

Village of Prairie Grove
Special Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2007

1. Call to Order: President Breseman called the Special Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Roll Call: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald, McConnell, Robak and President Breseman all present. Trustee Duda absent.
Administrator Smith, Clerk Minor and Attorney McArdle also present.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Wildflowers Development Discussion:

Roy MacDowell Jr. came here tonight with his sons and Mark Malouf to formally introduce themselves to the Village Board and to educate themselves with the area. Mr. MacDowell has spent 30 years in this business helping drive the process. Initially he was more of just a financial partner with Westminster Swanson. He would now like a more active roll. He has been involved with construction design, landscape and also the financial end of the business.

President Breseman stated that since he and the Village Board had dedicated the last 3 years working on this project the bar would not be lowered.

Trustee Greenwald stated that the Village Board had been very dedicated on working on this project in the past and that they still are. He asked Mr. MacDowell what type of expectations or timeline he had in mind.

Mr. MacDowell stated that he was in the midst of working on this. He needs to delineate responsibilities and find out if the current consultants are the right people to move this plan forward.

President Breseman stated that they had a wonderful opportunity here to create the downtown of Prairie Grove. This project could turn out really great or really bad. He offered the suggestion of looking at green architecture.

A discussion ensued over the future of the Metra station in Prairie Grove.

Mr. MacDowell stated that he would like to work closely with Prairie Grove and that he is dedicated to bringing the appropriate retail and commercial. He gave the Board his website to visit at legacyfarms.com.

Jim Hicks of Crystal Lake stated that he had witnessed how much time and energy this Board had put in to this project and he asked if every part of the project would be revisited again. Mr. MacDowell stated that he just wanted to introduce himself and get to know the project.

President Breseman thanked everyone for coming.

5. Executive Session:

Motion was made by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Greenwald to enter into Executive Session at 7:33 PM for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

No action taken.

6. Adjournment: Motion was made by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Robak to adjourn this Special Village Board Meeting at 7:53 PM. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kim Minor, Village Clerk