

Village of La Grange Park
Youth Commission – Minutes
Monday, May 10, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Youth Commission was called to order at 7:35 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 7:35 p.m. Members in attendance were:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 12, 2010

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

3. REVIEW OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2010.

Due to the circumstance that the meeting commenced 35 minutes late, Commission Liaison Cedillo very briefly reviewed the Village Board Meeting of April 13.

Agreement for Consulting Services – Cagwood Consulting): Ms. Cedillo explained that there was much discussion on the matter. In April of 2009, the Village Board approved a contract for professional services with Cagwood Consulting (Chris Ganschow) to serve as the Village’s lobbyist in Springfield and in Washington D. C. Cagwood Consulting served the Village as its Lobbyist since May 1, 2007, at an annual cost of \$27,000 (\$2,250 per month). The current contract expired on of April 30, 2010 and the Board was considering whether the contract should be renewed. One Board Member suggested that the Village Board should interview lobbyist candidates again. There was also much discussion about the amount of money Cagwood Consulting was able to secure through grants and other programs that benefited the Village. It was noted Cagwood arranged \$1.2 million dollars for the Village. A couple of Board Members stated that they felt that Cagwood services

were worth the expense for the lobbying services. Without dissent, the consensus of the Board was such that the matter should be sent to the Village Board for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Newberry Parking: Ms. Cedillo stated that the Members of the Board discussed the history of this issue and generally felt as though the Village had already done enough for a small number of residents in that particular area. In 2007, the Village responded to previous concerns about parking and as a result, established restricted parking for hours that the residents of the 1000 block of Newberry had requested. Discussion of this item ended when Village Manager Proczko told the Work Session that he would send a notice to the Nemeceks and others in the area detailing the Village's position on new restrictions for parking in the 1000 block of Newberry.

Paving Homestead: There was very little discussion on this matter and it was the consensus of the Board to place this item on the Agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

50/50 Tree Program: Ms. Cedillo explained that there was much discussion on this item and views varied amongst the Board. Ultimately it was the consensus of the Board members to not go with the 50/50 tree program.

Budget and Five Year Plan Discussion: Ms. Cedillo informed the Commission that the Board was considering some cuts in the proposed budget in order to match revenues with expenditures. Proposed cuts included: all community outreach programs and events, with the exception of the in school Adopt a Cop Program. Proposed cuts also included various and sundry Fire Department items such as equipment and training. Finally, it was mentioned that the Board was considering the elimination of the Tree Planting program and the Street repair program for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

4. DISCUSSION – WORK SESSION AGENDA FOR MAY 11, 2010

Meeting Chair, Commissioner Grant Lundahl facilitated discussion of the various items on the May 11th Agenda.

Zoning Variation at 1414 Scotdale Road: Commissioner Lundahl outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. On April 20, 2010, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) conducted a public hearing to consider the variation application filed by Ms. Lynch for the property located at 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 contained an area of 6,380.8 square feet. The proposed variation would increase the permitted lot coverage by 159 sq. feet. On a unanimous vote, the Zoning Board of Appeals had recommended that the Village Board approve the application and grant the variation as requested. If approved, the variation would permit an additional 159 square feet beyond the maximum. The Commissioners were in agreement that the variation should be granted to allow for the three-season room.

Electricity Supply Contract: Commissioner Lundahl outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. 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. The Village has been 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. The quotes received from four different energy suppliers show annual savings in the range of \$4,824 - \$7,752 per year. The numbers suggest that it would be advantageous to lock in prices for a new supply contract. Overall the Commission agreed with this logic and supported staff's recommendation to move forward to solicit bids prior to the next Board Meeting for approval at that meeting.

5. YOUTH COMMISSION FIELD TRIP

Ms. Cedillo informed the Commission that information would be going out shortly regarding the Youth Commission's field trip to Fox News Chicago. Commissioners should expect to receive the information by U.S. Mail in the next two weeks.

6. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING WEEKEND

Ms. Cedillo reminded the group that the weekend was rescheduled to May 22nd and 23rd. Each member individually confirmed their attendance 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 June 7, 2010. With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager