

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Mayor Abbott May 19, 2015**

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**– Mayor Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL** – Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call. Roll call revealed the following trustees present: Eidam, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis. Trustee Kapteyn was absent with notice.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** – Mayor Abbott introduced Village Engineer, Mr. Jeff Pintar who presented the following discussion.

**A. Plat of Dedication for Public Street – Phillips Chevrolet:**

Village Engineer, Mr. Jeff Pintar, explained and presented a Plat of Dedication for a portion of a public street at 178<sup>th</sup> Street and Torrence Avenue. The current Phillips Chevrolet renovation and parking lot expansion provided an opportunity for the current sidewalk to be relocated 5-7 feet away from Torrence Avenue. The sidewalk alteration would provide additional pedestrian public safety and aesthetic value. In order to do so, a portion of private property currently belonging to Phillips Chevrolet would require dedication to the Village of Lansing through legal approval of the Plat of Dedication.

Mayor Abbott asked for comments or objections from the board. There were none. Mayor Abbott indicated that Approval of the Plat of Dedication will be placed on the next board meeting agenda.

**B. Fox Pointe Civic Space & Municipal Center Parking Lot Expansion:**

Mayor Abbott introduced Jim Maciejewski, JMA Architects, who presented the preliminary site concepts of the two proposed projects from the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2014. He identified the two Opportunity Sites: Fox Pointe Triangle and the Southwest Corner of Ridge Road & Burnham Avenue. He indicated that his presentation is suggesting proposed concepts for discussion and recommendations to be considered by the Board.

Mr. Maciejewski introduced John Ryan, Ives/Ryan Group who began by presenting graphics and drawings for a proposed plaza space and an additional parking area next to the municipal building on the southwest corner of Ridge Road & Burnham Avenue. He continued by explaining in detail, the proposed concept for Fox Pointe including an open air pavilion, amphitheater, concession area, restaurants, seating areas, roadway connections, open areas, and dog parks.

Mr. Jeff Pintar, Village Engineer explained the steps to completion as a long process and suggested the board and those involved solicit feedback and offer comments and suggestions. He indicated that the next step is to finalize the concept.

Trustees shared their thoughts regarding the process of decision making regarding the proposed concept plan. There were questions and comments regarding who was responsible for the decision making and approval and suggested that the entire planning process begin anew. Trustees suggested Planning & Zoning, businesses, economic development, park district, leaders of clubs and organizations, police & fire departments is involved in conducting a round table discussion before proceeding with any concept plan. In addition, Trustees shared a concern about the financial obligation to the village regarding the project.

Mr. Pintar suggested the Trustees move forward with the Municipal Parking lot project despite any delays of the Fox Pointe project. Trustees did not support that suggestion and requested TIF district financial information from the Treasurer in order to make further decisions regarding the project.

#### **C. Ordinance Amending Village Code Relating to Village Administrator:**

Mayor Abbott asked Trustee DeLaurentis to present the suggested amendments to the proposed Village Administrator position. Trustee DeLaurentis indicated specific verbiage regarding the trustee's input and control measures regarding the position of Administrator. Trustee DeLaurentis asked the Amendment be placed on the agenda for the first meeting in June. All Trustees were in agreement.

#### **D. Downtown Ridge Road Tree Grate Replacement**

Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar recapped the nearly completed Downtown Streetscape Renovation that has included new benches, new flower pots, trash cans, trees, and currently being completed is the pedestrian lighting. He continued explaining the decision of replacing or retrofitting the existing green tree grates. It was determined

by extensive research, the most efficient solution was to replace the grates due to the expense of alternative solutions. He provided the Trustees the sales quotation from the supplier, Ironsmith.

Mayor Abbott asked the Trustees if there were any additional comments or questions. There were none.

Mayor Abbott indicated the approval be placed on the agenda for next board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:25 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Trustee Stole so moved.  
Trustee Skrbina seconded.

**ROLL CALL ON MOTION**

Yeas – 5- Trustees: Stole, Skrbina, Eidam, Manno and DeLaurentis  
Nays - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Kooyenga  
Lansing Village Clerk

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