Public Services & Safety Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
August 5, 2020

Village of Homer Glen
14240 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491
Village Board Room
1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by co-chairman Carlo Caprio.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Members present at 6:33 p.m. were Co-chairman Broque Backal, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Homer Township Fire Protection District Chief Chris Locacius, Will County Sheriff’s Department Lt. Jim Holuj, Northwest Homer Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Todd Fonfara, and EMA Director John Robinson. Also present was staff liaison Chief Building Official Joe Baber.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

None

5. Minutes.

a) July 1, 2020

Co-chairman Carlo Caprio stated that the minutes from the July 1, 2020 Public Services & Safety Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Co-chairman Broque Backel asked that a correction to his misspelled name be made in the minutes. Joe Baber apologized for the mistake and he would make corrections. Chris Locacius made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2020 meeting; seconded by Broque Backel. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports and Communications.

a) Chairman's Report

None

b) Fire District Reports.

Homer Township Fire Protection District reported they may attempt to resume limited public education. It was also mentioned the Fire District, Will County Sheriff's Department, and representatives from the Village of Homer Glen met with Konow's and Bengston's in regards to their plans for their fall festivals.

c) Will County Sheriff Report.
Lt. Jim Holuj expressed appreciation and thank you for the First Responder luncheon. He also stated there still is a problem with vehicle thefts in the area.


John Robinson reported EMA has resumed their meetings and training schedule. He reminded that a tornado siren is in the plans for the O'Malley subdivision planned along Hadley Rd.

e) Homer Township Road District Report.

None

f) Development Services Director Report.

Mike Salamowicz reported the Gas and Wash located at 159th and Gougar has received a conditional building permit. The light has been installed in Heritage Circle which has a lower lumen than the existing lighting. It has been installed for comparison purposes. The new speed limit signage has been installed on 151st.

g) Building Official Report.

Joe Baber reported he had received a request for some traffic calming signage in the Chickasaw Hills subdivision. The committee reiterated these can be installed at Village staff’s discretion.

7. Public Comments.

Resident John Lobick commented that he had looked at the FEMA maps along Long Run Creek and said it appears they may not be accurate. Mike Salamowicz stated this is sometimes due to factors in the data used during the production of the maps.

Dave Johnson, also a Long Run Creek area resident, volunteered to contact people along the creek to get feedback as it pertains to the clean-up letters sent out to residents. Joe Baber said he will forward additional information to Mr. Johnson.

8. Old Business.

a) 151st Speed Limit Reduction Implementation Update- Carlo Caprio stated he supported the lowering of the speed limit to 35 mph based on Heritage Park and the future plans for the areas along 151st. He liked the message boards and asked if there was a speed sign on 151st east of Bell.

b) Lawn Mowing and Maintenance of Landscape Areas within the 159th St. Right-of-way from Will-Cook Rd. to Gougar Rd.- Mike Salamowicz presented information pertaining to the maintenance of the 159th street corridor. Two bids were received, Beary Landscape Maintenance and Christy Webber & Company, and a summary of
the costs was presented. A motion to recommend approval of a multi-year contract with Beary Landscape for lawn mowing and maintenance of the 159th St. right-of-way, from Will/Cook Rd. to Gougar Rd. was made by Chris Locacius, seconded by Broque Backal. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Parker S curve signage update – Discussion occurred regarding various options for improved signage, lighting, or safety features for the Parker S curve. Mike DeVivo stated he would have a traffic engineering study done for the location and report back to the committee.

d) Heritage Circle Traffic Calming Status – The speed humps were temporarily installed and various types of first responder equipment drove over the humps. Discussion occurred that this is a unique type of roadway. Parking is different than on other streets and it is really a non-residential roadway within a park. A motion was made by Chris Locacius to install the speed humps on Heritage Circle, second by Carlo Caprio. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Long Run Creek Clean-up Update- Carlo Caprio gave a brief update that information is still being gathered from residents in response to the letters which were sent out. It was recommended that the time period for responses to the letter be extended until September 10th. Mike Salamowicz stated the culverts have been inspected along the creek and are in good working condition.


a) Crystal Lake Drive Stop Sign Bar installation recommendation – Joe Baber stated the Village has received a request from Crystal Lake Estates residents for the installation of a stop sign bar and crosswalk markings on the pavement at the stop sign locations on Crystal Lake Drive. After discussion that this is not been policy to make the pavement at stop signs and crosswalk markings would also not be normal policy due to the fact there are no sidewalks or trail crossings at this location. A motion was made by Chris Locacius, second by John Robinson to deny these requests. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Haas Rd./Lauffer Rd./Bruce Rd. Yield Sign Request- Discussion occurred regarding the placement of a yield or stop sign at this intersection. A motion was made by Carlo Caprio, second by John Robinson to have a traffic study done for this location. The motion passed unanimously.

c) 151st & Eagle Ridge Dr. Crosswalk – The Village had received a request for crosswalk markings be placed at the trail crossing at 151st and Eagle Ridge Drive. There is a stop sign at this location. After discussion by the committee is was recommended this item be tabled and additional information be gathered in regards to the current policies for pavement markings at crosswalks.
10. Adjournment.

Motion by Broque Backal, seconded by John Robinson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joseph D. Baber
Chief Building Official