

Village of Prairie Grove
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2007

1. Call to Order: President Breseman called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Roll Call: Trustees Behm, Connelly, Duda, Greenwald, Robak and President Breseman all present. Trustee Baudin absent.
Administrator Smith, Clerk Minor, Attorney McArdle, and Jon Joy with Westminster Swanson also present.

3. Public Comment:

Robert Remsing, 3001 Fawn Trail, is against any potential increase in the speed limit. He believes the lowering of the speed limit has reduced the amount of cut through traffic. This seems to be the only thing that has had any impact on the people who cut through the Village.

Rich Rose, 4619 Valley View Road, Mr. Rose has collected 49 signatures on a petition against increasing the speed limit in the Village. He would like to see the Village Board rescind the survey.

Mike Forti, 2480 Barreville Road, echoes Rich Rose's statements. He also stated that in a Village like Prairie Grove with many horses, the horses have the rights of a pedestrian.

Ted Gebeau, 3707 Barreville Road, He is not in favor of increasing the speed limit. He also stated that the enforcement has been good.

Bill Crawford, 3431 Wirth Trail, Mr. Crawford stated that he believes the reason the survey was put out was because someone got a ticket and they were unhappy. The notion that if the speed limit were increased it would make the roads safer when passing a cyclist, is absurd.

Dean Bianco, 3707 Hillview Drive, Mr. Bianco stated that the reason he brought this up to the Village was because our roads have become more of a bike path.

Rich Rose also stated that the speed limit signs would be of a significant cost to the Village.

Karen Strand, 3904 Valley View Road, She echoes most of the statements this far. She is concerned that with continued development, there will be additional traffic. She would like to see the Village consider signs at the intersections of Barreville and Nish and Valley View and Nish Roads limiting the turn access.

Marc Winnig, Burton's Bridge Resident, stated that he is guilty of cutting through the Village. He believes that no matter what happens to the speed limit people will still cut through. He also stated that the real reason he came tonight was regarding the zoning change for Pease on his Rt. 176 parcel. He stated that they appreciated the testimony given by Prairie Grove at the last County hearing. Pease and Mancini are only asking for a zoning change of B-1 at this time. This piece of property is currently zoned R-1 in the County. He stated that certain businesses would bring great risk to the nearby residents. Wells are also of great concern. He is asking the Village Board for support in order to force a super majority vote at the County Board level.

President Breseman stated that if he was looking for the Village Board to file an objection they couldn't do it tonight because it isn't on our agenda. President Breseman then polled the Village Board to see where they stood on this issue. The Village Board definitely agreed in supporting this issue.

Trustee Greenwald stated that Prairie Grove is concerned for it's neighbors and Prairie Grove has spent some money on helping Burton's Bridge.

President Breseman stated that the Village Board would work on this and that we may need a Special Meeting.

President Breseman asked the Village Board their opinion on the traffic issue.

Trustee Connelly stated that he has no desire to change any of the speed limits at this time.

Trustee Behm stated that he agrees we shouldn't have put this survey in the newsletter from one person's complaint.

Trustee Duda stated that he would not support changing the speed limit.

Trustee Greenwald stated that he did not support increasing the speed limit from day one. He stated that 10 miles per hour makes a big difference. It also makes the Village safer and quieter.

Administrator Jeannine Smith stated that it was only a survey. This was our second survey put out in the newsletters and it provides the Village with good feedback from the residents.

President Breseman stated that he was never in support of increasing the speed limit. He stated that the Village might need to look into traffic calming measures, 3 or 4 years down the road. He doesn't regret asking the residents to respond to a survey. There was no anxiety on the Village's end. He regrets not receiving any phone calls regarding the survey.

Bob Remsing, 3001 Fawn Trail stated that families are at risk and this is why there is anxiety.

President Breseman stated that there was no evil intent on the Village's part. The Village just wanted to interact with the residents.

Keith McConnell, Planning & Zoning Commission had some questions regarding the pedestrian trail plan modifications. The Wildflowers Agreement will be discussed during old business on the agenda.

4. Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Greenwald to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2007 and Special Working Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2007 with changes, the Expenditure Reports of April 10, 2007 and the Revenues for March 2007. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Behm, Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

5. Committee Reports and meeting dates:

Trustee Greenwald commented on the DUI, fatality on Rt. 31. He stated that the Police and staff handled it well. Administrator Smith stated that a report is being compiled by the Village Engineer based on traffic citations issued on Rt. 31 for the last 3 years. This report will be delivered to Senator Althoff who will present it to IDOT at the end of the month to address the recent fatalities and other traffic control issues along this route.

MADD is honoring Officer Szarowicz for being one of McHenry County's top 10 officers making DUI arrests. Two years ago he was also honored.

6. Staff/Consultant reports or comments:

a. Request for funding for Employee IMRF Benefits: Administrator Smith is asking the Village Board to discuss this in closed session.

7. Old Business/Board Comments:

a. Timberhill Subdivision, Bill Franz:

Administrator Smith stated that she recently had a meeting with the Village Engineer, Pat Bleck and Manhard Engineering representing Bill Franz. The as built drawings for Timberhill were presented as requested. Issues regarding storm sewers and detention basins still need to be resolved. Pat Bleck stated that some calculations that were represented in Manhard's report need to be clarified. Pat stated that for the most part all things concur with Manhard's results.

Administrator Smith met with McHenry County Department of Health regarding Timberhill. She stated that there are 25 lots in Timberhill where additional easements are needed. Each lot will need to be addressed individually. Administrator Smith will send a letter to all Timberhill residents.

Bill & Linda Young, Lot 67 Timberhill will need a change in their septic area. Linda Young stated that they paid a premium for this lot and she is not interested in making any changes. She would like to see the developer do his job right in the first place. The County looks for ½ acre of suitable septic soil. The existing pipe could be vacated and capped and new pipe could be installed.

Mr. Franz stated that he would move the pipe and cover the cost.

(Trustee Baudin arrived at 8:45 PM)

The County would give approval for the Young's septic permit once they receive a letter from our Village Engineer.

Administrator Smith stated that the new plans for Timberhill should be approved at the Board level. This will be working towards the dedication of Timberhill. Pat Bleck is okay with issuing permits on a case by case basis.

Mr. Franz promised the Young's that he would get going on their lot right a way.

Trustee Duda stated that he would work with Administrator Smith planning the next Town Hall Meeting.

b. Motion to approve an ordinance authorizing execution of Amended Annexation Agreement with Prairie Grove 1078 SPE, LLC (Westminster Swanson, formerly Terra Cotta Property):

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to approve an ordinance authorizing execution of Amended Annexation Agreement with Prairie Grove 1078 SPE, LLC. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Connelly, Duda, Greenwald, Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Motion carries.**

c. Motion to approve an ordinance rezoning Property owned by Prairie Grove 1078 SPE, LLC (Westminster Swanson, formerly Terra Cotta Property):

Motion by Trustee Connelly, 2nd by Trustee Baudin to approve an ordinance rezoning Property owned by Prairie Grove 1078 SPE, LLC. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak and all voted aye. Motion carries.**

d. Motion to approve an ordinance approving the Preliminary Development and Preliminary Subdivision Plat Requirements of Property owned by Prairie Grove 1078 SPE, LLC (Westminster Swanson, formerly Terra Cotta Property):

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to approve an ordinance approving the Preliminary Development and Preliminary Subdivision Plat Requirements of Property owned by Prairie Grove 1078 SPE, LLC. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, Greenwald, Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Trustee Behm voted naye. Motion carries.**

Village Engineer, Pat Bleck will be addressing one issue regarding the pedestrian trail plan. Keith McConnell stated that in neighborhood 2D they have a woodchip trail for pedestrians that will make the existing residents loose privacy in their backyards. During the discussion it was stated that changes could be made before final plat.

Jim Hicks questioned whether AES would part of this project going further.

The Village Board thanked Jon Joy for his dedication to this project.

8. New Business/Board Comments:

a. Motion to Approve Village of Prairie Grove 2007 Zoning Map: Motion by Trustee Behm, 2nd by Trustee Robak to approve the Village of Prairie Grove 2007 Zoning Map. **On a Roll Cote Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Connelly, Duda Greenwald and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

9. Executive Session: Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Robak to enter Executive Session at 8:41 PM to hold a discussion regarding certain Village Personnel. **On a Roll Call Vote all Trustees voted aye. Motion carries.**

10. Adjournment: Motion was made by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to adjourn Village Board Meeting at 9:17 PM. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Connelly, Duda Greenwald and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kim Minor, Village Clerk