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VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
June 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Village of Barrington Hills Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Bosworth at 7:32 p.m.

Plan Commission Members Present: Kenneth Bosworth-Chairman
Daniel Wolfgram
Kelly Mazeski
Pamela Cools
Arnold Cernik
Daryl Adams
Lou Anne Majewski
Julie Joyce

Absent: Patrick Hennelly

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Chairman Bosworth asked for a motion for approval of the April 14, 2014, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Cools motioned approve the minutes of April 14, 2014 with corrections. Commissioner Cernik seconded. All present said Aye.

Chairman Bosworth asked for a motion for approval of the May 12, 2014, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Cools motioned approve the minutes of May 12, 2014 with corrections. Commissioner Wolfgram seconded. All present said Aye with the exception of Chairman Bosworth and Commissioner Joyce who abstained.

Chairman Bosworth asked for a motion for adjournment for Sine Die. Commissioner Majewski motioned to adjourn for Sine Die. Commissioner Cernik seconded. All present said Aye.

CALL TO ORDER THE NEW COMMISSION

Commissioner Cools motioned to nominate Patrick Hennelly to Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Wolfgram seconded the motion. All present said Aye.

Commissioner Cernik motioned to nominate Pamela Cools to Secretary/Recording Secretary. Commissioner Wolfgram seconded. All present said Aye.

Commissioner Mazeski motioned to accept the time and place of the regular meeting as the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded. All present said Aye.

Commissioner Majewski motioned to accept the Plan Commission Policies from June, 2013. Commissioner Cools seconded. All present said Aye.

Commissioner Cools motioned to adjourn the Sine Die and reconvene to the regular meeting of the Plan Commission. Commissioner Majewski seconded. All present said Aye.

223 Westfield Way – Heritage Tree Appeal – Village Administrator, Robert Kosin, reported that this matter is being brought back to the Plan Commission with the presentation of the applicant's own proposal for an evaluation of existing trees of a Heritage species, as well as an evaluation of the Village's Arborist, Chuck Stewart. The material has been received by the Village and it will be circulated as a public hearing, to which then a recommendation would be made to the Village Board, if a finding was accorded by the Plan Commission.

Chairman Bosworth stated that first, we need a formal request by the petitioner for a hearing as to what it is he is appealing and we have not received that yet. Then the Tree Preservation Ordinance states we need to go over the Site Development Ordinance and follow that procedure, which includes notification of contiguous neighbors of the hearing. The petitioner needs to do those formal things. They need to make a formal request for a hearing, cite what it is they have a problem with, present the materials and notify the adjoining landowners more than fifteen days before the next hearing. Then the hearing will take place, and we will be required to make findings as to what we believe is true and then make a recommendation to the Village Board who will make the final decision. We need to get back on track as to what our Ordinance tells us we can or can't do. He would caution the petitioner to make sure that he presents with his petition, all of the materials that he would like the public to see so they can view them in preparation of the meeting.

Building Department Code Enforcement Report – Village Administrator, Robert Kosin with the provisions of the Building Code, described the inspection process for construction, including swimming pools. Don Schuman was present as the Building Code enforcement officer. He advised the Commissioners that additional steps adopted where drainage or conservation easement exists on a lot and construction is proposed. Such measures according to Mr. Schuman include the use of snow or silt fencing the boundaries of an easement prior to the start of construction.

Bicycle Paths Planning Report – Chairman Bosworth addressed the audience stating that this is the Planning Commission and not the Village Board or the ZBA. There are two things under their purview-- the Comprehensive Plan and approving Plats of Subdivisions. They also have some Appeal Process, such as the Tree Preservation Ordinance or other items similar to this. They do not have the authority to tell anyone what to do, only recommend. They have not been asked by anyone to do anything with respect to bicycles. The Village staff has been only trying to educate them on what is going on with the bicyclists. This item on the Agenda is in response to what the Commissioners asked at the last meeting.

Robert Kosin stated that the members were provided with the Illinois Vehicle Code as it pertains to bicyclists and the standards that the Illinois Department of Transportation adopted in terms of designing and evaluating bicycle routes. They also provided a link as well as the information on the new, recently adopted State Bicycle Plan of 2014 including the reference chapter to McHenry County Bicycle Plan as well as the Regional Bicycle Plan issued by the Northwest Municipal Conference and the locations. They also shared the information that was received from CMAP as to their planning initiative providing some connectivity between the County Bicycle Plans and those locations were identified on the Northwest Municipal Conference Map. They also addressed the issue of the connector road definition as defined by the Illinois Department of Transportation, and provided roadway traffic volumes collected since 1982. Additionally, there was an illustration of the Single File Signage and where they are posted and what roads they apply to, including the distinction between Village maintained roads and roads maintained by the County or State.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public Comments were given by the following:

Patrick Stanton, 71 Spring Creek Road
Bonnie Duresa, 1001 Plum Tree Road
Margaret Stanton, 71 Spring Creek Road
Gregory Swiercz, 11870 Haegers Bend Road
Pauline Boyle, 315 Ridge Road
Laura Abboud, 20 Surrey Lane
Ann Malinski 3205 Spring Creek Road
Linda Cools, 32 Little Bend Road

Audio on these comments can be located at the Village Web Site – www.vbhil.gov. [Any written comments handed in will be posted as an attachment to the Agenda.]

