

Village of La Grange Park
Youth Commission – Minutes
Monday, June 7, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Youth Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010 at the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Liaison Cedillo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Commission Members: Mitchell Serafin
Matt McGuinn

Grant Lundahl
Grace Flaherty
Daniel Golden
Jack Roache

Absent: Jordyn Faron
Abby Gies
Aubrey Aikens
Margaret Brewick

Others Present: Julia Cedillo

The Commission determined that Mitchell Serafin would Chair the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 10, 2010

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the May meeting. Ms. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Golden seconded the motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

3. REVIEW OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 11, 2010.

Due to the lack of representation at the May Board Work Session Meeting, Commission Liaison Cedillo reviewed the Village Board Meeting of May 11.

Zoning variation for 141 Scotdale Road: Ms. Cedillo explained that there was brief discussion on the matter. On April 20, 2010, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) conducted a public hearing to consider the variation application filed for 1414 Scotdale Road. The application requested a variation to increase the maximum permitted lot coverage from 1,916 sq. ft. to 2,084 sq. ft. to allow for the construction of a three-season room addition onto the house. The property was zoned in the "A" Single Family Residence District and the proposed variation would increase the permitted lot coverage by 159 sq. feet. On a unanimous vote, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended that the Village Board approve the application and grant the variation as requested. Without dissent, the

consensus of the Village Board was such that the matter should be sent to the Village Board for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Electric Supply Contract: Ms. Cedillo explained that since 2006, the Village has purchased electricity for its largest account from Constellation New Energy. The Village's current supply contract covered the period from May 2008 – December 2010. Our consultant, Energy Choices P.C., recently advised that energy prices were currently low and it would be beneficial to bid out energy supplies to lock in prices now for contracts to begin when the current supply contract expires. Energy prices have been relatively low due to reduced demand resulting from the recession. If the economy "recovers" it would follow that increased economic activity would result in increased demand and prices would rise. With the quotes received from four different energy suppliers, there would be an annual savings in the range of \$4,824 - \$7,752 per year. Therefore data show that it would be advantageous to lock in prices for a new supply contract. The Village has the option of locking in prices for 2 years or 3 years. Since suppliers would not hold their prices firm for more than 24 - 48 hours, it will be necessary to solicit bids immediately before the May 25th Board meeting. Staff would then advise the Board of the bid results by email before the meeting. The Board discussed this issue briefly. One trustee suggested getting prices for 1 year as well. There was a consensus that this item be placed on the Agenda at the next Village Board meeting.

4. DISCUSSION – WORK SESSION AGENDA FOR JUNE 8, 2010

Meeting Chair, Commissioner Mitchell Serafin facilitated discussion of the various items on the May 11th Agenda. Ms Cedillo explained that two items are reappearing on the agenda due to the May Board Meeting cancellation. Those two items need not be discussed again.

Jazz Festival: Commissioner Serafin outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager. On July 24, 2010 the Community Park District would host its first Jazz and Blues Festival at Memorial Park. The event would feature three area bands performing at the band shell and would also include food vendors, souvenirs, and a beer and wine tent. The Park District approached the Village to determine if it would like to be a co-host for the event. Because the Village would not be hosting many of its community oriented events this year the Park District thought that Village participation in this festival would be a low cost option to consider. In general the Park District had suggested that the Village coordinate and assume the expense of the beer and wine tent. That would include purchasing the beer and wine and providing a police officer to check identification cards and provide volunteers to attach bracelets to the wrists of patrons who are 21 years of age and older. Also, it was suggested the Village could supply police security for the duration of the event along with public works support for any fencing on the perimeters of the park. The Commission discussed the matter and overall supported the Village's participation in the event.

JAG Stimulus Grant Application: Commissioner Serafin outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager and Daniel McCollum, Chief of Police. The Village of La Grange Park had been notified by the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council of a grant award to the La Grange Park Police Department in the amount of \$69,505 from Justice Assistance Stimulus Grant Funds. The funds required no matching money from La Grange Park. The funds would be used to provide a yearlong school pedestrian traffic safety program, equip crossing guards with additional safety signs and vests, and to purchase a new speed monitor and recorder, two (2) neighborhood speed signs and a new police vehicle.

In order to receive funding; the grant application required the signature of the Village President and the Board and it also needed to pass a resolution from the Village Board approving the participation of the Village. He said the resolution needed to accompany the application. The narrative justification for the year's programs is included to inform the Board members of the scope of the services to be provided. The grant manager for the Judicial Advisory Council reviewed the proposal and deemed it as acceptable and fulfilling the grant application requirements and objectives. With almost no discussion it was the consensus of the Youth Commission to support the efforts of the application.

MFT General Maintenance Operations: Commissioner Serafin outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds are utilized to perform sidewalk and street maintenance related activities in the Village rights-of-way. The Village budgeted \$123,750.00 for this work, and the engineering to prepare it. The forms are filled out annually to meet the I.D.O.T. requirements for using MFT funds. With almost no discussion it was the consensus of the Youth Commission that this matter should move forward as recommended by staff.

Public Works Garage: Commissioner Serafin outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager. On May 5, 2010 the Village Board held a special Strategic Planning meeting to discuss options for addressing the structural deficiencies of the Public Works Garage. At the conclusion of that meeting it was decided that the Village would focus on a plan that would address the safety concerns of the building while working within the confines of available funding. The Board requested that staff work on a plan that focused on (1.) facility rehabilitation with minimal repairs; and (2.) facility rehabilitation with recommended repairs, with each plan to sustain the facility for a period of ten years. It was recommended that the work to be done should pay particular attention to the immediate needs of the existing facility. Finally, the Board recommended that staff prepare a timeline to track the work required to project completion. The Staff memo provided a list of preparatory work to be completed and well as the staff time necessary for the work to be completed. The Youth Commission discussed the matter and overall agreed that the work to repair the building must be completed. They also agreed that utilizing the grant funds to complete the necessary work was a good approach and that the Village should not utilize any of its own funds to pay for large expenditures related to the repair.

5. YOUTH COMMISSION FIELD TRIP

Ms. Cedillo reminded the Commission about the field trip to Fox News Chicago. Commissioners and distributed the agenda for the day. Ms. Cedillo reminded Commissions that they need to turn in their permission slip prior to the date of the outing.

6. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING WEEKEND

Ms. Cedillo thanked members of the Commission for participating in the volunteer effort.

7. MEETING SCHEDULE

Julia Cedillo thanked the Youth Commissioners for a great meeting and reminded Commissioners that the Commission is off for the summer and will not reconvene until the new school year. At that time, there will be two new commissioners. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2010. With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager