

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

Chairman Tad Whitchurch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee members present: Stephen Appell, Linda Melton, Scott Kramer, Sally Hollembeak

Also present: President Jim Claeysen, Joe Caveny, Denny McMullen, Nancy Belt,
James Coppernoll & Engineer Chris Cooper

Sally Hollembeak moved to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

Flodin Skate Park

Santa Comes to Town

Stephen Appell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sally Hollembeak moved to approve the minutes of October 27, 2008. Scott Kramer seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote.

VILLAGE HALL NATIVE PLANTINGS

Tad Whitchurch asked Shannon Thrumman to please come forward and address the committee. Ms. Thrumman stated that she is a native plant specialist and offered to donate her time to make improvements to the native plantings at village hall. Ms. Thrumman said she would charge fifty dollars an hour to take the unwanted plantings out and recommended a two years program and also to educate the public works department to maintain the native plantings. The committee asked Ms. Thrumman to submit a proposal to Joe Caveny for further discussion at the next public works meeting.

CHARLES STREET GARDENS STORM WATER

Denny McMullen provided the committee with a diagram showing the number of acres and the required drainage area for Charles Street Gardens Subdivision. Denny McMullen recommended keeping the detention on-site.

VILLAGE HALL ELEVATOR REPAIRS

Joe Caveny informed the committee that OTIS Elevator Company has made the repairs to the village hall elevator.

VILLAGE HALL HVAC

Joe Caveny informed the committee that the village halls HVAC is in need of some piping repairs. Joe continued to explain the HVAC operating system and said he will present the committee a quote for the repairs at the next public works meeting.

BAUMANN PARK TENNIS COURT ELECTRICAL PROPOSAL

Joe Caveny presented a proposal from Ballard Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$10,890.00 to install new electrical services to the tennis court lights and pavilion. President Claeysen reminded the committee that the village received \$20,000.00 for an Illinois Infrastructure Capital Plan Grant and those funds were designated for Baumann Park's electrical repairs to the tennis/ball diamond lighting system. Joe Caveny stated that the U.S. Postal Service is reimbursing the village for the renovations at the Cherry Valley Post Office in the amount of \$19,233.00. The grant monies and post office funds were targeted for the park's new electrical services. **Sally Hollebeak moved to send to the village board to hire Ballard Companies, Inc. to install new electrical services to the tennis court lights and additional outlets for the pavilion on separate circuits in the amount \$10,890.00. Stephen Appell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.**

BAUMANN PARK RESTROOMS

Joe Caveny presented the committee with a proposal from Bennett Construction, Inc. to insulate the restrooms in Baumann Park in the amount of \$5,885.00.

Joe also noted that the proposal has the amount of \$4,120.00 to repaint the interior bathroom and paint the exterior for \$3,906.00.

Sally Hollebeak moved to send to the village board to hire Bennett Construction, Inc. to insulate Baumann Park restrooms in the amount of \$5,885.00. Tad Whitchurch seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

FLODIN SKATE PARK

Joe Caveny stated that the Rockford Park District took bids and Sjoström was the lowest bidder at \$315,900.00 for Flodin Skate Park – Landscape Plan and Equipment. Joe presented the committee with the skate park layout and pointed out that the diagram shows a guardrail along Mill Road and in quotation it states: *“placement is by the village”*. Joe stated that he is not in favor of the guardrail; he agrees something needs to be there but feels that a guardrail would create a hazardous situation for the children. President Claeysen recommended forwarding this information to Attorney Jim Stevens for his legal opinion.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT

Scott Kramer announced that on November 30, 2008 “Santa Claus is coming to town”. The event will be held at the Log Cabin from 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Tad Whitchurch moved to go into executive session at 7:52 pm. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Sally Hollebeak seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Tad Whitchurch called the meeting back to order at 8:08 pm. Village Clerk, Nancy Belt called the roll: Tad Whitchurch, Stephen Appell, Linda Melton, Scott Kramer, Sally Hollebeak

Recorded by: Village Clerk, Nancy L. Belt

Public Works approved by Tad Whitchurch on November 14, 2008