

**PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2009
7:30 P.M.**

I. Call To Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM.

Attending: Susy Rein, Chairperson
Phil LaGro
Mike Salvi
Jim Kaiser
John Kosik

Absent: Tony Mancini
Larry Goebel

Also
Attending: Donna Lobaito, Assistant Village Administrator
Chris Miller, Village Planner

II. Approval of Minutes of the June 11, 2009 Meeting

Motion by Kosik, second by LaGro to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2009 Plan Commission meeting. Mr. Kosik then amended his motion to add a sixth bullet point to the list of priorities to be addressed by the Plan Commission as the Comprehensive Plan is being re-written. It was also mentioned that the minutes reflected the date of the Comprehensive Plan was 2005, when in fact it should be 2004. Ms. Lobaito responded she had already made that correction on the copy for Ms. Rein to sign.

Ms. Lobaito was asked whether she would be providing the Water & Infrastructure minutes to the Plan Commission to which she responded yes, but that there had not been a meeting in the last month.

III. Department Head Report

A. None this month.

IV. Public Hearing

A. None this month

V. Old Business

- A. None this month

VI. New Business

VII. Discussion Item

- A. Review and Discussion – 2004 Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Lobaito provided her overall analysis of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan to the Plan Commission members. Attached as Exhibit "A" is a memorandum prepared by Ms. Lobaito to Ms. Newton and dated July 8, 2009.

The Commission talked about several highlights of the 2004 Comp Plan, including the need for better guidelines in the Northern Planning Area, the wisdom of one acre lots in light of the changing economic conditions, water and sewer needs, and the desire to keep residents in town.

Mr. Kosik suggested that the update should reference the Lakota Plan which was adopted by the Village Board. The implementation of the Lakota Plan was discussed as a means of expanding our tax base; however, the concern was whether we would have enough rooftops to support a downtown development.

The Commission discussed whether the current language of the Village opposing Rt. 53 and a commuter rail should remain in the revision. The incorporation of the anticipated CN traffic effect was discussed and suggested to be included in the revision.

Mr. Salvi mentioned the Fields of Long Grove and that the net density there is not much different than our one acre lots.

Ms. Rein mentioned she met with the Mayor and he was in favor of the Plan Commission moving forward with the update to the Comp Plan. She views the Comp Plan like the Village's Business Plan.

Ms. Rein commented outlined various areas for consideration with the update, such as the cost of updating the Comp Plan and suggested an analysis be made based on our revenues versus expenditures.

Mr. Miller left the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Ms. Newton commented that the Village Board brought her onboard for economic development purposes and that she and Ms. Lobaito would be working in tandem in this regard. She commented that she believed staff could update, not re-write the Comp Plan, and that we would reproduce maps pertinent to the document. She suggested holding an open house for input from residents and business owners.

Ms. Newton mentioned staff, the Mayor and some consultants met with all of the SSA #4 property owners and we should have an agreement in 60 days. She was very optimistic that we would see development coming to Hawthorn Woods very soon.

Ms. Newton also discussed her experience with conservation based zoning and development. She mentioned to the Commission that Mundelein Park District recently annexed some of Hawthorn Woods property into their district and that she was pursuing the formation of our own park district.

Ms. Rein suggested we conduct an analysis of towns we would like to emulate, looking at what makes them viable and what goals and objectives these communities have established. She suggested we look at demographic trends as well as what residents want as far as character, events, businesses and services.

Ms. Newton suggested we look at the Lakota Plan in a different light. She commented that Long Grove has character that has not been lost in time. We have beautiful landscaping and we should capitalize upon this. Ms. Newton suggested we think about creative, attractive designs so that our community can be a destination point, but not a pass through community.

Ms. Newton suggested the Commission members email Ms. Lobaito with suggestions they would like to see in our town. She suggested holding a public forum in October whereby residents and business owners alike will have the opportunity to be heard.

The Commission discussed looking at a five year financial plan to assist with the revision to the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Newton commented that in order to sustain this Village we need to either bring in more income or spend less, and that the budget has been cut deep at this point. She suggested the Village needs to now focus on building revenue sources.

Mr. Salvi stated he would like to see more of a mix in development, such as retail and industrial.

Ms. Lobaito mentioned that it is all our jobs to educate our residents about the importance of community sustainability and that we need to rethink the value of a community made up primarily of one acre lots with no mix in development.

The Commission members were asked to put talk to their friends and neighbors about themes and concepts they would like to see the Village consider.

Ms. Rein commented that Mr. Goebel sent a letter suggesting that the Route 53 expansion and the Village's position on it should be a part of the Comprehensive Plan revision.

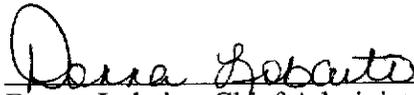
VII. Adjournment

Motion by Kaiser, second by LaGro to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote the motion carried unanimously. There being no further business before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.



Susy Rein, Chairperson



Donna Lobaito, Chief Administrative Officer