

## PROPERTIES and RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 2, 2021

4:30 PM

Called to Order: 4:31 P.M. by Nicole Chen, Chair-Trustee Tyrell

### **Committee Members Present:**

Nicole Chen – Village Trustee, Chair  
Alan Fink – Village Trustee

### **Staff Present:**

Alice Gallagher – Village President  
Aleks Briedis – Staff  
Erin Duffy – Staff  
Nick Partipilo – Staff  
Amanda Rafter – Staff  
Jenny Pesek - Staff

### **Public Present:**

Ed Rosenberg, 4241 Linden Avenue

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The meeting minutes from 6/29/2021 were approved by the Trustees. Trustee Fink voted aye, and Chair-Trustee Nicole Chen voted aye to approve the minutes in the roll call vote.

### **Village Hall Professional Services Proposal:**

In early 2021, the Village of Western Springs received federal grant funds, totaling approximately \$1.2 million, to cover the costs of a new fire engine and a water plant generator. After an initial walk through and collection of more accurate information from the water plant, it was evident that the original engineer's opinion of probable construction costs (EOPCC), provided in mid-2020, of \$547,200 was significantly higher than the funds needed to complete the project. HR Green provided a revised EOPCC in August 2021 bringing the estimated project total down to \$356,400. With the remaining unused grant funds in mind, the Municipal Services department approached Director Turi requesting to reallocate the funds to another Village need, the replacement of the Village Hall generator. HR Green provided the Professional Services Proposal for the design and construction engineering for the Village Hall Generator. The total is not to exceed \$64,500.

### **4241 Linden Avenue ROW Sale Request:**

Mr. Rosenberg presented a proposal to the Village Board in June regarding the purchase of ten (10) feet of ROW, leaving approximately six (6) feet of ROW between his property and his neighbor's. The Village Board recommended Mr. Rosenberg purchase all sixteen (16) feet of ROW. Mr. Rosenberg attended the meeting to discuss purchasing options. Mr. Rosenberg proposed purchasing his initial request of ten (10) feet and creating a purchasing agreement with the neighbor in question. The purchasing agreement being that whenever either home is brought up for sale, the other neighbor would have the option to purchase the remaining six (6) feet. If the neighbor not moving did not want to purchase the land, then the resident selling their home would purchase the remaining six (6) feet. The committee agreed to

allow Mr. Rosenberg to purchase the ten (10) feet of ROW following legal council from Attorney Jurusik regarding the establishment of a purchasing agreement for the remaining six (6) feet.

**Recreation Update:**

Summer programs have ended and fall programs will begin shortly. Registration for fall programs went very well with many classes hitting the maximum participants on day one; 99% of registrations were completed online. The Recreation Department is currently looking for new staff as all the college student-staff have returned to school. Director Briedis has begun creating a monthly program report to show income/expenses for each program. He presented a report on summer program attendance for resident and non-residents.

**Capital Summary Report:**

**West Underpass:**

Work has officially begun. A meeting between the BNSF and village staff regarding the easement is to be scheduled. Sheet piling work is completed, and work is continuing schedule.

**Wolf Road Bike Path:**

A pre-construction meeting was held in August. The project should be commencing soon.

**East Train Platform:**

The project is nearing completion. The Village is awaiting final IDOT approval for the final \$142,000 in engineering.

**Other:**

**Well No. 5 Landscaping:**

Superintendent Duffy met with Smith Group to discuss landscaping ideas around Well No. 5. Smith group provided three concept ideas: a privacy screen with various vegetation around the wellhouse, a layered look with various shrubs, trees, and other vegetation, and more formal design with multi-stem trees and stone seating to act as the barrier. The committee agreed that option B, the more forested design, is the best choice.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Roll Call: Move to Close

Nicole Chen, Trustee-Chair vote: Aye

Alan Fink, Trustee vote: Aye

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted: Nick Partipilo