

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
JOINT PLAN COMMISSION & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
SPECIAL MEETING**

JUNE 27, 2017

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Kraus called to order a special meeting of the Joint Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA) of the Village of Lake Bluff on Tuesday, June 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Conference Room (40 E. Center Avenue).

The following members were present:

Members: Sam Badger
David Burns
Leslie Bishop
Elliot Miller
Steven Kraus, Chair

Absent: Mary Collins
Gary Peters

Also Present: Glen Cole, Assistant to the Village Administrator

2. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors

Chair Kraus stated the PCZBA allocates 15 minutes for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the PCZBA on any matter not listed on the agenda.

There were no requests.

3. Comprehensive Plan Workshop

Chair Kraus introduced the Comprehensive Plan workshop process and stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to review the progress made at the May comprehensive plan workshop and to continue to develop the Transportation section of the Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Kraus lead a workshop through the presented Goals, Plan Elements, and Implementation Steps for review. The consensus of the PCZBA regarding the implementation steps presented was:

- To identify Viaduct improvements as necessary, with the understanding that opportunities to do so may be limited; the ultimate solution may be to widen the Viaduct;
- To consider traffic calming techniques, including a roundabout, at the sweeping curve of East Sheridan Road in the vicinity of Cambridge Lane and Moffett Road.
- That Rt. 176 west of Mariani's should be widened to four lanes, but should remain at two lanes east of Mariani's indefinitely. Additionally, a longer left turn from eastbound Rockland to northbound Green Bay should be considered.
- To request a survey of bus and shuttle service accommodating passengers at the train station.

- The PCZBA elected to examine beautification of thoroughfares and community gateways in a different segment of the Comprehensive Plan.
- That the designated pick-up and drop-off area at the Metra station should be designed for vehicles to stage at an improved Moffett Road entry, and to consider reducing the paid parking hours at the Metra parking lot to accommodate CBD parking more effectively.
- To pursue major pedestrian and bicycle improvements, including:
 - Underpasses at the Sheridan railroad crossing, Blodgett, and Green Bay / 176.
 - A bicycle path over Route 41 to the Sanctuary
 - A shared use path on Blodgett from Green Bay to Sheridan, including a non-grade crossing at Green Bay Road.
 - A bridge from Mawman to east of Bath and Tennis, over both sets of railroad tracks.
- To maintain Lillian Dells path as a rustic, undeveloped, secluded pathway not linked to Sunrise Park and the Lake Bluff beaches.
- Not to separately identify traffic concerns at IL 176 / Green Bay and IL 176 and the western Village limit as areas of continuing concern.
- Not to continue to explore transportation demand management strategies for the Business Park.
- To continue to investigate a trail between Tangley Oaks and the Union Pacific right-of-way (north-south) which would connect Campbell Court to Blodgett Avenue using LCDOT's right of way.
- Not to dispose of Sunset Terrace from West Hawthorne to West Prospect as contemplated at the last meeting, but instead to build a bicycle path.
- To investigate regional transportation efforts via PACE suburban bus with Lake Forest.
- To affirm changes to the traffic patterns (one-way/two-way) for Oak and Sylvan streets.

The PCZBA also reached a consensus:

- At the policy level, to review, rather than dispose, of excess rights-of-way identified throughout the Village.
- To revise the Vision statement of the Transportation section.
- To require developers to provide appropriate access to Shore Acres as the area is developed.
- Not to permit golf carts on Village streets.
- To explore the provision of electric charging stations in public spaces, particularly the train station.
- To consider realigning the entry to Tangley Oaks to add a signal at the intersection.
- To pursue conversion of the Union Pacific freight line spur located between the East Terrace subdivision and the Bath and Tennis Club to a pedestrian or bicycle path if railroad operations cease on the spur.
- To construct shared use paths that link both “loops” of the Business Park to enable bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the Park.
- To explore planning and engineering options that better link the Sanctuary to the Village through the Knollwood unincorporated area.

4. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the PCZBA, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Cole
Assistant to the Village Administrator