

Village of La Grange Park
Youth Commission – Minutes
Monday, April 12, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Youth Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010 at the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Brewick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Commission Members:	Aubrey Aikens Margaret Brewick Matt McGuinn Grace Flaherty Jack Roache Grant Lundahl Abby Gies
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Absent:	Mitchell Serafin Jordyn Faron Daniel Golden
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Others Present:	Julia Cedillo
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The Commission determined that Abby Gies would Chair the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2010

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the March meeting. Mr. McGuinn moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Brewick seconded the motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

3. REVIEW OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2010.

Commissioners Grace Flaherty and Matt McGuinn reviewed the Village Board Meeting of March 9.

Tree Purchase for Annual tree Planting: Mr. Guinn stated that there was much discussion on the matter and was concern about the expense as they were told about the dire financial plight of the Village. Some trustees believed that the Village should wait to do anything about the tree program until finances improved. Regardless, it was decided that the item would be put on the agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Lawn Mowing and Flower Bed Maintenance: Mr. McGuinn said there was some discussion as to the reputations of the two firms being recommended. Director Hansen said both firms came very highly recommended. There was no further discussion and it was the consensus of the Board to place this item on the Agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Tree Removal and Stump Removal, Etc.: Mr. McGuinn reminded the Commission that of all bids received for the various services, three tree contractors were selected. Asplundh Tree Experts were selected for tree removals and emergency tree work. Winkler's Tree & Landscaping was selected for stump removals and Bluder's Tree Service was selected for general tree maintenance. There was no discussion and it was the consensus of the Work Session to place this item on the Agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Sale of Surplus Equipment: Mr. McGuinn reminded the Commission that this item involved the sale of personal property owned by the Village of La Grange Park. He said the Department of Public Works had numerous personal property items that accumulated and had been out of service for many years. Village Manager Proczko mentioned that the WCMC would have the opportunity to auction off the excess items before the Village would use GovDeals. There was no further discussion and it was the consensus of the Work Session to have this item placed on the Agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation: Ms. Flaherty stated that the Board members agreed that Motor Fuel Tax funds were an annual matter that needed virtually no discussion. They reached a consensus to place this item on the Agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Water Rate Increase: Ms. Flaherty explained that the Village purchased its water supply from the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission (BNRWC), which just approved a 23 cent increase in the rate they charged to their customers. The BNRWC took this action in response to a 14% increase from their water supplier, the City of Chicago. The Village examined the impact of the rate change on the condition of the Water Fund. Based on this increase and other demands on the fund, the Village staff recommended the Village Board approve an increase in the Village's rate that equated to a 5% adjustment. The Village Board said this was common practice for the Water Fund and they said would consent to place this item on the Agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Five Year Plan FY10/11-14/15: Commissioners Flaherty and McGuinn gave a brief overview the Board's discussion on this matter. They talked about possible areas where the Village could cut its expenses. One trustee said one of the areas where possible cuts could be made was in the area of streets. The Finance Committee would be meeting again in a few weeks to further discuss the Village finances.

FY10-11 Budget: Ms. Flaherty mentioned that Village Manager Proczko made a general presentation regarding the Budget. The Village manager said the Trustees should look at the Budget document, and make a list of any questions or comments they had. He said they could forward them to the Village Manager and then the entire Village Board could review the matter in a meeting sometime later in March or very early in April.

4. DISCUSSION – WORK SESSION AGENDA FOR APRIL 13, 2010

Meeting Chair, Commissioner Abby Geis facilitated discussion of the various items on the April 13th Agenda.

Agreement for Professional Services – Cagwood Consulting: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. After

much lengthy discussion, the Commission felt that they needed more information about the benefits of a lobbyist to the Village. While many Commissioners felt the service was worthwhile, others felt that the budget does not allow for the expense. As a whole, the group felt as though if they had more information about the direct benefits of the service, they could justify the cost and the contract.

Newberry Parking: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. Overall, the Commission felt that the Village had already addressed the resident's concerns. However, some Commissioners understood how difficult it would be for visitors to the residents in the area to find parking for a weekend family gathering. The Commissioners felt that if necessary, the Village may want to consider regulating parking in the area on Sunday – with no parking on that day.

Sale of Surplus Equipment - Ambulance: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Dean Maggos, Director of Fire and Building and Bo Proczko, Village Manager. In general, the Village is looking to declare a 1996 ambulance as surplus and to authorize its sale. The Commission was in favor of the action and supported selling the equipment for additional revenue when there is no use for it.

Paving Homestead from Harding to Woodlawn: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager and Julius Hansen, Director of Public Works. In general, the Village would like to re-pave Homestead Road for an area of two blocks. The engineer's estimate for this work was approximately \$96,000. The Village solicited bids for this work and staff recommended the approval of a proposal from the lowest bidder, Chicagoland Paving, in the amount of \$92,399.50. The Commission agreed with the staff's recommendation.

50/50 Tree Program: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. The Commission discussed variations of what the program might entail. Overall, the Commission was in support of such an effort where the Village and resident's shared costs.

Budget Amendment Resolution – 2009-10 FY: No discussion.

FY 2010-11 Annual Budget: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. The Commission went over the various suggestions for adjustments to the upcoming Budget. First, the Commission looked at the various recommendations by the Finance Committee. The Commission agrees with all of the items for which the Finance Committee reached a consensus. With regard to the items that the Finance Committee could not agree upon, the Commission agreed to eliminate the Fall Festival, the Rose Show, and all of the Police Department programs with the exception of the National Night Out. The Commission felt that the program was the most worthwhile event for the community as several hundred residents participated on an annual basis and it assisted with crime prevention in the community.

5. YOUTH COMMISSION FIELD TRIP

No discussion.

6. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING WEEKEND

Ms. Cedillo reminded the group that Saturday and Sunday, April 24th and 25th were the dates for the Volunteering Weekend. Ms. Cedillo explained that all members are expected to participate in the weekend. Each member individually confirmed their attendance for the event with Liaison Julia Cedillo.

7. ADJOURN

Julia Cedillo thanked the Youth Commissioners for a great meeting and reminded Commissioners to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss the items on the Agenda. Ms. Cedillo reported that the next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2010. With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager