

Minutes of the Property Committee Meeting

The Property Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Bostic, Members Dean, Harding, Cavallini, Ahart and Moss

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

Present: Mr. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management Department;
Mr. Bill Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation

Others Present: None

Chairman Bostic called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman Bostic presented the Minutes of the Tuesday, February 1, 2006 Property Committee Meeting and the January 16, 2007 Stand-up Committee Meeting. Hearing no objections or corrections, Chairman Bostic accepted and placed the minutes on file as submitted.

Mr. Bill Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation, presented a request for approval of an Amendment to the Ordinance adopting and enacting Rules and Regulations pertaining to the public use of all County Parks and Recreational areas to designate Park roads as "Park Zone Streets." He indicated that the Illinois State Legislature recently enacted a law which allows for the enforcement of "Park Speed Zones" in or adjacent to public parks. This Statute allows the County to enforce a 20 MPH, or lower, speed limit.

Mr. Wasson advised that the three areas he is requesting "Park Zone Street" designation are the main Recreation Area Drive which runs from the entrance to the main recreation area and down to Glasener Beach; Camp Ground Lane, which runs throughout the COMLARA Park Campground facility in the main recreation area; and the last quarter mile section of 1300 East Road. These areas are currently posted at the 20 MPH speed limit, or 10 MPH in the campground facilities area.

Mr. Wasson stated that this Statute addresses the issue that, previously, locally implemented speed limits under 30 MPH could only be written as ordinance violations. This new law will allow the County Deputies to write citations as regular IVC Code violations allowing for common court practices to take place relative to the citation.

Mr. Wasson advised that the fines for violation of the "Park Speed Zone" would include an additional \$50.00 to be charged and returned to the Parks and Recreation Department for costs associated with park zone safety. These additional fines should, over time, pay for the cost of new signage related to the speed zones and may assist with other safety related projects.

Mr. Cavallini asked if there are speed bumps at the Park. Mr. Wasson replied that there are some minor speed bumps in the main recreation area, on the Camp Ground Road and on White Oak Road.

Ms. Ahart asked if the Ordinance is raising the COMLARA Park Main Entrance Road from 15 MPH to 20 MPH. Mr. Wasson replied that it has always been posted as 20 MPH, but when they reviewed the previous Ordinance, it was designated at 15 MPH. He indicated 20 MPH is the preferred speed zone.

Mr. Cavallini asked if someone from the County patrols the Park. Mr. Wasson responded that there is a dedicated officer from the Sheriff's Department who patrols the Park. There are also officers assigned by shift to provide additional Park law enforcement protection for Park visitors.

Mr. Cavallini asked if there is a uniform speed zone used by the County Parks and Recreation Department, Lake Bloomington and Moraine View State Park. Mr. Wasson replied that they are all operated by separate agencies. He added that this legislation may bring about more consistent speed zones. Mr. Wasson noted that speed zones in park areas are very similar.

Motion by Ahart/Cavallini to recommend approval of an Amendment to the Ordinance Adopting and Enacting Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Public Use of all County Parks and Recreation Areas to designate Park Roads as "Park Zone Streets."

Motion carried.

Mr. Wasson reported that, following last month's meeting when the requested proposals for public/private ventures were reviewed, the request for proposal has been sent out to interested firms. He stated that news releases have gone out and he has been in contact with local media to put together stories concerning the project. Mr. Wasson indicated that they will attend the Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo on March 7th and Business After-Hours to promote the Public/ Private ventures proposal.

Chairman Bostic asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Wasson.

