

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING APRIL 25, 2005**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.
Commissioner Gillian was absent.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the minutes from the previous regular Council meeting be passed without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Art McGrath of 7715 Wilcox expressed concern that the demolition company at the Abel-Howe Development will be using a concrete crusher at the site. He stated that he reviewed the permit and that the permit does not include any request for a crusher. Mr. McGrath has noticed that the crew seems to be stockpiling the concrete and that a conveyor is on site in preparation for crushing. His concern is that there will be excessive noise and dust from the crushing operation, if there is one.

Gloria Backman of 7452 Warren #4, expressed concern about the request by the Madison Commons Development for the designation of two 15 minute parking spaces on Madison Street. Ms. Backman is in favor of the establishment of a set of criteria and standards for the designation of 15 minute parking spaces. She also questioned how we could determine the need for 15 minute parking since the building is "nowhere near occupancy". Ms. Backman also expressed concern that there would be an enforcement problem and that the parking enforcement officers are already stretched thin.

Jerry Webster of 627 Circle agreed with Ms. Backman regarding the 15 minute parking since the Madison Commons project has 36 retail parking spaces. He suggested that they use the existing parking. Mr. Webster also stated that he petitioned the village for a stop sign at Circle and Lehmer. He stated that the request did not fit the criteria. Mr. Webster agrees that it may be inconvenient for the drivers, but he doesn't care. He witnessed a 3 year old dart across the street this evening. Mayor Calderone informed Mr. Webster if he has a desire for the council to reconsider the request, that he should re-commit that to writing and send it to the council again.

The Rev. Patrick M. Tucker, Pastor of St. Bernardine Church requested permission to close the street on the 800 block of Elgin on Sunday, May 22 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the 6th Annual St. Bernardine Day Festival. He also asked permission to display two banners, one at the Circle and Madison and the other at DesPlaines and Madison. Additionally, he requested a one-day liquor license to sell beer and wine. With the approval of the above requests, they are asking the Department of Public Works to drop off barricades on Friday May 20.

**ST. BERNARDINE DAY
FESTIVAL, MAY 22, 2005
APPROVED**

Commissioner Steinbach stated that in addition to the banners for St. Bernardine Day, there will be another set of banners displayed for Public Works Day being held on Saturday, May 21. There were no objections from Council members. Mayor Calderone directed the Clerk to notify Father Tucker about St. Bernardine Day Festival approval.

Dave Novak, Co-Chairman requested public works, police and fire involvement for the All School Picnic that is being held on Thursday, May 26. Mayor Calderone instructed the clerk to notify the Park District to count us in.

**PUBLIC WORKS, POLICE
AND FIRE DEPARTMENT
TO ASSIST AT ALL
SCHOOL PICNIC ON
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005
APPROVED**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police Department submitted its report for March, 2005.

The Community Center submitted its report for March, 2005.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Resolution providing for the payment of bills be adopted. The Commissioner of Accounts and Finance has reviewed the bills as applicable to each department and found the aggregate amounts to be correct and recommends payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$335,495.85.

**R-23-05
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

**O-15-05
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF A
TIERED APPROACH TO
CORRECTIVE ACTION
AGREEMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to pass an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Tiered approach to corrective action right-of-way agreement for the right-of-way adjacent to the property located at 801 Circle Avenue be adopted.

Commissioner Doolin inquired whether this agreement is related to the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action agreement that was authorized recently for the property located at 7400 W. Harrison Street. Attorney Durkin informed Commissioner Doolin that this agreement has no relation to the previously adopted agreement. It is for a different underground leak at a different address.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that an Ordinance amending Section 2, entitled "One-Way Streets and Alleys", of Chapter 5 entitled "Traffic Schedules" of Title Six, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", designating the first east/west alley north of Madison between Elgin and Marengo One-Way westbound for through traffic be adopted.

**O -16-05
ORDINANCE DESIGNATING
THE FIRST EAST/WEST
ALLEY NORTH OF
MADISON BETWEEN ELGIN
AND MARENGO ONE WAY**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding a proposed ordinance to regulate parkway plantings. Commissioner Doolin expressed thanks to Commissioner Steinbach for her hard work on the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Doolin also stated that he would prefer to see a 60-70% turf coverage provision rather than the proposed 35%. He felt that a 65% allowance for improvement coverage is excessive. Commissioner Hosty asked whether the percentage allocation would be combined for wider lots. Commissioner Steinbach stated that it would be a combined allocation. Commissioner Doolin stated that he

