

Village of La Grange Park
Village Work Session Minutes
July 14, 2015

A Work Session meeting of the Village Board of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was held in the Board Room of the La Grange Park Municipal Building on July 14, 2015.

Village President James Discipio called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He asked all in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked Village Clerk Seidel to call the roll.

Board Members in attendance were:

Trustees:

Scott Mesick
Patricia Rocco
Michael Sheehan
James Kucera
Robert Lautner
Jamie Zaura

Village President: James Discipio

Also in Attendance were:

Village Manager: Julia Cedillo
Assistant Village Manager: Emily Rodman
Village Attorney: Cathleen Keating
Village Clerk: Amanda Seidel
Village Engineer: Paul Flood
Police Chief: Ed Rompa
Fire Chief: Dean Maggos
Director of Public Works: Brendan McLaughlin

Clerk Seidel informed President Discipio a quorum was present.

Public Participation

President Discipio moved on to the first item on the Agenda, which was Public Participation. David Metter of 1005 Newberry voiced his concern of the parking issues on Newberry. Dave Zacharko of 1012 Newberry voiced his support for the current parking restrictions on Newberry as long as the YMCA is there. President Discipio mentioned that the TS&E Committee met regarding the parking on Newberry and the Board will discuss this item at a future meeting. Fred Weisse of 627 N. Brainard asked for page numbers on the Board Packet so it would be easier to reference specific items.

President Discipio reminded participants that all testimony and correspondence on this issue was distributed to the Board. Bill Clark of 416 N. Edgewood voiced his concern for the speaker sound and how he met with Dennis Moran on two occasions to amend condition K to only use all 4 speakers during Naz. Home football games and only utilize east speakers for other events. Terrence Mahoney of 410 N. Edgewood also met with Mr. Clark & Dennis Moran and would support amending condition K. Beth Edwards of 354 Malden Ave. expressed her concern over the parking issue, support for a parking garage, residential parking permits, and how she would like the trash removed behind the Naz. Property. Chris Rogers of 338 Dover expressed his opposition and quoted a Washington Examiner article and how lighting will have a negative effect on property value. Mike Dolinski of 417 N. Edgewood asked for Condition G to be amended for gates to be closed Mon-Fri and for all Naz. Events. Mark Zavagnin of 347 Malden

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expressed his support for youth to have light and sound and how Nazareth is the only school in the conference without lights. Lisa Walsh of 340 Malden expressed her concern for maintaining safety and how small percent of residents attend Naz. Lenore McCarter of 535 N. Edgewood expressed her concern of parking, effect on their block party, and support for closing the pedestrian gates for all events. Charles Edwards of 345 Malden expressed his concern that the parking problem will always exist. Chris Lyons of 426 N. Edgewood mentioned he appreciated all the conditions and with a dark street if activity could be monitored.

Building & Zoning Committee Items

Trustee Zaura read the Village Board Agenda Memo of July 14, 2015 regarding Zoning Application No. 2015-04: 1209 W. Ogden Avenue- Nazareth Academy. *Trustee Zaura made a motion to approve an ordinance granting certain variations for 1209 W. Ogden Avenue- Nazareth Academy (Public Hearing No. 2015-04). Trustee Sheehan seconded the motion.* Discussion began; Trustee Zaura mentioned her support of the lights but concerns about the residents' comments. Trustee Kucera mentioned his support yet concern regarding property values, noise, safety, and parking. Trustee Mesick mentioned his concern for parking and safety as well as his concern of expanding use. Trustee Rocco expressed concern with the height of the lighting 60ft vs. 80ft; she reiterated her concern for glare, site plan review, and effect on the neighbors. Trustee Rocco voiced her concerns with the following: limited time at public hearing, undue hardship & the comprehensive plan, Nazareth and past communication with neighbors, findings of fact, parking, property value, and the pedestrian gate. Trustee Rocco mentioned how she does not see lighting as a hardship and discussed the possibility of remanding this issue back to the ZBA for taking additional evidence and testimony. Attorney Keating clarified concerns of Trustee Rocco and the process of the ZBA. Village Engineer Paul Flood clarified additional height of the lighting and clarified how spill over lighting is less as the height increases. Assistant Village Manager Rodman clarified foot candles and spill over lighting. Trustee Sheehan mentioned other communities including Oak Park, the research of staff on this issue, and the concern of residents. Trustee Lautner mentioned how a lot of effort by many involved have worked diligently to find the best solution, he mentioned his concerns on parking and enforcement of conditions. Police Chief Rompa and Attorney Keating clarified and discussed the legal process, citations and the court process in regards to enforcement.

Discussion moved to the eleven conditions that the ZBA recommended to be added to the requested variation:

- a. That the applicant be required to notify the Village of La Grange Park, the Village of La Grange, and all residents in the area extending north from Ogden to Woodlawn, between Edgewood and Brainard (in LaGrange Park) and all residents in the area extending for 2 blocks south of Ogden between Willow Springs Road and Brainard (in LaGrange) (both areas collectively referred to as the "Affected Area") of regularly scheduled home football games by August 1st of each school year and of any other planned events that might extend beyond 9:00 p.m. at least 30 days prior to each such event; and
- b. That the applicant be required to request relief from the Village's nuisance regulations for all scheduled night home football games in advance of the first home football game of the school year and to request relief from the Village's nuisance regulations for any events that may extend beyond 9:00 p.m. at least 30 days prior to each such event; and
- c. That the applicant reimburse the Village of La Grange Park and the Village of La Grange for the cost to install temporary "No Parking" signs on one side of each residential street in the Affected Area for each home football game; and
- d. That the applicant reimburse the Village of La Grange Park for all costs associated with providing additional police personnel as determined by the La Grange Park Police Department for the purpose of ensuring adequate traffic circulation, pedestrian safety and public order; and
- e. That the applicant be required to provide adequate on-site and off-site parking for each night home football game and any other planned event utilizing lights in the stadium that may extend beyond 9:00 p.m. and to

