

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 – 6:00 PM

LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members: Council President, Rich Hedlund, Council Vice President, Ken Howell

Alderspersons: Tim Dunn, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, John Halverson, Shari Straube, Cindy Yager, and Joan Yunker

Council President Hedlund called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Aldersperson Straube led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Hedlund, Howell, Dunn, Fesenmaier, Halverson, Straube, Yager, and Yunker

Absent: None

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from March 7, 2022 as prepared and distributed
Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Straube. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items.
Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion and consideration.

Charlene Klein; 817 Wisconsin St; Announced that there was a Mr. Lake Geneva Contest and raised \$42,000 for the Never Say Never Playground. She added that officer Dan Derrick was named Mr. Lake Geneva. She added that during the Burger Throwdown Event, ClockTower Pizza was announced as the winner. She noted that Nancy Mooney Buskey, who designed the Riviera, recently won an architectural award for her work on various projects.

Spyro Condos; 1760 Hillcrest Dr; Spoke in favor of the Impact Fee Studies being completed and asked that any developments occurring in the time before those are complete, be charged impact fees.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier; 1085 S Lake Shore Dr; Stated that she did not agree to the change in the committee's agenda and packet format, as the committee reports were removed. She gave brief committee reports on: Tree Board, Public Works, Business Improvement District, Park Board, and Plan Commission.

Bill Huntress; 1015 Pleasant St; Spoke in favor of the impact fee studies being conducted and certain fees being implemented.

Brian Pollard; 875 Townline Rd; Spoke in regards to the allegations made against developers in regards to impact fees. He added that he has always paid any impact fee, imposed by the City and if a refund was given, it was given to the property owner, not the developer.

Ryan Harris; 520 West Long Ave; Spoke in regards to the bike paths within the City.

Discussion/possible recommendation regarding the zoning designation and future use of City owned property as it relates to the Dirt Bike Paths on the Northeast side of the Stone Ridge Subdivision; Tax Parcel ZSR 00169

Hedlund explained that he would encourage any discussion on this subject. He added that he doesn't feel that this appropriate on City property without approval and supervision by the City. Dr. Cindy Fueredi spoke in regards to the land in question. She added that it isn't a park and that the park board has no

jurisdiction over this area. She has been approached by the TreadHead group to develop that area as a park, although the existing structures have not been built by the TreadHeads.

Hedlund added that there a number of structures that seem extremely unsafe and worries about just putting up “no trespass” signs, that it would become an enforcement issue for the Police Department.

Brian Pollard explained that the land this sits on was donated to the City as a woodland conservancy area as part of the Stoneridge Development. He stated that some of the structures are located on an adjacent property that is owned by him and that to access the property, individuals must use his property.

Howell expressed concerns with any insurance claims that could come from someone getting hurt or any damage to the property.

Lieutenant Gritzner stated that the Police Department would need to have some direction before any enforcement could be made, other than damages to City property.

Hedlund stated that the discussion should probably start at the Public Works Committee and then to the Finance, License, and Regulation Committee for further action.

Peg Esposito; 124 Darwin St; She added that there is a lot of garbage dumping area and that there is not a clear delineation from the Lake Geneva Ziplines property. She suggested that maybe the individuals that did the work could buy it from the City and develop it as they see fit.

Fesenmaier questioned if the City could place temporary no trespassing signs until a solution could be made. Lt. Gritzner added that the City could place signs temporarily, but encouraged that the City Attorney be brought into the conversation as well.

Pollard stated that he would have a concern with land donated to the City being sold to a private entity. He would like to be a part of any conversation pertaining to access.

Dan Bethel; N2963 Marshall Ln; He represents the TreadHead and noted that this has not been constructed by them. He added that they have been working with the Park Board to maybe develop something similar to this, but much less dangerous, in a proper manner.

Committee discussion included that the Mayor makes an executive order to allow for no trespassing signs to be placed, but that the City Attorney should be notified of the committee’s intent.

Hedlund stated that before this could be considered a park, as what was suggested, the City would need to find a way to have public access. Dr. Feuredi stated that the Park Board would be agreeable to this becoming a City park and would work with the necessary groups, if that is the desire.

Fesenmaier stated that the state of conservancy of this land needs to be researched and that the local agencies should be contact. She asked that this be placed on the next Council meeting for further discussion. Straube added that maybe the individuals who built the structures could be given a notice to remove their materials before the Public Works Department remove them.

Adjourn

Motion by Howell to adjourn, second by Halverson. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.