

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MARCH 14, 2018

Call to Order

President Vanden Berg called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: President Vanden Berg, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Elrick, Trustee Smith, Trustee Van Lankvelt, Trustee Hietpas, Trustee Peerenboom

ALSO PRESENT: James Fenlon, Laurie Decker, Teri Matheny, Adam Breest

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

State Representative Andre Jacque introduced himself and advised the Village Board that he is running for State Senate and gave out contact information.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 7, 2018

Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Van Lankvelt to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 7, 2018

Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Discussion—Pool Study

Director Breest gave a presentation with slides for discussion and direction regarding the repair or replacement of Doyle Pool. Included in the documents were the recommendations from The Park Planning Committee and survey results sent to Village of Little Chute residents. Director Breest also went over what other communities have done to upgrade pools and the cost associated with those upgrades. Resident Jim Moes asked if Director Breest knew if the responders to the survey were home owners or renters; Director Breest replied that 85% of the respondents were home owners and 13% were renters. Resident Moes felt that the Board should reject the new pool unless the residents who want the pool are willing to contribute and felt the cost estimates will be quite a bit higher. Trustee Hietpas questioned the budget of \$2.7 million and eliminating the deep well of the pool that is used for lifeguard training, Director Breest advised that life guard training would have to be done at another area pool and they have done that in the past. Trustee Elrick also feels the cost estimates are too low and feels the project would end up closer to \$7-9 million and with an average usage of 80 days per year he has a hard time justifying the cost. Trustee Elrick asked if it was possible for the Village to partner with the school and do something indoor. Trustee Van Lankvelt agreed with Trustee Elrick wondered if this has been looked at. Director Matheny reminded the Board that if the Doyle Pool is put in the CIP at the cost that is estimated that would be all that could be done that year. Trustee Smith asked if it was possible to get a camera to check the condition of the pipes underneath to know if they are stable and to get a better idea of what repairs might be needed. Director Breest agreed this was good idea and will check the feasibility with Engineering of getting this done. Trustee Elrick asked if Director Breest was aware of any communities that have closed a pool and then due to residents request had to build a new pool; Director Breest stated Germantown was the only one he was aware of and they closed an indoor pool in the high school for over 20 years and now are building a new indoor pool in the high school. Resident Moes advised he was aware of one area town that closed a pool and after it closed residents were upset and got together to do the repairs but it was only in the \$100,000 range. Trustee Peterson advised that more and more people are getting their own pools at home, he is for less government involvement spending money on items that most residents don't use. Trustee Peerenboom said in talking with community residents he feels they would be shocked if the pool closed and that he doesn't agree to a building a brand new pool but feels remodeling should be considered; then it could be done in stages. Director Breest agreed with Trustee Smith on checking with Engineering to find out the feasibility of getting a camera to check the underground pipes to get a better idea of cost of repair or replacement. Trustee Elrick wondered if there were any splash pad designs for older kids, 10-14 year olds. Director Breest will check but was not aware of any creative designs for older kids.

Trustee Elrick commented that maybe the Village should differentiate from the facilities in our area and look at building something unique that wouldn't cost \$4-8 million. Trustee Peerenboom felt that doing something unique would cost less and also operating costs could be less. Trustee Van Lankvelt asked if the splash pads in the presentation were newly built or a replacement, Director Breest replied as far as he knew they were all new splash pads. Trustee Van Lankvelt asked about the Sherwood splash pad and if he knew the costs, Director Breest did not know off hand but would try to get that cost. Administrator Fenlon advised as far as the school district is concerned, they have not shown an interest in joining forces for an indoor pool. Trustee Smith suggested looking at putting something else in a different location and running Doyle Park until it is no longer feasible. Trustee Elrick stated he does not want to completely eliminate a pool in the Village but also cannot see spending \$5-8 million dollars for something that is only open 80 days per year, and likes the idea of building something unique. President Vanden Berg advised Director Breest to check out the infrastructure as best he can so the Board can make a decision going forward. Also the Board is asking Director Breest to find out what costs would be on a slide setup. Administrator Fenlon advised that this will be added to a Village Board Meeting Agenda in April so that a decision can be made on the direction going forward.

Action—Approve Cheesefest Special Event Permit

Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Elrick to Approve Cheesefest Special Event Permit

Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Discussion—EAB Long Term Plan

Director Breest suggested a more active plan in removing ash trees from our Village Terraces and to develop a 10 year plan for removal and replanting. To date the department removes ash trees from village terraces when they are dead, diseased or a resident calls and requests removal due to sidewalk damage. Director Breest advised that there is a grant available for tree replacement and plantings. The grant requires a resolution from the Village on the intent to utilize the grant funding. The resolution is planned to be presented for approval at the March 21st Regular Board meeting.

Action—Notice of Redirection of 2% PAC Room Tax

No Action Taken

Action—FVMPD PPA Side Agreement

Administrator Fenlon presented documents on creating a streamlined process for uniform reimbursement. Under the new agreement, there would be no reimbursement, just an annual allotment paid in February.

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Peterson to Approve FVMPD PPA Side Agreement

Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agendas

Wheel Tax Discussion

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Peterson, seconded by Trustee Elrick to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

Michael R. Vanden Berg

By: Michael R. Vanden Berg, Village President

Laurie Decker
Attest: Laurie Decker, Village Clerk