The Commissioners proceeded to discuss their concerns about a number of issues aired in Public Comment. First was the reclassification of village roads which has occurred recently. Different classifications of road, such as a “collector” road, are designated by IDOT, in terms of traffic volume, accident reports, etc. The designation of a road, such as Spring Creek Road, as a collector, makes it eligible for federal funding. Commissioner Wolfgram asked for clarification of the letter referenced by one of the residents in public comment regarding Mr. Kosin’s April 2013 request to McHenry County Council of Mayors to reclassify Spring Creek Road as a FAU collector road. Mr. Kosin stated that the letter needed to be put into context in order to be understood properly. Wolfgram expressed a concern about misinformation circulating in the community and the need to clarify issues and to set the record straight as quickly as possible. Mr. Kosin said he would need to show the Commission what the letter was in response to and how it was part of an application process. Chairman Bosworth requested that Mr. Kosin send a copy of the letter to all the commissioners for review and would prepare a response for the Commission.

Chairman Bosworth said that he would speak with Bob Kosin, Dan Strahan, the Plan Commission’s counsel, the Village President and Trustee Konicek about a number of items which were brought up tonight, and would determine which ones should be discussed at future

meetings. He will seek a better idea of how to address residents' concerns and possible amendments to the Comprehensive Plan with regard to bicycle planning, should they be deemed necessary.

Commissioner Cools asked about the process for applying for grants for road funding. The Village Engineer, along with the Trustee responsible for Roads & Bridges (Patty Meroni) makes the application, without Village Board approval.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Trustee Konicek stated that the possibility of utilizing Haeger's Bend as for bike planning was brought about due to the Village putting in a request in 2012 to the McHenry Council of Mayors for road improvements. Her understanding was that that one of the reasons that funding was turned down was that the Village did not have bike plans in place. Due to the fact that the road repair is going to be extensive and expensive, it had become a consideration of Roads and Bridges to put in a subsequent request in 2014, which would include a bike path, to see if the Village can get some of that funding. Trustee Konicek's province as Plan Commission Liaison is have the Plan Commission discuss bike planning, and to allow the residents the opportunity to stand before a Board and get information on it, say whether they are for or against it. Nothing is a done deal, as the Chair has stated. The Commission will hear from the Village Engineer, listen to the reasons why there is a request to look for planning these pathways, and get input from the residents. Roads and Bridges is planning on having a meeting regarding Haeger's Bend which will be posted.

The CMAP Grant has nothing to do with Haeger's Bend Road. CMAP was an application for a local, technical assistance grant related to Kane County and Cook County connecting Crab Tree Nature Center to the Fox River Bike Path.

Trustee Konicek was asked by President McLaughlin to relate that Horizon Farms and the Forest Preserve, is having a meeting on June 18th for input from Barrington Hills residents for planning and land use suggestions.

Commissioner Mazeski asked Robert Kosin, if there was a way to post these items sent in the Commission's packet on our website so that residents could have easy access to this information and could he give an indication tonight where he would put this information. Mr. Kosin replied that he is not quite sure because of the size of the records. What he has done on some of these, is pulled the records and created a library so you don't have to document search. Commissioner Mazeski asked when could he do this. Mr. Kosin replied hopefully by the end of this week. . Trustee Konicek stated she presumed the agenda would have the same links as the Board of Trustees so that it would be open to the public. The Planning Commission does not have that kind of similar structure webpage set up, but he can do that going forward.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Majewski motioned to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. Commissioner Wolfgram seconded. All present said Aye.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Cools,
Recording Secretary

Attached are submitted public comments

June 9, 2014
BH Plan Commission Meeting
Comments & Concerns

I am opposed to any type or bikeway construction, markings or signage on our village roads.

Haegers Bend comments

A lot of mis-leading information going around about Haegers Bend Rd.

On April 14, 2014 at the Plan Commission meeting village engineer stated daily volume of traffic was 4,000.

On May 12, 2014 at the Plan Commission meeting Mr. Kosin stated daily volume of traffic was 5,000.

The documents state ADT 2012 traffic volume was 2070-3277 daily. Highest count was south of Haegers Bend where a large Algonquin subdivision is located at west side of road.

Traffic counts have been decreasing all prior years, since 1982.

In general all village roads have a decrease in volumes since 2007.

Namely, Plum Tree Road , Ridge Road. & Spring Creek Road

The recent Re-Classification Spring Creek Road by engineer & Mr. Kosin, has contained false information. See attached 4 sheets

1. Spring Creek does not go west to Route 62
2. Never was a Local/Highway Street
3. Jurisdictional shared with Algonquin Township
4. Resolution: FAU Collector route

Bonnie Duresa
1001 Plum Tree Rd B.H.