

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 6, 2010

President Brunnquell called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board members present: Jim Grant, Ron LaPean, Richard Rieck, Sue Meinecke, David Liss, Lisa Harbeck, and Jim Brunnquell

Staff / Officials present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Police Chief Charles Wenten, Director of Planning and Development Michael Rambousek, Library Director John Hanson, Village Clerk Teri Dylak and Village Attorney Michael Herbrand

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Grant, to approve the June 21, 2010 Village Board meeting minutes and File the June 15, 2010 Sustainable Grafton Ad Hoc Committee; the June 17, 2010 Historic Preservation Commission; and the June 22, 2010 Plan Commission meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

President Brunnquell reviewed the materials presented for Village Board review.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS

Report of the Plan Commission

Motion by Trustee Rieck, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to approve the Report of the Plan Commission as follows: 1. Ordinance No. 017, Series 2010 - Repealing and recreating Section 19.03.0300 Landscaping and Buffer Development Regulations ordinance in the Village of Grafton Zoning Code.

Director of Planning and Development Michael Rambousek informed the Board that the proposed ordinance was reviewed in detail by the Plan Commission, as well as several area landscape companies. The new language will provide developers with better direction on the Village's landscape requirements.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 017, Series 2010, was approved unanimously.

Report of the Parks and Recreation Board

Director of Parks and Recreation John Safstrom indicated that the Parks and Recreation Board is recommending Village Board approval of a donation of a Mississippi Blues Trail Marker by the Grafton Blues Association. The purpose of the marker is to commemorate the Village of Grafton's role in the blues culture of the 1920s and '30s. Many blues artists of that time recorded at the Paramount Studio in Grafton.

Village Clerk Teri Dylak reviewed the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board. The Board is recommending that the Village Board accept the donation from the Grafton Blues Association of a Mississippi Blues Trail Marker subject to the following conditions: 1. initial placement of the structure to be in Lime Kiln Park - the exact location in the Park is to be determined by Village Staff; 2. upon completion of the Chair Factory Park the sign will be placed in this park at the cost of the Grafton Blues Association.

President Brunnquell questioned if the Grafton Blues Association would be amenable to the Village accepting the donation with a more generic placement location, such as a "Village park". This will enable the Village to review the possibility of TID funding assistance for the structure. In order for an expense to be eligible, it must be within ½ mile of the TID boundary.

Kris Raymond, Grafton Blues Association, questioned how much funding is being considered. President Brunnquell responded that a funding amount has not been yet determined.

Mrs. Raymond briefly described the sign donation. She indicated that there are approximately 95 Mississippi Blues Trail Markers highlighting points of interest, including various blues artists. Until recently, all of the blues trail markers were in the states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Illinois. With the rich blues history of the Village of Grafton there is a proposal to locate one of the markers in Grafton. Each state that has a marker promotes the locations of all of the markers. Approximately 95 trail markers highlighting points of interest, including various blues artists. At this time, all of the blues trail markers are in the states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Illinois. The cost of the signage is \$6,000.00.

Peter Raymond, Grafton Blues Association, questioned if the final location of the sign is at the Chair Factory Park, will the original placement be eligible for TID funding. Village Attorney Michael Herbrand responded that it is unlikely that the initial installation would be eligible; however, the relocation may be covered.

Director Safstrom indicated that the Chair Factory Park is at the ½ mile point from the TID No. 3 boundary.

Mrs. Raymond commented that she does not want the sign to be placed at a location that is not visible or utilized by the public on a regular basis.

Village Administrator Darrell Hofland indicated that the CDA will be reviewing possible funding assistance for this project at their meeting on July 14.

Trustee Grant commented that this donation is a great opportunity for the Village of Grafton to reinforce its rich blues history.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to approve the Report of the Parks and Recreation Board as follows: 1. accept the donation of a Mississippi Blues Trail Marker, from the Grafton Blues Association, subject to the following conditions: 1. initial placement of the structure to be in a "Village Park", and 2. upon completion of the Chair Factory Park the sign will be placed at the Chair Factory Park at the cost of the Grafton Blues Association.

