

CITY OF DELAFIELD LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

K. Attwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL.

Present

- Kent Atwell
- Jerry Bills (entered at 6:16 p.m.)
- Jerry Burg
- Jerry Dunnick
- Gayle Gaborsky
- Dave Greenway
- Lynn Morrison (entered 6:01 p.m.)
- Gary Pratt
- Lou Scopp
- Don Tills

Absent

- Ken Wiedmeyer

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2008.

D. Greenway stated that he was in attendance at the last meeting and the minutes should reflect this.

J. BURG MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH THE ABOVE NOTED CORRECTION. D. GREENWAY SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no citizens present who wished to speak.

L. MORRISON MOTIONED TO CLOSE CITIZEN'S COMMENTS. J. BURG SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Without objection, agenda Item 3F was taken next.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF BOATHOUSE CODE

K. Attwell reported that this has been approved by the Plan Commission and is on its way to the Common Council. There may be a change to the

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language so that the code is clearer in terms of using methods other than a rain garden to retain water, i.e. an underground water retention system, etc. The City Attorney was consulted and his response indicated language could be added to add clarity to the code. This will be decided at the Common Council level although the Council could direct the Lake Welfare Committee to work on it again. D. Greenway will send possible language to L. Morrison prior to the Common Council meeting.

Without objection, Item 3C was taken next.

b. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT REFERENDUM LANGUAGE – DUNNICK

J. Burg stated that he wanted the referendum questions to be very straight-forward and clear and did not like qualitative statements. Both J. Burg and D. Tills submitted language recommendations for these questions.

Question #1

After further review, D. Tills made changes to his suggested paragraph.

G. Pratt stated that the average person would not be able to relate to \$2.6 million but would want to know what it would cost him personally. Discussion took place, and it was not known how this could be incorporated as the cost to each property would be different and would be based on linear foot. The Commissioners did not think that the cost to each property owner should be put in.

Discussion took place and suggestions were made to Version C. It was the consensus of the Committee to use Version C for Question 1 as amended. The wording of the question will be as follows:

The City of Delafield has been granted a dredging permit by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to dredge five shoreline areas of Nagawicka Lake. The lake front property owners in these five areas will pay 100% of the costs to remove the sediment and restore the lake bottom with native aquatic plants. This phase of the restoration project will cost \$2,625,000 and only the property owners whose property will be dredged will be assessed by the City and have 10 years to pay. Should the citizens of the City of Delafield allow these lake front property owners to undertake this project?

Question #2

L. Morrison suggested selling this as a park in order to compare the cost of the project to the Park & Rec budget – something taxpayers are already paying for. She stated that the only difference was that the

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dredging project costs would end after ten years whereas costs for parks do not end.

Discussion took place regarding the cost per thousand. It was determined that the cost would be \$.07/1,000 for each year for ten years.

After discussion, a combination of Version B & C was created to state:

The City of Delafield has been granted a dredging permit by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which allows dredging of a Bark River Sediment Trap. The Trap will be engineered to capture, control and reduce future Bark River sediment, the main cause of silt buildup in Lake Nagawicka. This portion of the project is designed to help preserve Lake Nagawicka as a navigable and desirable natural resource in the City of Delafield. The cost of this portion of the project is \$875,000. Each property tax ID in the City of Delafield would pay \$7 per \$100,000 per year of assessed value for 10 years to cover these costs. Should the City of Delafield implement this phase of the dredging project?

J. DUNNICK MOTIONED TO SEND QUESTION 1 & QUESTION 2 TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW. J. BURG SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

c. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ON SMART GROWTH CHAPTER 3
AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

J. Bills discussed the limited amount of land in the City of Delafield for stormwater catch basins. He would like to recommend to the City Council that all future homes have rain gardens. In addition, he felt that existing houses and businesses should be encouraged to have rain gardens and require future new businesses to have rain gardens. This would make a big affect on the water quality of Lake Nagawicka. L. Morrison thought that the biggest item in the City is the Milwaukee Street stormwater water retention pond and it would be embarrassing to ask residents to have rain gardens when the City's did not work correctly. This should be written up to put in the Smart Growth Plan. Discussion took place and it was stated that all new subdivisions have water retention plans incorporated into their layout. J. Bills expressed concern about existing structures. D. Tills suggested that J. Bills look at a range of alternatives. Any modification that violates open space should be required have a rain garden. D. Greenway suggested a trade-off – the rain garden would have to take care of that encroachment. This could also be part of an educational process for residents.

K. Attwell stated that J. Bills look through Chapter 3 and submit specific changes.

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Comments from D. Till were distributed to the committee members. He wanted to capture the idea that there were a number of comprehensive studies done on Lake Nagawicka and these recommendations should at least be noted on the Smart Growth Plan.