**DISCUSSION REGARDING
PROPOSED PARKWAY
PLANTING ORDINANCE**

would rather see a 24" height restriction than the 36"

afforded in the ordinance. He also expressed his opposition to any structures being built and planters and irrigation being installed in any parkway. Mayor Calderone inquired about existing irrigation systems. It is believed that there are only a handful of existing lawn irrigation systems. Commissioner Hosty added that should the height restriction be amended to read 24 inches, that would affect the maximum planter height and that the ordinance would need to be revised so that the total height of all plant and or plant/container height would be no more than 24 inches. Mayor Calderone questioned whether there was a conflict between sections 8 and 11. Section 8 describes what type of parkway treatments are included and section 11 describes what types of parkway treatments are prohibited. Commissioner Steinbach explained that Section 8 is just describing the different "possible types" and that Section 11 is prohibiting treatment types. Mayor Calderone suggested that the village attorney take a look at the language to make it clearer. Attorney Durkin stated that he would have had Section 8 read "Requests for installation of parkway treatments will be reviewed by the Director of Public Works" and Section 11 b would say what material that you can use and 11f would say what material is absolutely prohibited. Mayor Calderone noted that in Section 15 it reads "Current parkway treatments and planting containers will be allowed to remain if they are in good condition". He inquired about how the Village will know what is current to establish a starting point? Commissioner Hosty asked if current parkway treatments and planting containers will be required to adhere to the height restrictions. Commissioner Doolin stated that it is our intention to require permits to install parkway treatments and/or planters. That would be the way we would regulate this ordinance. Commissioner Doolin suggested that it may be helpful to print a pamphlet to help the residents understand the "Dos and Don'ts" of the ordinance and that we should add language requiring permit. Mayor Calderone asked if the Village will charge for the permit. Commissioner Doolin suggested a \$5.00 nominal fee to be charged for the permit. Mayor Calderone asked whether a resident will be applying for a permit at the Building Department or the Public Works Department. Commissioner Hosty advised that it makes sense to apply at the Building Department. Attorney Durkin asked whether it is the Council's intention to require property owners with existing parkway improvements to apply for a permit or be grandfathered in. Commissioner Doolin stated that requiring permits would be the only way to document and it would trigger the review by the Public Works Department. Commissioner Doolin also suggested assigning the parkway inspections to one employee for consistency purposes. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the intent is that existing parkway improvements that are in disrepair would be required to fall in line with the ordinance. If a property owner is

maintaining the existing improvements, then they can keep what they have as long as it is not a safety issue. Commissioner Steinbach disagrees with Commissioner Doolin's request to change Section C 2 to 60-70% turf coverage and suggests 50%. Commissioner Hosty agrees with 50% and Commissioner Doolin stated he will also agree to 50%. Commissioner Steinbach does want to allow planters in the parkways, however for consistency's sake, put it in alignment with Section 3. She also stated that if it is the will of the majority of the council to prohibit irrigation, she would go along with that decision. Commissioner Hosty does not have a problem with the planters, however the height should conform with section C and be changed to 24" Commissioner Steinbach stated that she would prefer a 36" height restriction, however if it is the will of the majority of the council to make it 24", she will agree to that. Mayor Calderone asked what towns we consulted to compare ordinances. Commissioner Steinbach responded that Sally Cody compiled a list from West Cook Municipal Conference and we looked in a construction book relating to safety issues and landscaping. Commissioner Steinbach expressed thanks to her husband for his help on this project. Commissioner Doolin stated that landscaping aesthetics is subjective and it can be hard to regulate something that is so subjective and that it is hard to maintain. Mayor Calderone does understand the challenge because beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. Attorney Durkin stated that the Village will need to be permitted to ticket or fine people who don't pull permits. He added that we would need to be able to ticket a property owner who did not comply when plantings are not maintained properly and need to be removed. Mayor Calderone suggested that we have the staff do some work over the next couple of weeks and come back with a revised proposed ordinance.

A discussion ensued regarding a proposed ordinance to designate two 15 minute parking spaces along the north side of the 7300 block of Madison. Mayor Calderone noted that this request came from the Village Administrator. He added that it is his policy that any time there is a request for altering any type of parking spaces, that these matters be referred to the traffic and safety committee. Mayor Calderone stated that he is not in favor of the 15 minute parking at this location and that the Council had already asked the Traffic and Safety Committee to come up with a policy addressing this issue. It probably is not most efficient for each request to come to the Council and the Council reacting to each request on a case-by-case basis. He suggested that we give the Traffic and Safety Committee ample time to develop a policy to assist the

**DISCUSSION REGARDING
REQUEST TO DESIGNATE
TWO FIFTEEN MINUTE
PARKING SPACES ON THE
NORTH SIDE OF THE 7300
BLOCK OF MADISON**

Council in making these types of decisions in the future. Commissioner Doolin stated that he is also not in favor of designating two 15 minute spaces. He would like to see if the project owners can utilize their 36 designated parking spaces and he feels that this is very premature at this point.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach to deny the request for two 15 minute parking spaces on the north side of the 7300 block of Madison Street.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Hosty

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone stated that he would check on the status of the request of the Traffic and Safety Committee to develop parking policies.

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement for consultant's service between the Village and Robert H. Anderson & Associates, Inc.

Commissioner Doolin inquired if this agreement allows for input from the Village Council with regard to specific projects. Attorney Durkin responded that if elected officials have concerns or input, they would need to communicate that to the Village Administrator and the Village Administrator would express those ideas to Mr. Matt Gaunt. Commissioner Doolin asked if the cost of the services would be borne by the Village or the developer. Mayor Calderone stated that it is our goal to recapture as much of the expense from developers as possible. Commissioner Doolin asked if the Department of Public Health and Safety would be using this agreement to fill in the gap in the interim between now and the time we fill the Department Head position. Commissioner Hosty responded that yes, we would use this as an immediate fill, however he would like the consultant to be utilized after the position is filled to free up the new Department Head to perform their usual duties, as the cost will be reimbursed by Developers. Commissioner Steinbach asked if the billing rate for Ms. Charlton is the rate for senior project engineer/planner. Administrator Michael J. Sturino answered yes. There being no further discussion, Mayor Calderone asked for roll call by the Clerk.

**REQUEST FOR TWO 15
MINUTE PARKING SPACES
ON THE NORTH SIDE OF
THE 7300 BLOCK OF
MADISON
DENIED**

**R-24-05
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AND AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT WITH
ROBERT H. ANDERSON &
ASSOCIATES, INC.**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and
Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach to direct the Village Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one (1) candidate from its current Police Officer Eligibility List, such employment to be effective July 2, 2005, to fill a vacancy created as a result of the resignation of Officer David Hohl.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and
Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach to authorize the Mayor to execute two (2) lease agreements with Empire Cooler Service, Inc., for the lease of two (2) Hot and Cold Bottled Water Coolers located at the Police Department, subject to the execution of said leases by Empire Cooler Service, Inc.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and
Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillian

The motion carried unanimously.

**VILLAGE BOARD OF FIRE
AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS TO
APPOINT ONE (1) POLICE
OFFICER CANDIDATE
EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2005
APPROVED**

**MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO
SIGN TWO (2) WATER
COOLER LEASE
AGREEMENTS
APPROVED**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Michael Sturino was excited to announce that the New York Times Travel section referred visitors to Oak Park to visit Forest Park to have something to eat after they are through seeing the sights in Oak Park. The article specifically mentioned La Piazza restaurant.

Mr. Sturino reported that the Madison Commons Project second floor units are complete, the third floor units are 90 percent complete and the fourth floor units are being finished now. There is still some exterior work being done on the public way, weather permitting. The closings for the second floor units are starting next week. The project is sold out. There was no other news on the retail.

Commissioner Doolin and Public Works Director Bob Kutak along with our engineer Mike Stirk will be meeting later this week to try to narrow the scope of the infrastructure improvement project based on the funding that is believed to be available. Mr. Sturino expressed thanks to Mr. Stirk and Mr. Kutak for their hard work on this project. Commissioner Doolin is eager to move forward. It was discussed at the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting that when we are improving our streets, traffic safety should be an ongoing consideration so that we can engineer for safe, aesthetically pleasing roadways as well as for good traffic planning.

It was reported at the last council meeting that there was talk of another developer stepping in at the Roos Development at Harrison and Circle. Mr. Sturino reported that he has been advised by Armitage Capital Corporation that the proposal is no longer in existence and that the planned development will go ahead as planned. They also indicated that the demolition is scheduled to begin next week.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Hosty reported that the search to replace Nancy Hill as the Director of Public Health and Safety is still ongoing. They have three applications to review and are still working towards that end.

Commissioner Doolin reported that the street sign replacement project has begun. The Public Works department is swapping out the old signs with new signs that display our village logo. The alley sweeping and curb painting has begun as well. Mr. Doolin asked that any requests be passed on to Public Works.

Commissioner Hosty inquired whether we could sell the old signs as a fundraiser. Bob Kutak reported that the signs that have already been replaced have been destroyed and discarded. Bob Kutak was advised to store the old signs going forward.

Mayor Calderone inquired whether we should change the name on the street sign at Constitution Court to Constitution Court rather than Thomas Avenue. Commissioner Hosty advised that there are businesses with an address of Thomas Avenue on Constitution Court.

Commissioner Steinbach reported that the spring tree planting program started today. There will be 40 trees planted that were requested by homeowners. She asked that any requests for parkway trees be forwarded to Katie for next year's list. Today we began our village park inspection program. Three employees took the national park and recreation course to become certified in playground inspection. This will allow our staff to identify and correct any deficiencies. The Public Works department has begun major landscape renovation on the west side of DesPlaines Avenue near the Community Center. This will compliment the landscape plan on the east side of DesPlaines.

Mayor Calderone announced that Dave Novak informed him that the Downhill Derby has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Little League opening day on April 23 was also cancelled due to inclement weather. Dan O'Connor informed Mayor Calderone that the opening day celebration will not be rescheduled as the playing season has already begun.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Steinbach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk