Gilroy of Villa Park

Staci Sbaros of Lincolnwood

Valeria Gobuzi of Morton Grove

Frank Pappas of Morton Grove spoke stating that he would like to open a video gaming location in Skokie.

Gary Leff, representing Laredo Hospitality spoke regarding the positive aspects of the business.

Trustee Bass stated that many affluent and educated people are against the idea of gambling. He knows that people are busy and don't always come out to express their opposition at meetings. Trustee Bass pointed out that he has no moral opposition to gambling, but has concerns that this will open the doors for additional gambling sites within the Village. North Shore communities prohibit gambling for a reason.

Trustee Elster opined that the Board will wait to decide anything until there is a full Board seated, two Trustees being absent.

Some discussion ensued regarding the fact that because of Home Rule, the Village could be open to more extensive gambling.

Consensus: Another meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing this item. The meeting will be advertised.

**Adjournment**

At 7:20 PM Trustee Klatzco moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Spino.  
The motion passed with a Voice Vote

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Beryl Herman  
Village Clerk