

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

Monday, October 26, 2015
6:00 P.M.

Village Hall Board Room
40 East Center Avenue

A G E N D A

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

III. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors (Public Comment)

The Committee-of-the-Whole allocates fifteen (15) minutes during this item for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the Committee-of-the-Whole on any matter not listed on the agenda. Each person addressing the Committee-of-the-Whole is asked to limit their comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

IV. General Business

The Committee-of-the-Whole will entertain requests from anyone present to modify the order of business to be conducted.

- i. Consideration of the Minutes from the September 14, 2015 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
- ii. An Update from Christopher Burke Engineering Ltd. Regarding the Phase 1 Study of the U.S. Route 41/Illinois Route 176 Interchange.

V. Adjournment

*R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator*

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**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Village of Lake Bluff Board of Trustees met as a Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) in the Village Hall Board Room (40 East Center Avenue) on Monday, September 14, 2015. Village President O'Hara called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Village Clerk Aaron Towle called the roll and announced the following were present:

Village President: Kathleen O'Hara

Trustees: Barbara Ankenman
Steve Christensen
Mark Dewart
Eric Grenier
John Josephitis
William Meyer

Also Present: Aaron Towle, Village Clerk
Drew Irvin, Village Administrator
Andrew Fiske, Village Attorney
David Belmonte, Chief of Police
Jake Terlap, Public Works Superintendent
Jeff Hansen, Village Engineer
Michael Croak, Building Codes Supervisor
Brandon Stanick, Assistant to the Village Administrator

Non-Agenda Items and Visitors

President O'Hara stated the COW allocates 15 minutes for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the COW on any matter not listed on the agenda.

There were no requests to address the COW.

Consideration of the Minutes from the August 24, 2015 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

Trustee Josephitis moved to approve the August 24, 2015 COW Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed on an unanimous voice vote.

Continued Discussion Regarding Outdoor Construction and Property Maintenance Regulations

President O'Hara introduced the agenda item and stated the purpose of tonight's discussion is to revisit and reach a decision regarding any desire to change or establish hours of operation for lawn maintenance activities.

Village Administrator Drew Irvin reported the matter is being considered by the Board as a result of a handful of calls from residents received by the Village each year. Police Chief David Belmonte confirmed there were 10 citations issued in 2014 regarding noise violations. He stated it would benefit the Police Department in its enforcement of noise violations if the Code had specific provisions concerning the use of landscape maintenance equipment in addition to leaf blowers. Village Administrator Irvin stated officers currently use construction hours as a baseline for enforcement. A discussion ensued.

Trustee Meyer expressed support to create permissible lawn maintenance hours that are consistent with the Village's construction hours.

Trustee Josephitis noted leaf blowers are currently not consistent with construction hours. Police Chief Belmonte expressed his preference for all lawn maintenance and construction hours to be consistent for enforcement reasons.

Trustee Meyer stated he favors Lake Forest's approach as its consistent across outdoor maintenance activities. A discussion ensued regarding hours for leaf blowers, construction hours and lawn mowers.

Village Attorney Andrew Fiske stated in prosecuting violations in Highland Park educating companies can be the most difficult component and expressed his understanding that making the hours for construction, leaf blowers and lawn maintenance equipment all similar would be efficient for enforcement.

Trustee Ankenman stated if the goal is to have more peace and quiet then the Village shouldn't allow leaf blowers to operate earlier in the day.

Trustee Dewart expressed his interest in having all "power equipment" used for landscape maintenance activities be the same.

Trustee Grenier expressed his preference to keep noise to a minimum and recommended power equipment only be operated between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, and on weekends, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Christensen stated he is sensitive to Police Chief Belmonte's request, but does not believe a change is needed in response to the small number of complaints received by the Village.

Following additional discussion regarding the matter, President O'Hara polled the group and summarized the consensus to review a draft ordinance to:

- Not change existing construction hours of Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sundays/holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
- Create powered (gas and electric) landscape equipment regulations from May 15 to September 30, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on weekends/holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
- Extend permissible hours for leaf blowers to end at 6:00 p.m.; and
- Exempt snow blowers from regulations.

Village Administrator Irvin stated Staff will prepare draft regulations to be shared with local landscapers and present a draft to the COW at a future meeting.

Adjournment

As no further business came before the COW, Trustee Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 21, 2015

To: President O'Hara and Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: Drew Irvin, Village Administrator
Jeff Hansen, Village Engineer

Subject: An Update from Christopher Burke Engineering Ltd. Regarding the Phase 1 Study of the U.S. Route 41/Illinois Route 176 Interchange.



On Monday night Village Engineering Consultant Marty Worman, P.E. from Christopher B. Burke & Associates will give a presentation on the progress of the Phase I study for the Rt. 41/Rt. 176 project. During the public meeting on September 20, 2012 two alternate designs were presented. Mr. Worman will discuss the process that led to the ultimate selection of the preferred design alternate and the major points of the design. Mr. Worman will also (i) summarize the comments from the public hearing that was held at the Lake Bluff Elementary School on June 25, 2015, (ii) outline the steps remaining to complete the Phase 1 Study, and (iii) describe the future phases of the project.