Mr. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management, reviewed the status report on the multiple-phase renovation of the Law and Justice Center. He noted the following:

- Court Services moved from the 1st floor of the Law and Justice Center and the 6th floor of the Health Department Building to the newly remodeled 7th floor of the Law and Justice Center.
 - The final Occupancy Permit was received today (March 1st).
 - The entire 7th floor is Court Services except for the southwest corner which is an Information Service's computer room.
 - Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services, is very pleased with the Court Services area on the 7th floor.
- Furniture has been removed from the former Court Services area on the 1st floor.
- The asbestos abatement on the walls that contain 2% asbestos will begin on Monday, March 5th.
 - When the asbestos abatement is completed, full demolition on the 1st floor will begin.
- Phase 1 on 1st floor will be a large project, as it involves all of the space formerly occupied by Court Services, CID (Criminal Investigation Division), and the west side of the Sheriff's Department.
- Demolition on 6th floor has begun.
- Phase 1 on 6th floor is a large area that will include the offices of the Public Defender and the State's Attorney.

Mr. Moody estimated that, with the completion of the 7th floor, the project is almost one-third finished. He indicated that there are different dates of completion on each of the floors of the Law and Justice Center.

Mr. Moody stated that when the weather gets better, the main roof will be completed. He noted that the parking lot work will begin in the spring.

Mr. Moody reported that the projects are on schedule.

Ms. Ahart asked if the County makes sure that the contractors and subcontractors employ minorities and women. Mr. Zeunik replied that, under State law, any contractors hired by the Public Building Commission or the County must pay the Prevailing Wage Rate. Mr. Zeunik indicated that, because this is such a large contract, all of the contractors and the subcontractors are union contractors, so they are paying the union Prevailing Wage scale on the contract. He noted that neither the County nor the PBC have the ability to specify what percentage of the total contract must be awarded to minorities or female-owned businesses.

Mr. Moody presented a status report on the renovation of the third floor of the Government Center. He stated that the entire third floor will house the City of Bloomington's Engineering Department. The Engineering Department will move to the third floor March 16-18. Mr. Moody indicated that Mr. Bob Floyd, the Director of Facilities Management for Bloomington, told him that most of the offices will have brand new furniture.

Mr. Moody noted the following:

- The temporary Occupancy Permit inspection by all of the City officials has been performed.
- The Punch List has been filled out and given to the contractors and subcontractors.

Mr. Moody reviewed the Fairview Park landscape project. He stated that, when the weather improves, he will meet with Anthony McCauley, the young "Eagle Scout," who will be designing and completing the landscaping project for his merit badge. Mr. Moody indicated that he would like to have Anthony and his father attend a Property Committee meeting to present the design plan when it is ready.

Mr. Moody provided an update on the status of the power outage at the Health Department facility. He informed the Committee that the new transformer continues to work properly. Mr. Moody stated that he does not have an invoice from the electrical contractor who assisted during the episode. He advised that the manual shut off switch may need some repairs.

Mr. Moody indicated that he has not heard anything from Ameren IP since the letter was sent to the Ameren IP official.

Mr. Moody announced that the State-wide tornado drill is scheduled on Tuesday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Moody stated that Daylight Savings time begins March 11th, which is earlier in the year than in past years. It has also been extended to the first weekend in November.

Mr. Zeunik followed up on the Ameren IP letter, noting that Mr. Peter Millburg, area representative for Ameren IP, called after seeing the article in the newspaper the day after the Board meeting. Mr. Zeunik stated that Mr. Millburg advised that he will confer with his chain of command on how to respond. Mr. Zeunik also noted that Mr. Millburg asked if Ameren IP could meet with the Property Committee. Mr. Zeunik indicated that he assured Mr. Millburg that Ameren IP could certainly meet with the Property Committee, but Ameren IP should be aware that it is an open meeting.

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Chairman Bostic presented the February 28, 2007 Property Committee bills, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Property Committee by the County Auditor. The Property Committee Fund total is \$267,393.27 and the prepaid total is the same.

Motion by Cavallini/Harding to recommend approval of the bills as of February 28, 2007, which have been reviewed and recommend for transmittal by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Bostic asked if there was any other business or communication for the Property Committee. Hearing none, Chairman Bostic adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary