

Village of La Grange Park
Youth Commission – Minutes
Monday, November 8, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Youth Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 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: Daniel Golden
Jack Roache
Grace Flaherty
Aubrey Aikens
Grant Lundahl
Hannah Husemann
Abby Gies
Margaret Brewick
Matt McGuinn

Absent: Matthew Serafin

Others Present: Julia Cedillo

The Commission determined that Abby Gies would Chair the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 11, 2010

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the October meeting. Ms. Aikens 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 OCTOBER 12, 2010

Commissioner Matt McGuinn provided an overview of the Village Board Work Session of October 12, 2010.

Mr. McGuinn stated that much of the Board Meeting was dedicated to public comment on the redevelopment of the 31st Street corridor. He stated that it seemed as though some information was distributed throughout the community and many residents came to comment on the issue and seemed very upset.

Turnout Gear Purchase: Mr. McGuinn explained that the Fire Department was continuing with their budgeted program to replace several sets of structural firefighting turnout gear on an annual basis. Mr. McGuinn stated that there was little discussion and that it was the consensus of the Work Session to place this item on the Agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Bid Award Leaf Hauling: Mr. McGuinn provided a brief overview of this item. Mr. McGuinn stated that the recommendation was to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. He also noted that there was little discussion and that it was the consensus of the Work Session to place this item on the Agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Tax Levy Estimate: Mr. McGuinn stated that one trustee provided an overview of this item. The Truth in Taxation Law mandated that the Village Board estimate the taxes it would levy at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the real estate tax levy. He said the complete tax levy ordinance would be on the agenda for approval at the November 23, 2010 board meeting. Mr. McGuinn stated that there was little discussion and that it was the consensus of the Work Session to place this item on the Agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

EDC Recommendation: Mr. McGuinn noted that there were many residents in attendance at the Board Meeting because of this discussion item. Due to a number of concerns expressed at the meeting, any language concerning the active rezoning of property near the 31st Street businesses was removed from future consideration.

Public Works Garage Committee Report: Mr. McGuinn noted that there was a presentation related to this item. Ultimately, the majority of the Board agreed to proceed with the option to build a new portion of the public works facility rather than fix the existing building.

4. DISCUSSION – WORK SESSION AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2010

Meeting Chair, Commissioner Gies facilitated discussion of the various items on the November 9 Agenda.

Residential Waste Contract: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager. The Commission had a discussion on the current services provided by Allied Waste. There were some questions about how residents paid for services. Ms. Cedillo then explained to the group that since the Village's contract is expiring soon, the Village has the choice to competitively bid out the service or attempt to renegotiate a new contract with the current hauler. Ms. Cedillo explained why she believed that the Village should attempt to renegotiate before doing a competitive procurement. At the end of the discussion, the consensus of the Commission was to support staff's recommendation.

Variation for 1136 Maple Ave.: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager. Ms. Cedillo further explained that the variation is to add one more sign than what is allowed by ordinance. Ms. Cedillo explained that the Village is recommending that it be allowed because the overall combined size of the signs is still within the maximum allowable limit. The Commission commented that it would be beneficial for Seguin to have additional signage so that residents could better understand the services provided at the location. At the end of the discussion, the consensus of the Commission was to support staff's recommendation.

Cook County Health Department IGA: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Chief Dean Maggos, Director of Building and Fire. Some of the Commissioners commented that this agreement was something that the Village entered into on an annual basis. The comment was made that the agreement seemed to work well for the Village and believed it was a good idea to continue the contractual arrangement for services.

Contract for Engineering Services Baxter and Woodman: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager. The Youth Commission asked some questions about the scope of the work to be performed by the company. Ultimately, the Commission agreed with staff's recommendation for choosing the company to conduct the work. The Commission commented that they were glad to see that the Village would be installing a new generator for the Village Hall and public safety departments.

Strategic Planning: Commissioner Gies outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager. The Commission believed that a strategic meeting was a good way to extract ideas to plan for the future. Ms. Cedillo explained to the group some of the benefits of strategic planning and why businesses use it to plan the development of business direction.

5. SPECIAL TOPICS – E-Waste Recycling Day Recap

Ms. Cedillo provided an overview of the event and thanked the Youth Commissioners who volunteered and worked that day. The Commissioners who participated provided feedback such that they enjoyed working the event. Ms. Cedillo also asked the Commissioners if they were available to volunteer their time at two upcoming events: the Village Christmas Walk and Tree Lighting on December 3rd and the Holiday in the Park event on December 11th. Commissioners agreed to email Ms. Cedillo with their availability.

7. ADJOURN

Julia Cedillo thanked the Youth Commissioners for a great meeting and reminded Commissioners that the next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2010. With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager