

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:34 P.M., Tuesday February 13, 2012, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

PRESENT: Chairman Laura LaPlaca, Trustee William Haarlow, Trustee Bob Saigh

ABSENT: Trustee Doug Geoga

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Cook, Village Manager; George Franco, Director of Public Services; Tim Scott, Director of Economic Development; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer; Tom Bueser, Deputy Director of Public Services; John Finnell, Village Forester; Dan Hopkins, Village Horticulturist.

Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2012

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the January 24, 2012 meeting. Chairman LaPlaca provided comments from Trustee Geoga and herself. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the revised January 24, 2012 minutes. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Parkway Tree Removal (105 N. Vine Street). Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Finnell addressed the current condition of the tree(s) in the immediate area. The property owner, Mr. Karczewski addressed the committee and responded to their questions. After some discussion, it was the committee's consensus that several factors mitigated in favor of removing the tree. First, the tree in question was within 15-feet of other parkway trees – a distance that is below the recommended spacing for parkway trees. Secondly, Mr. Karczewski agreed to provide replacement trees equal to half the trunk diameter of the tree to be removed in the form of trees three (3) inches in diameter or less. In this case, a 24-inch diameter tree would be removed. Mr. Karczewski would fund four three (3) inch diameter trees (12-inches total) to be planted by the Village at a location on public property to be determined by the Village. Committee directed staff to develop a parkway tree removal request policy.

To Recommend Adoption of an Ordinance Vacating Half of a Public Alley Right-of-Way Situated West and Adjoining 228 East Fuller Road at a Purchase Price of \$45,000. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Pasquinelli addressed the committee concerning his intent to acquire the eastern half of the alley, demolish the existing home and build a new home on the wider lot. The committee asked questions of Mr. Pasquinelli and Mr. Deeter. Chairman LaPlaca stated that the

staff would work with Mr. Pasquinelli to maximize the area available to Mr. Pasquinelli while providing sufficient drainage and utility easement to provide sufficient access and storm water management. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IPM Annual Report. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Hopkins presented the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Annual Compliance Report to the committee. Some of the issues addressed in the report included:

- a. Turf Maintenance
 - i. The Village's efforts to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical pesticides.
 - ii. A discussion to add more pesticide free parks.
- b. BD Landscape Beds
 - i. Cost savings: 2007 \$107,000 vs. 2011 \$17,000.
- c. Sustainable Landscaping
 - i. Perennial plants that save time, money, and resources.
- d. Prairie Maintenance
 - i. Prairie burns
- e. Tree Preservation
 - i. EAB and DED
 - ii. 90 new trees planted in 2011.

Ms. Ruta Jensen addressed the committee. She discussed the need for more wood chips to be added to areas to reduce weeds, poor turf areas in Katherine Legge Memorial Park, and asked the committee to allow staff the time and resources to continue to improve the execution of the IPM program. Trustee Saigh motioned to accept the IPM Annual Report. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Services Monthly Report

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the status of the Public Service Department. Mr. Franco and Mr. Scott discussed the status of the Burlington Park wall. The committee discussed ideas to preserve the wall. Mr. Scott will continue to investigate opportunities to repair, replace, or reconstruct the wall.

Emerald Ash Borer-Treatment Options (Discussion Item). Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Finnell updated the committee on status of the emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation in Hinsdale and the Village's treatment options. Due to the heavy infestation of EAB observed this winter, many ash trees are in poor health and are not considered viable candidates for treatment. The committee discussed the treatment options and agreed that staff should increase funding for treatment of trees on public property to \$20,000. The committee suggested that the large trees on Garfield, south of 55th should be treated with a trunk injection. The rest of the ash trees in the pilot project should be treated with a soil injection. Staff will return update the committee on these changes at the next meeting.

Decorative Street Lamp Options for LED Conversion (Discussion Item).

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided additional information. Mr. Dale Kleber addressed the committee concerning the benefits of changing to LED bulbs. The committee has directed staff to look for an area to conduct a pilot program.

Mosquito Abatement Services (Discussion Item). Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided additional information. There are several options to provide services by Clark Mosquito Company. Staff was directed to develop yearly renewable contract for the next three years.

Engineering Monthly Report

Mr. Deeter updated committee on the status of Veeck Park restoration, Oak Street Bridge replacement, 2011 Resurfacing Project, the Chestnut Street Project, 2012 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects, and the 2013 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects.

To Award the Extension of Contract #1380 Between the Village of Hinsdale and Allied Waste Services for the Collection and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste, Landscape Waste and Recyclable Materials for Three Years (3) with Revised Pricing to Commence on May 1, 2012. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided further information and answered trustees' questions. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman LaPlaca reminded everyone that the March EPS meeting has been changed from Monday, March 12 to Tuesday, March 13.

Adjournment

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Saigh moved to adjourn. Trustee Haarlow seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter
Village Engineer