

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
JANUARY 5, 2016**

President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:50pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne and Trustees Grieb, Koch, Hebda, and Marquardt. Trustees Williams and Schultz were absent. A quorum was established.

Also present were: Village Manager Kalmar, Assistant Village Manager Carey, Building Commissioner Atkinson, Chief Fleischhauer, Assistant Finance Director Larson, Public Works Director Brown, Village Attorney Kenny, and Recording Secretary DeAnda

1. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2015

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Koch, to approve the December 8, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 4 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Grieb

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2 – Williams, Schultz

Motion carried.

2. VERNON HILLS PARK DISTRICT – 635 ASPEN DRIVE – CONCEPT PRESENTATION FOR A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW THE EXPANSION OF THE SULLIVAN COMMUNITY CENTER (AVM Carey)

Assistant Village Manager Carey stated the Vernon Hills Sullivan Center is located in a COS (Conservation) Zoning District and approved by a Special Use Permit via Ordinance 91-59. The Vernon Hills Park District is proposing to renovate and expand the Sullivan Community Center located at 635 Aspen Drive adjacent to the Aspen Public Library and Hawthorne Elementary and Middle Schools. The proposal calls for renovating the main entrance of the Sullivan Center as well as creating additional space for staff offices, a new gymnasium, and new preschool rooms. The existing Community Center is currently 32,815 square feet. The proposed addition would increase the square footage by 17,769 to 50,584. The expansion requires an amendment to the Special Use Permit.

The existing exterior is decorative concrete block with brick highlight bands. The proposal would utilize the same materials to maintain a similar aesthetic to match the existing building. These materials are consistent with the recently approved masonry material ordinance approved by the Village Board in December.

The proposal for the expansion of the Sullivan Center also includes the removal of the south entrance and the creation of a new east entrance. With the removal of the south entrance, the drop off lane would also be removed. The preschool addition would be built on the southeast portion of the building and would result in the creation of one additional room. This additional room is anticipated to serve 15 children. Consistent with the existing three preschool classrooms, preschool would run from September through the middle of May. Hours of operation would consist of classes in the morning and afternoon (9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.). A playground would be relocated adjacent to the preschool addition. A sidewalk would be installed along the south exterior of the building parallel to the existing entrance drive.

A new gymnasium would also be constructed on the northeast corner of the building. The extension would not encroach on the Village owned Lot 2 where Aspen Library recently constructed a 51 space parking lot.

Park Board President Jim Ballowe, Tom LaLonde, Williams Architects, and Tom Rychlik, Gewalt Hamilton, appeared before the COW to request direction on the appropriateness of the Sullivan Center expansion.

Trustee Hebda was concerned about the displacement of the students during construction. Park Board President Ballowe assured her there would be accommodations made for the safety of the students.

Motion by Trustee Koch, second by Trustee Grieb, to direct the petitioner to go to technical review and before the Planning & Zoning Commission for consideration of amendments to the site plan in a public hearing at a date to be determined.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 4 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Grieb

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2 – Williams, Schultz

Motion carried.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Marquardt, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 4 – Grieb, Hebda, Koch, Marquardt

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2 – Williams, Schultz

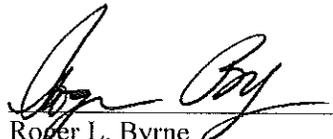
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Approved this 19th day of January 2016



John Kalmar
Village Manager/Village Clerk



Roger L. Byrne
President