

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
JULY 25, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Greene-Larsen at 7:18 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Trustees Russell Kula, Steve Gayhart, Mike Constant, Michele Greene-Larsen, Walter Rainford, and Sarah Quirk. Quorum Established.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Attorney Tait Lundgren, Village Treasurer Dave Maroo, Chief Gettemy, and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 07/11/22

Trustee Gayhart moved to approve the minutes from July 11, 2022, and Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Guest Presentation – Steve Phillips, Lake County Grading & Jim Work, Silverthorne Homebuilders

Mr. Phillips stated that Silverthorne Homebuilders is considering the purchase of the remaining 62+/- lots in the Royal Estates subdivision. They would like to propose a few changes to the existing development agreement. The requested changes are:

- move park site from lot 82 to lots 4 and 5. This would allow for four more homes to be built, generating an additional \$30,000 in fees. They stated that this is a more central location for the park and would allow for better security at the lift station.
- Subdivision bond tree requirement – instead of putting trees in right-of-way, donate money or trees to be planted at park location. (Public works does not want trees in right-of-way.)
- Location of model home needs to be changed. Original lot/home sold.

Mr. Work stated that he had had a meeting with Trustee Kula and B&F regarding the permitting process. Clarification was provided regarding items such as: underground electric, public sidewalks, and sprinkler requirements.

Trustee Constant asked for clarification on what lots are being proposed for the new park location and Steve Phillips stated that the new lots would be approximately 1/3 the size of the existing location. Mr. Work stated that he and Phillips would work together to swing sets, benches, and trees, at no cost to the Village.

Trustee Greene-Larsen stated that it would be a safer location for kids and is more centrally located.

Trustee Constant asked if these changes would require an amendment to the development plan and Phillips stated that they would. Phillips indicated that he would send proposed changes to Attorney Lundgren for review if the Board were agreeable to the proposed changes. Rainford and Greene-

Larsen indicated their support.

Bob Pritchard stated that the Planning Commission is concerned with erosion coming off the farm field to the north and into the detention pond. Phillips stated that there is a broken field tile on the farmland to the north and that water is leaking into the detention pond. Unless the farmer is willing to repair the damaged tile, the water will be allowed to enter the pond.

Trustee Quirk inquired as to the timing of the park and Phillips stated that the Village has not (yet) indicated an interest but that it would probably be within the next two years. Phillips stated that the Village needs to think about what they want and what they're willing to maintain and reminded Trustees that the additional buildable lots created with the proposed swap would generate an additional \$30,000 in fees.

Mr. Work stated that he would like to get these items finalized so that he can move forward. Trustee Constant stated that he likes the idea of moving the park but is unsure about the smaller lot size. He is okay with the tree donation. Trustee Greene-Larsen reiterated her support of the proposed changes. Trustee Gayhart stated that he would like to tour the lots in question before weighing in. Kula would also like to walk the lots before making a decision. It was agreed that Phillips will wait for feedback from Kula and Gayhart and will get proposed changes to the attorneys for review.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

CLERK'S REPORT

Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that the Business Association would like to have a petting zoo at the ice cream social at Pioneer Park. All Trustees agreed to allow a petting zoo in the park.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

None.

Finance & Economic Development

None.

Public Safety

For Discussion/Recommendation: Noise Ordinance Amendment

Attorney Lundgren stated that he needs input from the Board regarding how the decibel level will be measured and enforced and whether decibel reading will be taken from the emitting or complaining location. There was a discussion, including comments regarding additional complaints about the loud music, and what decibel level would be considered too high. Further discussion regarding decibel levels, sound barriers, wind, speaker placement, etc. occurred. Trustee Rainford suggested starting the threshold at 60 decibels (normal conversation) to see how it goes. Enforcement and fines were

discussed. Greene-Larsen suggested that the first offense will generate a warning, second receives a fine, third violation results in Liquor Board Hearing and possible revocation of liquor license. Chief Gettemy suggested the creation of an entertainment license for live entertainment so that the liquor license would not be in jeopardy, just the ability to have live music. All Board members were in favor of the creation of an entertainment license. Attorney Lundgren will provide a DRAFT ordinance at the next meeting.

Trustee Constant asked if the Pub is aware of the complaints and Gettemy and Kula stated that they are. Kula talked to owner Stacey Phillips who indicated her intention to put up a fence by the end of the year. She also told Kula she would look into striping her parking lot to create more spaces and keep patrons from parking in the grass in Pioneer Park.

For Discussion/Recommendation: Video Gaming – Machine Fees & Gaming Parlors

Clerk Losiniecki stated that she had received an inquiry from a downtown property owner regarding zoning for gaming parlors. Losiniecki explained that gaming parlor is not a defined use in the zoning code and is therefore not an allowed use in any zoning district. Attorney Lundgren explained that gaming parlor is specific to gaming only, whereas gaming machines in bars/restaurants/gas stations are subordinate to the primary use. Greene-Larsen questioned why the Village would consider allowing such a use on the heels of the recent attempted child abduction and the anticipation of an increase in crime because of allowing such use. She added that there is already a lot of gaming opportunities in town. The Board directed Losiniecki to have the Planning Commission discuss the question of gaming parlors. Five of six members were not in favor of imposing machine fees as allowed by the State of Illinois.

Trustee Rainford stated that a resident has real estate fliers that he'd like to place under people's door mats in town but there is an ordinance that disallows the posting/distribution of leaflets. The resident would like the Board to consider changing the ordinance to allow the distribution of leaflets. After brief discussion, the Board declines the request to consider allowing the distribution of leaflets.

Streets & Alleys

For Discussion/Recommendation: Proposed Changes to Royal Estates

This discussion occurred earlier in the meeting.

For Discussion/Recommendation: Road Signage

Trustee Kula stated that Attorney Lundgren has sample ordinances for discussion. Lundgren said the Village can consider two approaches:

1. Classify all road signage in village, listing all types, quantities, and locations of signs in a chart. When signs are added or removed, amend the chart.
2. Designate a member of the Board (usually the mayor) to approve addition of road signs.

Lundgren also stated that signs desired for Royal Estates can be put up without any approval because the subdivision is under development. Discussion followed and Trustees agreed to the chart version of ordinance. Treasurer Maroo asked if signs can be put up without an ordinance and Lundgren stated not without violating State Statute. Constant suggested designating the mayor or other official, with recommendation from the Board as to sign placement, and concurrence from Chief of Police, Streets and Alleys Chair and Public Safety. Chief Gettemy recommended the chart version of ordinance, including all signs and speed limits. This is a useful resource and the approach that most towns use. Gettemy and Lundgren agreed that the chart form allows for the smoothest process and best method for enforcement. Constant, Kula and Gayhart suggested putting up the signs without an

ordinance. Kula stated that he will direct Public Works to put up the signs.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

None.

Water & Sewer

For Discussion/Recommendation: Sycamore/McKinley Storm Drainage

This topic will be tabled.

Dale Youngers ask the Board for direction on where to hang the plaque that was given to the Village by TEST, Inc., commemorating the recent “Best Operator” Award that was given to the Water Treatment Plant. The Trustees agreed to hang the plaque at the Village Hall. Youngers also stated that 27% of the water service line questionnaires had been returned.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURMENT

Trustee Quirk moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2022, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Michele Greene-Larsen, Village President Pro Tem Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk