

## **IMPROVEMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**March 6, 2013**



Chairperson Tim Semo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance: Trustees Fred Albertz, Greg Schopp and Tim Semo. Also in attendance: Administrator Mark Johnsrud, Police Chief Gary Bleecker, Utilities Superintendent Peter Hartz and Kevin Lord and Tom Fitzwilliam of MSA, Dan Corrie and Jim Braunschwig of Pioneer Baseball and Amy Schmidt and Song Tran of WDNR.

### **Statement of public notice**

This meeting was posted and noticed according to law.

### **Approve Minutes of February 13, 2013**

An Albertz/Schopp motion carried unanimously to approve February 13, 2013 minutes.

### **Personal Appearances (limit two minutes per person)**

None

### **Discussion & Recommendation – Facility Use Policy – Pioneer Baseball – pgs**

An Albertz/Semo motion carried unanimously to place Discussion & Recommendation – Facility Use Policy – Pioneer Baseball ahead of Discussion – Sewer Utility -2014 Discharge Permit – Phosphorus limits on agenda.

Tim Semo questioned Dan Corrie of the Pioneers to discuss offer to the Village Board on the use of Firemans ballfield for the 2013 season. Dan Corrie indicated that the Pioneers are withdrawing the offer of \$750 to cover the cost of 13 night games and 8 day games at Firemans Park and a temporary liquor license, publication fees of liquor license and the general park fee to sell alcohol within the park.

Greg Schopp asked Dan Corrie about the Pioneers contribution to the use of the park. Jim Braunschwig responded with a question “Are you questioning what I do for the park?” Braunschwig responded that he puts in a lot time making the ballfield look nice including taking money out of his own pocket to buy some fertilizer or gas for the infield grooming machine. Jim Braunschwig left at 5:50 p.m.

Tim Semo asked if Attorney Hammes had provided a memo on the transfer of the ballfield in 1996. Johnsrud indicated that he had not received a memo yet however the infield maintenance agreement attached to Resolution 16-96 reads that the Pioneers are responsible for 25% of the total cost of maintenance with JC Youth Baseball Association and JC Schools each responsible for 25% with the Village responsible for 25%. However, the agreement while approved by the Village Board was never signed by the other parties. Dan Corrie said that he was aware of the agreement. Tim Semo said that the cost of infield mix, electrical costs of lighting, chalk and water for field totaled \$3,760 in 2012. 25% of this is \$940. Dan Corrie said the Pioneers will not pay that. Corrie reiterated that the Pioneers are a local team that the community supports and should not have to pay to play at Firemans Park.

Greg Schopp indicated that it is not fair to other residents who reserve our parks and the Community Center to pay fees if the Pioneers are not to pay fees. If all fees were eliminated and the lost revenue was placed on the taxes it would raise taxes by \$10 on a \$200,000 home.

Schopp questioned why the Pioneers could not become a part of the Joint Recreation Program. Corrie said that he has not had a chance to discuss this but the Joint Recreation Program would not likely cover the costs of playing in the Rock River League including the \$160 per game cost of umpires, bats, balls and uniforms.

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Johnsrud said the Joint Recreation Program does not work that way. The costs are paid from budgeted contributions from the school and the village. All costs would be covered for the Pioneers to play however; each Pioneer player would be charged a fee to cover costs. Johnsrud cited an example where the 6<sup>th</sup> grade football participation fee will be \$140 for 2013 under the Joint Recreation Program.

Fred Albertz explained that while the Village has a history with the Pioneers there needs to be some give and take here. Some fees should apply. Dan Corrie said he needed a decision tonight or will look at other options. Tim Semo said that this committee will only make a recommendation to the Village Board which is scheduled to meet on March 25, 2013.

Johnsrud suggested that due to the animosity expressed between the parties at this meeting that this standing committee meeting may not be the best venue to negotiate a settlement. Johnsrud suggested that Dan Corrie, himself and one member of I & S meet to discuss differences and report back to I & S.

An Albertz/Semo motion to meet with Dan Corrie, Tim Semo and Administrator Johnsrud on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and report findings back to I&S Committee carried unanimously to approve.

### **Discussion – Sewer Utility – 2014 Discharge Permit – Phosphorus limits**

Pete Hartz reviewed the memorandum from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) on proposed phosphorus limits for the Johnson Creek wastewater treatment plant. Hartz explained that these limits will be used to determine the Villages new discharge limits for the Johnson Creek wastewater treatment plant for January of 2014. Phosphorus discharge limits will be included to comply with total TDML limits within the Rock River watershed.

Amy Schmidt of the WDNR spoke on the Phosphorus limits based on the Rock River watershed to include all point source discharge, such as the Johnson Creek wastewater treatment plant, as well as agricultural discharge limits, and urban runoff limits. The goal is to get the entire watershed to meet limits of Phosphorus. Johnsrud asked Schmidt to explain “What Phosphorus is and why it needs to be reduced?” Schmidt said that Phosphorus is an element that is a nutrient within the water causing algae bloom in waterways and dead zones in the Gulf of Mexico. Johnsrud asked “Why the WDNR is in charge of regulating Phosphorus?” Schmidt stated that if the WDNR does not develop a plan to reduce Phosphorus the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has indicated that they will provide mandated discharge limits under the Clean Water Act of 1973. Johnsrud asked to clarify the ability of a point source discharge to mitigate Phosphorus within the entire Rock River watershed rather than at the discharge point such as the Johnson Creek wastewater treatment plant. Tom Fitzwilliams of MSA, said that the Village may reduce phosphorus from other non-point source areas within the Rock River watershed which may reduce costs. Johnsrud asked if there is any risk to the EPA changing the rules of the wastewater discharge permit in the future to require tighter phosphorus limits once the Village mitigated elsewhere within the watershed. Schmidt indicated that risk of having to reduce phosphorus limits within the Johnson Creek discharge permit again is possible if the point source is mitigated from other sources.

Johnsrud stated that large communities such as Milwaukee may have to mitigate non-point source areas including agricultural sources within the Milwaukee River watershed however Johnson Creek should not risk mitigating Phosphorus elsewhere in the Rock River watershed to meet Phosphorus TDML and should development a plan to mitigate Phosphorus at the wastewater treatment plant discharge point.

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Tom Fitzwilliams agreed that the Village may be able to meet the permit needs until 2017 by just “tweaking” chemical additives to meet limits. A facility plan will be needed to meet both Village waste water needs and permit discharge limits after 2017.

Fred Albertz said that the Village should be planning for the future of the Wastewater Treatment plant. It is irresponsible to the rate payers today and in the future to not develop a facility plan to meet future needs. Albertz asked if Johnsrud, Hartz and MSA could discuss a plan of action and report back to the I&S Committee in the future.

### **Communication – Thundercat Baseball**

Tim Semo asked if Thundercat Baseball had contacted the Village. Johnsrud said that he has not received any correspondence from Thundercat Baseball. Fred Albertz said that he was disappointed by the comments made about Thundercat Baseball regarding donations at the last Village Board meeting.

### **Centennial Park Little League Field – Removal of Sod Infield**

Johnsrud stated that the Park Committee had requested that the Village Board permit the little league field at Centennial Park to be modified by removing the infield sod and moving the baseline pegs to permit multi-use of the field. The baselines could then be adapted for pony league or league play.

Johnsrud said that the DPW could cut the infield sod out, replace with infield mix and groom.

A Schopp/Albertz motion carried unanimously to recommend to the Village Board the removal of the infield sod on the little league field at Centennial Park.

### **Adjourn**

A Schopp/Albert motion carried to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

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Tim Semo, Chair  
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