

## Village of Wind Point Board of Trustees Minutes – September 8, 2011

- 1) The meeting at Village Hall, 4725 Lighthouse Drive, was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Bill Bensman who led the pledge to the flag. Also present were Trustees Pete Christensen, Jay Hammes, Casey Jones, Jerry Wishau; Administrator Barbara Grant; Police Chief Dave Rossman; Randy Miller, Maintenance Manager. Trustee Ann Brodek and Marty Meissner were excused. Engineer Mark Madsen
- 2) Village President's Report
  - a) The President and Board paid tribute to Mary Wackerhagen as a friend of the village as well as the Lighthouse.
  - b) Bill Bensman reported on the Heads of Government meeting called by the County Executive to share ideas and talk about commonalities and problems that could be addressed effectively together. Animal control was discussed and, thus far, feedback from the meeting is that everyone is looking for alternatives to the City of Racine proposal as well; the group will meet again.
  - c) Governor Walker September 11<sup>th</sup> Proclamation was recognized and Randy was asked to lower the village park flag over the weekend.
  - d) Plan Commission met and recommended approval of the conditional use permit with conditions. Because there is no contract to review, there will be no Board closed session tonight and no final action until all issues are resolved.

- 3) Public Comment

Bensman asked that because of the number of public members, speakers limit their comments to three minutes so that all can be heard. He reminded those who speak should not expect a back and forth discussion with trustees. Issues will be addressed but may need to be referred to others.

- a) Ken Hall, 205 E. Four Mile Rd. reported that others have signed the petition filed previously and gave one to the Clerk. He expressed concerns about "spot zoning" of the village property, speed of the approval process, options for service with two carriers reported to have excellent service as alternatives to building a new tower for AT&T, and suggested that the Board meet with abutting property owners and the public to develop tower standards before moving forward.
- b) Kathy Arena, 176 Burrline Road, asked if this tower is legal and whether it will open the way for other businesses to come into Wind Point and change the residential character of the community. She expressed her concerns about radiation that that would effect everyone.
- c) Darrell Murphy, 218 Hollow Creek Rd, strongly opposes the height of the tower. He expressed that other carrier services are adequate, and the tower up on Douglas Avenue should be able to provide adequate service if they cooperated more. There will be a cautionary sign on the tower, so it is hazardous.
- d) Marylyn Murphy, 218 Hollow Creek Rd., expressed concerns about children and others in the park and felt that it will be dangerous to their health. No one else wants it, so she asked why we should put it at the Village.
- e) Deborah Hall, 205 E. Four Mile Road pointed out that the lighthouse tower and cell tower will be equal at the tree line, and there would be an alternative legacy to leave behind.
- f) Lori Vanderheyden, 165 E. Four Mile Road believes that this will depreciate the value of her property. She expressed that she expects the standards of this premier community to be upheld. No one wants it and she doesn't want it in her backyard.
- g) Tom Rivers, 4929 Fairway Drive, said he would be looking directly at the tower from his front picture window and has concerns about property values and ambience of the village. Others have complained about his roof line on his home, and he was not allowed to expand his house because it would not be compliant with the zoning code; he asked how others cannot be concerned about

this larger project. He read the nine points on the petition, asked that the points be answered in writing, and asked that this project be stopped until more deep research can be done.

- h) Ron Bentz, 221 Hollow Creek Road, objected to the tower as unnecessary also and asked that more study be done.

#### 4) Trustee Reports

- a) Finance/Insurance – Pete Christensen pointed out that the August Financial Reports are in the packets. There's nothing remarkable, but he pointed out that current cash investments are primarily in the state investment pool and the Treasurer and President will be looking at safe investment alternatives. The due to/from accounts will be addressed and
- b) Public Safety – Jay Hammes pointed out that there was nothing noteworthy in the August Police Report.
- c) Planning/Building – President Bensman reported that the Plan Commission recommends approval of the conditional use permit with a site plan that complies with setback requirements and appropriately maintains the flow of stormwater into the catch basin, and that the Architectural Review Board recommended approval contingent upon the vinyl fence be of the quality and natural color as submitted.
- d) Parks/Facilities
  - i) Casey Jones moved to approve Prairie School use of tennis courts: Sept 22, 24; October 3, 13 & 15; second by Hammes; motion approved unanimously. Jones suggested that administration be able to approve Prairie School and the Board concurred that the Administrator implement this change.
  - ii) Jones reported that Lincolnland Community College has requested a tower climb on the morning of September 9. Jones moved to approve contingent upon its being available; second by Hammes. Motion was approved unanimously.
  - iii) Jones reported that the Friends of the Wind Point Light wished to donate two trees to replace those felled by the recent storm; the Board concurred that specifics be brought in October.
- e) Streets/Stormwater – Jerry Wishau reported that the Valley Trail/ 4 ½ Mile project is fairly complete and asked the engineer to report.

#### 5) Village Engineer's Report

- a) Mark Madsen recommends payment of Payne & Dolan Pay Request #2 for the Valley Trail & 4 ½ Mile reconstruction project with retainage kept until restoration is complete. Motion to approve pay request by Hammes; second by Wishau. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Madsen recommends partial payment of Payne & Dolan Pay Request #3 for the 2009 reconstruction project and suggests that a \$1,200 be retained until grass is established. Motion to approve the recommendation of the engineer by Christensen; second by Jones. Motion passed with Jones voting nay.
- c) Madsen reported that although there were some unhappy residents, the asphalt maintenance project went much as expected. Scott Construction will take care of mailboxes, a few missed areas, and clean up of excessive overspray. Grant reported on calls to the office and will follow up with answers for callers.

#### 6) Administrator's Report

- a) Randy Miller, maintenance manager, presented a map produced by Bluestem Forestry that shows the locations of all inventoried urban trees with 223 flags for those that were recommended for removal. Grant pointed out that the forestry budget is inadequate for the number of removals and trimming that should be done on trees on public property and in the rights-of-way. She reported that there are DNR matching grants available if applications are done by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board asked that she apply for up to \$7,500 in matching grants for 2012.
- b) Grant reported that the zoning administrator issued a single outdoor storage annual permit for an enclosed trailer at 5007 Hunt Club Road.

- 7) Old Business
  - a) DPW building plan – Bensman says that he will put \$100,000 for a garage facility into the 2012 budget for discussion.
- 8) Consent Items
  - a) Motion to approve the August minutes and claims and receive and file the reports by Christensen; second by Wishau. Motion passed unanimously.
    - i) Financial Reports - August
    - ii) Police Report – August
    - iii) Court Report – August
    - iv) Veolia Solid Waste Report – July
    - v) Permit Report – August
- 9) Referrals
  - a) Trustee Jones asked that draft minutes be sent for Board review within a week of the meeting.
  - b) Bensman asked for research about long that we have talked about putting up a cell tower.
- 10) Adjourn Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm by Bensman; second Christensen. Motion approved.