

Village of La Grange Park
Youth Commission – Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Youth Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 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: Matthew Serafin
Matt McGuinn
Aubrey Aikens
Margaret Brewick
Grant Lundahl
Grace Flaherty
Daniel Golden
Jack Roache
Abby Gies
Hannah Husemann

Absent: None

Others Present: Julia Cedillo

The Commission determined that Grace Flaherty would Chair the meeting.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Commission began the meeting with the introduction of its two newest members: Matthew Serafin and Hannah Husemann.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2010

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the June meeting. Ms. Aikens moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner McGuinn seconded the motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

4. REVIEW OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2010.

Due to the summer break and the Commission being out of session, Commission Liaison Cedillo reviewed the Village Board Meeting of August 10, 2010.

Cool Village Commission Report: Ms. Cedillo explained that there was a first report given on the activities of the Village's newest Commission, the Cool Village Commission. Ms. Cedillo explained that the Commission's report provides updates on the data collections inventory, suggestions for community environmental programs, and the group's work in the development of a sustainability plan. Ms. Cedillo explained that the agenda item was not an action item, but merely a report

providing an update on the progress of the work of the Commission. If there are programs that require the Village Board's approval, they will be brought before the Village Board at a later date. Ms. Cedillo stated that overall; the report was well received by the Village Board.

Village's Sewer System: Ms. Cedillo explained that due to the heavy rains in July, and to some extent, the rain in June, many homes in town were impacted by flooding. As a result, a report on the Village's sewer system was provided to the Village Board. The purpose of the report was informational. The report provided information drainage areas in the Village as well as improvements to the system in recent years. The report also provided some information about a program the Village implemented in the past to mitigate sewer back up in homes. Finally, the report highlighted some options to mitigate flooding issues, which can be explored by the Village and brought to the Board at a later date. Ultimately, it was announced that the Village would host a special public forum on August 31st solely to discuss flooding issues throughout the Village.

Public Safety Pension Reform Resolution: Ms. Cedillo explained that many towns are considering the placement of an advisory referendum question on the ballot in November regarding pensions. The purpose of doing such is to garner public opinion as to whether public safety pension reform is desirable. That sentiment may then influence the Illinois legislature to action. Ms. Cedillo informed the Commission that the Village Board approved the placement of the question on the ballot.

Public Works Garage Committee: Ms. Cedillo explained that the Village Board continued its progress with the public works facility on Barnsdale Road. At the meeting, the Board discussed a memo prepared by staff that outlined proposals by two architecture firms to provide conceptual design services for repairing the existing facility as one option and partial construction as a second option. The development of the conceptual designs would assist the Village Board in making a decision as to the scope of the project. Ultimately, it was decided to send the item to the Public Works garage Committee for their deliberation and consideration of the issues outlined in the memo.

5. DISCUSSION – WORK SESSION AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

Meeting Chair, Commissioner Grace Flaherty facilitated discussion of the various items on the September 13 Agenda.

Allied Waste Fall Clean Up Day: Commissioner Flaherty outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager. As part of the village's contract with its waste hauler, the village has the option of hosting an annual Clean Up Day where residents can have all their garbage and household bulk items taken away for just four stickers. This would be the third year in a row the Village has provided the program. In general the program is well received. The Commissioners asked about the cost of the program for which Ms. Cedillo replied there is no extra cost. The Commission discussed the matter and overall supported the Village's third year in offering the program.

Draft Zoning Code: Commissioner Flaherty outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. In general, Village Staff is seeking direction on the process by which the village Board will review the recommendations of the ZBA for the new zoning code. Staff was also informing the Board that they will have to give consideration about pending applications as the new code is enacted. The Youth Commission focused its discussion on the pending applications and how the Village should handle them. Ultimately the Commission decided that their preference is that all pending applicant be grandfathered under the old code.

Sewer Point Repairs and Catch Basin Repairs: Commissioner Flaherty outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. The Youth Commission asked if the Village had utilized the services of Suburban General before. With almost no further discussion, it was the consensus of the Youth Commission that this matter should move forward as recommended by staff.

Village Sewer System: Commissioner Flaherty outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. Youth Commission discussed the options outlined in the memo in great detail. Many Commissioners saw a value to resident based programs. However, most Commissioners felt that more information is necessary for each of the programs before they could make any informed recommendations. The Commission was most concerned about the cost of the various programs and how many would benefit from the programs. The Commission also felt that if the Village were to implement any incentive programs for private homes, that the Village must advertise those programs to ensure stronger participation and utilization.

6. SPECIAL TOPICS

Ms. Cedillo stated that she provided an orientation to the two newest members prior to the meeting. Ms. Cedillo then distributed the member list which included contact information for the Commissioners. Ms. Cedillo explained that she would be creating a schedule for the Commissioners for the remainder of the year so that they know in advance when they will serve as meeting chairs and representatives at the Board Meetings. Finally, Ms. Cedillo asked the group for volunteers for the Village's first E-Waste Collection Day. Aubrey, Matthew, Dan and Grace all confirmed their volunteer service while Grant and Jack were strong maybes and the rest would have to check their schedules for that day.

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 next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 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