

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)  
JANUARY 2, 2018

Board Members Present: President Jeff Walter, Trustees: Ken Anderson, Sue Filek, Bill Grabarek, Patricia Schuberg, Matt Wilson

Board Members Absent: Dave Gualdoni

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorneys Britz & Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Building Commissioner Tom Brennan; Village Engineer David Burroughs, Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert

Others Present: Residents Wayne Byerhof, LeRoy Herra, Elburn Herald Reporter Susan O'Neill; Jerry & Lonna Schmidt; Shodeen rep Bob Skidmore

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call vote ensued.
3. Public Comment – Resident Leroy Herra asked about lighting on Anderson Road at intersections. If not soon, would the Village consider solar lighting in the interim? Herra said he would also like the opportunity to speak with the Anderson Road guard rails are discussed.
4. Discuss Guard Rails on Anderson Road – Public Works Supt VanBogaert spoke with Village Engineer Dave Burroughs who has determined the proposed guardrail would extend 740 LF south of the bridge and 680 LF north of the bridge. Burroughs stated he assumes a barrier warrant analysis was done at the time of the initial bridge design by KDOT and is waiting for confirmation from them. If a barrier warrant analysis says guard rails are not warranted, we are prohibited from putting any up. A drawing showing proposed guard rail locations was provided to the Board. Two options are provided on the west side—one west of the path and one between the path and the pavement. Currently, the curbs are 6" high with a wide gutter.

Resident Leroy Herra asked if a cable barrier (which would cause less snow drifting) vs. a guard rail is an option if a guard rail is warranted. Residents Jerry & Lonna Schmidt expressed their concern for safety given the steep drop-offs.

Shodeen rep Bob Skidmore distributed copies of a letter to the Village Board that Shodeen is opposed to additional guard rail if it is warranted because the bridge already has an industrial look. More of a residential look is preferred since Anderson Road is a boulevard through a residential area. It was inquired if a split rail-type fence could be installed on the west side of the path for bicycle and pedestrian safety. Burroughs will look into after confirmation on the barrier warrant analysis is received.

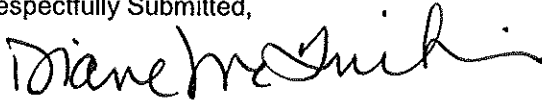
5. Discuss Elburn Station Landscape Plans Unit II – Village Admin Nevenhoven said the landscape plan submitted has some issues. The biggest issue is along Station Boulevard where only autumn blaze maples are planned. The Village Subdivision Control Ordinance specifies biodiversity along parkways. Nevenhoven advised autumn blaze maples have been planted along Station Boulevard prior to the landscape plan being submitted. Skidmore said Shodeen's intent is when the trees mature, it will create a beautiful canopy. Nevenhoven said the Board has three options: leave as is, remove all or remove some of the planted trees. Skidmore will provide an updated plan with a stamp for the commercial area. Skidmore continued that Shodeen believes the plantings follow the annexation agreement and the Master Plan Design Guidelines (MPDG) which precedes the Subdivision Control Ordinance. Nevenhoven said the Subdivision Control Ordinance was revised

due to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation that hit the Village quite hard. Since the full development of Elburn Station will be a 20+ year process, it was inquired if a bond could be posted by Shodeen to pay for replacements in the event a similar infestation occurs within this timeframe. Skidmore said he would check and let the Village know. It was suggested Morton Arboretum be contacted if they have any data on autumn blaze maples at the 20+ year mark. Skidmore said this is the only boulevard in the entire development that will follow this theme. It was noticed that no amenities are shown in the "downtown" streetscape. Skidmore said none are planned because in the particular area, it will be front yards as the homes have rear-loaded garages. Skidmore said he would prefer not to identify specific trees on plans in the event stock is not available from the landscaper when it comes time to plant. Because landscapers would be notified a month or two in advance of planting, the Village would like to also be advised of tree species in advance. If Shodeen is willing to commit to the bond, it could be a letter of agreement with a bond.

6. Other Business – None

7. Adjourn – Trustee Schuberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Filek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin  
Village Clerk