It was stated that people in attendance at the October 16, 2008 DNR meeting at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy were dismayed with the DNR, but thought that the dredging/lake restoration project was good. Most of the people were there to listen and get information. It was felt that the people both on and off of the lake need to obtain information on the benefits of the project.

Without objection, agenda Item 3E was taken next.

d. UPDATE ON ROLLER MILL POND

G. Gaborsky stated that the group would be making a presentation on Monday (November 17, 2008) at the Common Council meeting. She asked for the support of the Lake Welfare Committee at that meeting.

Without objection, agenda Item 3B was taken next.

e. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE IN CHAPTER 30 PERMIT STATUS

K. Attwell expected word would be received from the DNR sometime between the middle and end of November.

Without objection, agenda Item 3D was taken next.

f. HAJINIAN BOATHOUSE

Drawings were distributed to the commissioners at the meeting. In response to a question by J. Burg, K. Attwell explained that the boat code was approved by the Plan Commission and was on its way to the Common Council. He clarified that technically, the new boat house code is not in effect at this time.

Photographs of the actual site were displayed on Mr. Hajinian's laptop computer. He explained that the first photo was a flower garden on the hill. At the bottom there is a flat area about 15' to the water, there is a 4' drop to the water. The boathouse will be built into the hill. There is 150' of footage on a one acre site. No boathouse has ever been on the property. The boathouse would be located approximately in the middle of the property. There is a 50-75' drop. It was noted that his home is located on one of the highest points on Lake Nagawicka. In regards to water drainage – the roof will be pitched back and the water will drain into the wild flower garden on the hill through various methods. No

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facilities were planned to be included in the boathouse, just electrical service. Plexiglass railings will be incorporated on the top of the boathouse. D. Tills cautioned about this in regards to birds crashing into the Plexiglass which tend to cloud the surface; however he clarified that he was not opposed to the proposed look. K. Attwell stated that although heavier, most people use tempered glass. The overall height from grade is 13' for the building and 3' for the railing. From the house-side, the boathouse would be close to being level and neighbors would not be able to see it. Lighting was discussed and C. Hajinian stated that he would probably have some. K. Attwell stated that the Lake Welfare Committee wanted to avoid spotlights that shine on the lake. T. Maney, Building Inspector, has a lighting guide that was recommended. C. Hajinian was uses 50 watt low wattage for lighting the trees. The aesthetics of the boathouse will match the house and pillars are incorporated in the front along with the dental molding – it will have a classical look. C. Hajinian discussed a possible pathway that would connect to the top of the boathouse and would use existing steps.

D. Tills expressed concern about the landscaping around the boathouse. He suggested putting in a rain garden to allow the water to infiltrate in. C. Hajinian stated the wild flower garden captures rain water before it runs down. The water coming off of the roof could be put into a pipe with holes in it and go over the hill. There are wild flowers that grow along the shoreline as opposed to grass.

In response to a question by D. Tills, C. Hajinian stated that the boathouse would be used for storing his boats and related sporting equipment.

D. Tills suggested that he provide a plat map with a landscape plan for the Plan Commission. In addition, he suggested that he be prepared to answer questions about the rain garden and how the water from the boathouse would infiltrate back onto the property. D. Tills added that if the terraces were designed appropriately, they could all act as a rain garden. K. Attwell will send C. Hajinian an email with suggested plantings for a rain garden.

In response to a question by J. Bills, C. Hajinian explained the wildflower gardens and the boathouse plans. J. Bills stated that this would require some type of a rain garden. C. Hajinian explained that the wildflower garden was dense and during a heavy rain there is no visible run-off into the lake as the gardens captured the rain water. It was explained that the water run-off from the boathouse would go into the terraced areas and the surrounding wildflower area. J. Bills stated that all of the run-off from the boathouse should go into a rain garden. A rain garden is designed to contain run-off. The other committee members thought that the terraces could be used as rain gardens.

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G. PRATT MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE BOATHOUSE AS PROPOSED. J. BURG SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Without objection agenda Item #3A was taken next.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. COMMUNICATOR ARTICLE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, DEC 3RD - NEED AUTHOR

Possible themes could be the boathouse code and the lake restoration project if the DNR approves the permit. Because there is a possibility that neither could happen, it was suggested to wait until the end of the month before authoring an article.

5. WORKGROUPS REPORTS

- a. RESTORATION REFERENDUM AND FUNDING – KENT ATTWELL / DON TILLS

There was no new information to discuss. The spreadsheet information was not given to the Common Council members. L. Morrison suggested getting this on the Common Council agenda for December 1, 2008. The referendum will be on the April ballot along with the election of four alderpersons.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. ADJOURN

L. MORRISON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN FROM THE MEETING. D. GREENWAY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:48 P.M.

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