

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON / GRAFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 2009

The Village of Grafton / Grafton School District Liaison Committee meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Village Clerk Teri Dylak.

Members present: Sue Meinecke representing the Village of Grafton and Paul Lorge representing the Grafton School District

Members absent: Scott Volkert

Staff/Officials present: Grafton School District Superintendent Dr. Jeff Pechura, Grafton High School (GHS) Principal Ken McCormick, Grafton Elementary School (GES) Principal Jeff Martyka, John Long Middle School (JLMS) Principal Greg Kabara, Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Village Clerk Teri Dylak and Chief Election Inspector Romelle Nowak

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Principal Martyka, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2008, Liaison Committee meeting, as presented. Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

VOTING - POLL LOCATION

Superintendent Jeff Pechura stated that the School District is interested in finding a location for the election polls that will work for both the District and the Village. They are aware that moving the voting area from one location to another is not in the best interest of the taxpaying residents of Grafton.

Village Clerk Dylak thanked the School District representatives for their willingness to work with the Village on this very important matter. She stated that the poll location for the April Spring election worked well, with minimal complaints from the residents. Chief Election Inspector Nowak agreed that the stage location was a good alternative to the February poll location in the cafeteria. Mrs. Dylak indicated that there are no additional elections in 2009. The next election is tentatively scheduled for the third Tuesday in February, 2010.

Mrs. Dylak stated that she sent letters to both St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Joseph Parish regarding the possible use of their facilities as a polling site. She indicated that she received a response from a representative of St. Paul who

indicated that they would be interested in looking at this option further. Mrs. Dylak did not receive any response from St. Joseph Parish representatives. She also stated that the Village had received a generous offer from Cornerstone Community Church to utilize their new gathering center. Unfortunately, this facility is located in the Town of Grafton which may not be well received by the residents of the Village of Grafton. Mrs. Dylak also indicated that Trustee Meinecke informed her that Pilgrim United Church of Christ has offered to work with the Village on the possible use of their building for a poll location.

Discussion occurred on possible poll locations within the Grafton School District facilities. JLMS Principal Greg Kabara stated that he and Superintendent Pechura had discussed the use of the new gymnasium at JLMS. The building is located at the back of the main school building and has parking on both sides of the building. Access to the area would be directly from the parking lot. There would be minimal disruption to the students, with the exception of during the morning student arrival drop off times.

The continued use of GHS and the possible re-use of GES were also discussed. It was the consensus of those present that the best option for a poll location would be at JLMS. Village Clerk Dylak will work with Principal Kabara to set up a meeting to review the facility. Chief Inspector Nowak and other pertinent staff will also be asked to attend the meeting to determine if JLMS is a viable poll location.

JLMS TENNIS COURTS

Discussion occurred on the possible construction of new tennis courts to replace the courts that are being removed on the Department of Public Works site to accommodate the new salt storage shed.

Principal Kabara stated that JLMS has room to accommodate the construction of up to four tennis courts. There are two possible locations for the courts. One is on the east side of the school building and the other is (west of) near the Ninth Avenue ball diamonds.

Village Administrator Hofland questioned if there was adequate area to accommodate the tennis courts and the parking lot. Principal Kabara stated that, at this time, he has not measured the exact area needed to accommodate the courts and parking lot.

Principal Kabara stated that he has discussed the inclusion of the tennis courts at JLMS with the tennis coach and he is very excited about the proposed project. The Coach indicated that the courts could be utilized by the Club Tennis Team program as well as the students at JLMS. Having four courts would be a benefit to the school program by allowing more students to participate at one time.

Representative Paul Lorge questioned whether the addition of the tennis courts over a portion of the parking lot would create a problem with the facility being

able to provide the required number of parking spaces. Village Administrator Hofland responded that the JLMS parking requirements will be reviewed as this project proceeds.

Village Administrator Hofland stated that the inclusion of tennis courts at JLMS would be beneficial to the School District and the Village. The Parks and Recreation Department tries to maintain a balance of park amenities on the east and west sides of the community. The placement of the courts at JLMS would maintain that balance.

Trustee Sue Meinecke stated that the Parks and Recreation Board has previously discussed the need for additional tennis courts due to the removal of the courts at the Municipal Services Facility. The possible placement of the courts at JLMS will be placed on the next Board meeting scheduled for May 20.

Village Administrator Hofland indicated that Parks and Recreation Director John Safstrom will contact Principal Kabara to discuss this matter and possibly create a draft site plan showing the location of the tennis courts for review at the meeting on May 20.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Village Administrator Hofland indicated that Planner Mary Kay Buratto is working on temporary signage provisions to better regulate the placement of temporary signs. She will be contacting the School District to discuss this matter further.

ADJOURN

Motion by Representative Lorge, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Approved unanimously.