

**CONSERVANCY & SCENIC CORRIDOR COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**VILLAGE HALL**  
July 7, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Kelley Smith Chairman, Warren Schmitt, Kathy Wiberg, Sharon Dal Compo and Helen Wilson.

Members absent; None

Also present: Jim Hogue, Village Planner, David Neu, Conserve Lake County, and Angie Underwood, Village President and members of the public.

**MEETING MINUTES – February 3, 2016**

Commissioner Wiberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to accept the February 3, 2016 Draft Meeting minutes as presented. On a voice vote all aye.

**VISITOR BUSINESS;** None

**APPLICATIONS:**

**CSCC 16-02; Consideration of the final plans for the subdivision of property to be known as the “Karen’s Corner” PUD and within the R-2 Residential District, including the location of Conservancy District Boundaries & detention areas within Scenic Corridors and pathways on property commonly known as The Iverson Property at Old Hicks & Checker Roads submitted by Fidelity Wes Designers & Builders.** (Note: this item was moved back on the agenda as the petitioner was not present).

Camy Gould, Fidelity Wes Builders, gave an overall explanation of the proposal and identified changes between the preliminary and final plans. She noted one lot had been eliminated between the preliminary and final plan/plat submittals. She emphasized the location of the detention areas in the scenic corridor, the location of conservancy areas, pathways, screening and other plantings to be done per village code including the scenic corridor plantings. The petitioner had walked the site with the Village Arborist.

She noted the reconfiguration allowed for more flexibility to move building pads away from conservancy easements.

Planner Hogue also explained that the reduction in density would allow “Outlot D” to be potentially sold to an abutting property owner. Should the Route 53 extension occur this out lot would become a land locked piece of property and separated from the residences in the subdivision. With the reduction density, the required open space was also reduced and would potentially allow the sale of this outlot. Mr. Mike Demar, Fidelity Wes Builders reiterated these comment as well.

Mr. Demar noted a berm was now proposed in “Outlot C” which would help in mitigating traffic noise to the residences in the development. This would be outside of any conservancy areas on the property.

Planner Hogue further noted the proposed plantings which need CSCC approval.

After discussion the CSCC made the following recommendations;

**Conservancy District Boundaries;** A motion was made by Chairman Smith, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to make the following recommendations regarding the proposed conservancy district boundaries;

- Eliminate Conservancy boundaries from Lots 1 & 14.
- Add conservancy to the detention area/scenic corridor on Outlot “A” & Route 53 ROW (Outlot “C”) where conservancy soils exist.

On a voice vote; all aye.

**Arborist Recommendations;** A motion was made by Chairman Smith, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to make the following recommendations regarding the comments/recommendations of the Village Arborist;

- The comments of the arborist were accepted and recommended for approval as applicable to the Conservancy & Scenic Corridor areas.

On a voice vote, all aye.

**Scenic Corridors & Conservancy Districts;** A motion was made by Chairman Smith, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to make the following recommendations regarding the proposed scenic corridors and conservancy districts;

- Detention areas in “Outlets A, B, & C (north of Norma Lane)” within the scenic corridor are acceptable as proposed on the final plat and consistent with the preliminary approval.
- The proposed plantings/ seed mix in the detention areas and scenic corridor areas are acceptable as submitted.
- No new plantings are proposed for conservancy districts outside detention areas.

On a voice vote; all aye.

**Pathways;** A motion was made by Chairman Smith, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to make the following recommendations regarding the proposed pathways in the development;

- The pathway configuration was accepted by the CSCC as proposed in concurrence with recommendations of the Pathways Committee on 6.13.16.

On a voice vote, all aye.

**OTHER BUSINESS;**

- 1) **Presentation by Dave Neu, Executive Director, Conserve Lake County regarding the integration of efforts between “Conserve Lake County” and the Village of Long Grove.** (This

item was moved up on the agenda by Chairman Smith).

Mr. David Neu, Executive Director of Conserve Lake County introduced himself and explained the history of the organization. He noted this is the 21<sup>st</sup> year for the organization and the 5<sup>th</sup> year as “Conserve Lake County” in its present format.

He elaborated on the goal of the organization noting their desire to expand countywide and to assist in local conservation efforts in the county. He noted the “Conservation at Home” certification program as an example of this type of effort. Of 950 site visits performed half received certifications. This program is voluntary and not regulatory.

The organization is working on criteria to establish certification of an entire municipality. Mr. Neu then explained the “Natural Areas Assurance” program in which “Conserve Lake County” worked with developers to establish permanent open space easements within new developments. Conserve Lake County then works with the HOA in offering expertise in management of the open space areas to ensure they are properly maintained.

Planner Hogue noted that this may be the best opportunity for “Conserve Lake County” to work within the Village. As conservancy easements are established at the time property is subdivided there is no need to engage in that step. He sees potential for “Conserve Lake County” to work with HOA’s in establishing appropriate management practices for maintenance of these areas.

Commissioner Wilson noted the partnering with HOA’s sounds attractive particularly if “Conserve Lake County” can be competitive with other entities in offering management services to HOA’s for maintenance of conservancy areas.

Chairman Smith commented on encouraging homeowners to participate in “Conserve at Home” program to generate interest in conservation efforts on a larger scale.

Mr. Neu indicated they are working on improving membership benefits to encourage greater participation.

Commissioner Dal Compo asked is education of residents is offered by “Conserve Lake County”.

Mr. Neu responded that “Conserve Lake County” offered education to residents through the web site, lectures, presentations, etc.

Ms. Dal Compo then asked if “Conserve Lake County” could be a resource to the Village in the updating of the approved native plant species list for the Village.

Mr. Neu noted that “Conserve Lake County” is well connected with other villages which perform a similar type of work in County. These connections may be very useful with that project.

Chairman Smith thanked Mr. Neu for his presentation to the CSCC. He noted partnering with HOA’s in the Village, as part of the “Natural Areas Assurance” program, may be the best opportunity for establishing appropriate management practices for maintenance of conservancy areas in the Village as well as furthering the goals of “Conserve Lake County”.

2) **Proposed amendments to the Village of Long Grove Comprehensive Plan -**

Planner Hogue reported that in early April the Community Assessment Report was completed and is available on –line. This is a lengthy and comprehensive document which was nicely done in his opinion. He encouraged the Commission to review this document on-line. Additionally, the public workshop held on April 11<sup>th</sup> was well attended. It is estimated approximately 125 people were in attendance which was double the amount of participation anticipated prior to the event. He presented the summary of that session to the AC.

Planner Hogue also presented the Draft Recommendations for the Sub-Area plans as a result of the workshop (and other data gathered to date) to the AC. He noted these would be considered by the Steering Committee and then posted to the webpage for review and comment before being presented in draft form as part of the full plan update document. These are draft documents and subject to further change as part of the planning process and Steering Committee review.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING;** Commissioner Schmitt moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. On a voice vote, all aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

***James M. Hogue***

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