Village Attorney Herbrand indicated that the Grafton Blues Association will be entering into a sponsorship agreement, with the Mississippi Blues Commission, for this project. The agreement addressed issues such as shared use of websites, promotion of the program, insurance coverage, etc. The Village logo will be utilized by the Commission in promoting the sign location. A standard release will be required for shared use of the logo.

The motion to accept the donation of a Mississippi Blues Trail Marker, from the Grafton Blues Association, subject to the conditions listed above, was approved unanimously.

Report of the Sustainable Ad Hoc Committee

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Rieck, to approve the Report of the Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee as follows: 1. Approval to adopt the final version of the Sustainability Guide Plan, as presented.

President Brunquell indicated that the Sustainable Ad-Hoc Committee has been working on this plan for over a year. The purpose of the plan is to promote sustainable practices throughout the community, and specifically within Village department. The report will be utilized as a guideline for Staff to proceed with green initiatives.

The motion to approve the Report of the Sustainable Ad-Hoc Committee was approved unanimously.

LICENSES

Motion by Trustee Rieck, seconded by Trustee Liss, to approve the issuance of Operator's Licenses, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Liss, to deny the issuance of an Operator's license to Samantha Brisky, as recommended by Police Chief Charles Wenten.

Police Chief Wenten briefly reviewed his criteria for the denial of an Operator's license. He indicated that the first criterion is that the application is filled out completely, including all arrests and convictions, and including traffic violations. The second is that the applicant does not have more than 2 alcohol related Police contacts in a 5-year time period.

Chief Wenten also stated that if an applicant does not fill out the application completely, they can come in and amend their application to include all necessary items.

Village Clerk Dylak indicated that Ms. Brisky did come into Village Hall to add violations to her application; however, she only listed one incident and, as indicated in Chief Wenten's report, there are 4 violations on her record from 2006-2010.

The motion to deny the issuance of an Operator's license to Samantha Brisky, as recommended by Police Chief Charles Wenten, was approved unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Grant, to deny the issuance of an Operator's license to Katherine Beinlein, as recommended by Police Chief Charles Wenten.

Chief Wenten indicated that Ms. Beinlein had 3 underage alcohol violations in 2005 and 2006, which were not listed on her license application. He discussed this with the applicant and she indicated that she did not intentionally leave the offenses off of her application. She had informed Chief Wenten that she completed the application as she thought it should be completed. In addition, Ms. Beinlein was convicted of OWI, in May 2010.

Applicant Katherine Beinlein was present. She referenced a letter previously distributed to the Village Board members (copy attached). She stated that it was not her intent to misrepresent her past violations. She indicated that she recently received an "alcohol assessment" for the OWI and was found to have no alcohol related problems. Ms. Beinlein also stated that she works 6 days per week and her bartending job is her only source of income. She is requesting that the Village Board reconsider the recommended denial of her Operator's license.

Chief Wenten indicated that, based upon Ms. Beinlein's record, even if her application had included all violations, he would still recommend denial of her license request.

Chief Wenten stated that Ms. Beinlein did hold an Operator's license for the past two years. He reviewed her application and found that no arrests or convictions were listed on the previous application. He was not sure why the application was recommended for approval by his office.

Ms. Beinlein commented that she just wants to work and thinks she deserves a second chance. Chief Wenten commented that he bases his recommendations on the previously stated criteria and does not judge the applicant.

The motion to deny the issuance of an Operator's license to Katherine Beinlein, as recommended by Police Chief Wenten, was approved unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee LaPean, to approve the issuance of a Special Class "B" Picnic License to North Shore Academy of the Arts – Paula Christensen-agent / 1111 Broad Street / August 7-8, 2010. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to approve the issuance of a Special Class "B" Picnic License to Grafton Volunteer Fire Department – Badger Fireman Association Softball Tournament – July 23-25, 2010 at Centennial Park – 1370 17th Avenue. Approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS REPORTS

None.

REPORT OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Liss, to approve the payment of Village expenditures in the amount of \$357,869.75, as presented. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Liss reminded those present that GALA in the Park begins Thursday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m., in Veterans Memorial Park.

Director of Planning and Development Rambousek informed the Board that he recently met with the broker for the Robert Ahlers property on Wisconsin Avenue, and the sale price for the property has been set at \$875,000.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Liss, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Approved unanimously.