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- provide signage directing patrons to those areas (as determined by the La Grange Park Police Department); and
- f. That the applicant shall not allow any entity renting its football field for any purpose to utilize lights; and
 - g. That the applicant shall install a gate across the pedestrian access at Richmond Avenue and lock the gate by 4:00 p.m. on the day of all night football games and provide temporary signage prohibiting pedestrian access during night football games; and
 - h. That the sliding gate at the Richmond Avenue access to the property be used for emergency access only and remain locked at all times, utilizing a locking mechanism that is approved by the La Grange Park Fire Department; and
 - i. That the applicant shall install a sliding gate across the access to its property at Woodlawn Avenue to be used for emergency access only and remained locked at all times, utilizing a locking mechanism that is approved by the La Grange Park Fire Department; and
 - j. That the applicant shall utilize lights for no more than five (5) night home football games per school year. Any other use of the lights by applicant other than as specifically approved by the Village Board pursuant to a granted exception from the nuisance regulations shall end by 8 p.m.; and
 - k. That the applicant shall reattach all speakers in and around the stadium to the light poles in such a way that sound is directed onto the field and bleachers and not in an easterly direction so that sound transmission to surrounding areas is minimized.

Assistant Village Manager Rodman clarified and summarized the discussions of the ZBA as well as the reasons the conditions were put into place and the language included in the conditions. The Board thanked the ZBA for all their time and effort on this issue. Discussion began over amending conditions to alleviate some of the residents concerns.

Trustee Rocco made a motion to amend condition C. to install temporary “No Parking” signs” 2 hours before and be removed 2 hours after. There was no second so the motion failed.

Trustee Rocco made a motion to amend Condition G to change lock the gate “Monday through Friday by 4pm and all weekend”. Trustee Mesick seconded the motion. Trustee Rocco withdrew her motion.

Trustee Rocco made a motion to amend Condition G to change lock the gate “by 4pm until 7am”. There was no second so the motion failed.

Trustee Zaura made a motion to amend Condition G. “That the applicant shall install a gate across the pedestrian access at Richmond Avenue and “lock the gate 2 hours before football games and unlocked 2 hours after “ and provide temporary signage prohibiting pedestrian access during night football games”. Trustee Mesick seconded the motion. Clerk Seidel call roll: Mesick-Yes Rocco-Yes Sheehan-No Kucera-Yes Zaura-Yes Lautner-No Motion to amend Condition G passed 4 to 2.

Trustee Mesick made a motion to amend condition K. “That the applicant shall reattach all speakers in and around the stadium to the light poles in such a way that sound is directed onto the field and bleachers and not in an easterly direction so that sound transmission to surrounding areas is minimized; and “that the applicant shall restrict the use of all 4 speakers to home football games only; for all other athletic & non-athletic events, only the 2 easternly most speakers shall be utilized””. The motion to amend Condition K was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

At the end of discussion Village Clerk called roll to approve an Ordinance Granting Certain Variations for 1209 W. Ogden Avenue-Nazareth Academy with Condition C and Condition K amended: Mesick- Yes Rocco-No Sheehan-Yes Kucera-Yes Zaura-Yes Lautner-Yes. Motion passed 5 to 1.

President Discipio thanked all the residents for coming out for this issue and moved on to the next item.

Administration Committee Items

Trustee Lautner summarized the Village Board Agenda Memo of July 14, 2015 regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement- Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)- Patrol Officers. *Trustee Lautner made a motion to approve a Resolution Adopting, and authorizing execution of collective bargaining agreement between the*

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Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and the Village of LaGrange Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote. The Board thanked staff for all their hard work.

Public Safety Committee Items

Trustee Mesick read the Village Board Agenda Memo of 7/7/2015 regarding Purchase of in-squad Camera-Award of Grant Funds. *Trustee Mesick made a motion authorizing the purchase and installation of in-squad cameras from L3 Mobile-Vision, Inc., for the amount of \$46,000 in total. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sheehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.* Chief Rompa explained the reasons for using L3 Moile-Vision, Inc and how their technology will assist with future use.

Public Works Committee Items

Trustee Sheehan read the Village Board Agenda Memo of 07/06/2015 regarding 2015 Paving Project-Finsbury & Pine Tree Lanes- Acceptance of Bid. *There was a motion by Trustee Sheehan accepting the bid proposal from GA Paving LLC in the amount of \$149,352.50 and authorizing the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mesick and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Other Reports

President Discipio called upon Village Manager Julia Cedillo for a report. Village Manager Cedillo mentioned the Aggregate Annual Cost Service Table has been completed and distributed. She moved on to mentioning Com Ed reliability and the issues with recent power outages; she mentioned the concerns, action taken, and long term plan. She moved on to the status of the IGIG Grant Money, the letter received from the Il. Environmental Protection Agency and staff recommendations in regards to the program and Mr. Tucker.

He then called upon Village Clerk Seidel for a report. Clerk Seidel had nothing to report.

The next report was from President Discipio. President Discipio began by mentioning the Golf Outing and Dinner tomorrow for Proviso Township. He moved on to mentioning the passing of Rob Wierzbas mother in law. He moved on to mentioning how the Board has been faced with challenging issues.

New Business

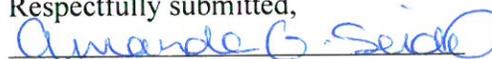
There was none.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Village Work Session, President Discipio said he would entertain a motion to adjourn. *Trustee Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mesick seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk