

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

COPY: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager

DATE: June 19, 2015

RE: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF June 15, 2015

PLAN COMMISSION

At its June 16 meeting, the Plan Commission considered the following item:

- DOCKET NO. 15-04: 1220 AND 1230 VOLTZ ROAD - ANETS WOODS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT. The Commission held its continued public hearing on an application filed by Edward R. James Partners, for the property known as 1220 and 1230 Voltz Road for approval a single-family detached home planned development and other necessary zoning and subdivision relief. The Applicant had revised the plan following the first public hearing with a reduction in total units from 37 to 36, as well as modifying the site plan to increase the spacing between units. The Applicant is also now proposing a key entry access gate for residents of the development to access Lee Road; the intent being to mitigate additional traffic along Voltz Road and at the Voltz and Waukegan roads intersection.

After a presentation by staff and a presentation by the Applicant, the Plan Commission heard comments from 6 members of the public, which were primarily neighbors of the subject property. The neighbors expressed concerns regarding density and additional traffic onto Voltz Road; as well as some concern with the proposed key access onto Lee Road from the development. After hearing from the neighbors, Commission members provided individual comments regarding the proposal. The members still had concerns with the overall number of units and proposed density, with several members suggesting that the Applicant remove one more unit. There was a mixed reaction to the key access onto Lee Road with some members wanting this refined to ensure it will work properly, some Commissioners wanted to see additional open community space within the development, and there was a request that the Applicant increase the minimum driveway depth to 21'. The Commission did seem to understand the Applicant's rationale for waiting on making any improvements to the Voltz and Waukegan road intersection until the Willow Road construction is completed; however, it should be noted that the Applicant did state during the public hearing that they would be willing to dedicate land to accommodate a right-turn lane on westbound Voltz if necessary. The Commission continued the public hearing to July 21 in order to provide the applicant an opportunity to provide a response to the Commission's concerns.

The next Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for July 7 where the Plan Commission is scheduled to hold its first public hearing on the proposed mixed-use development at 1000 Skokie Boulevard. The proposed development consists of a three-story, 93,000 square foot Life Time Fitness facility, a 1-story, 43,000 square foot Children's Learning Adventure childcare facility, and a four-story, 338-unit luxury apartment building by the Fingers Company. More information regarding the project is available on the following Village web page www.northbrook.il.us/1000skokie.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MEETING

On Thursday, June 19, the Environmental Quality Commission held their regular meeting. The Commission continued to discuss filling the vacant seat on the Commission. There was a continued review of the bans on coal tar based driveway sealants with a draft summary presented. The Commission plans to develop a preliminary report of their findings and recommendations at their next meeting. Staff provided an update about the current status of electrical aggregation within the Village and the green options available to residents. The next meeting of the Environmental Quality Commission is scheduled for July 16.

2015 CONCRETE STREET PATCHING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

The contractor has begun to saw-cut the deteriorated concrete panels due for replacement. By the middle of next week, all panels are anticipated to be saw-cut. At that time, they can be removed and the voids will be prepared for the new concrete.

The saw-cutting process creates a “concrete slurry mix” which accumulates along the saw cuts made on the road. The contractor will clean most of the slurry mixture from the road after the saw-cutting process. However, some slurry material will remain on the pavement even after cleaning. It is easiest to remove the slurry material **immediately** after it accumulates on the vehicle and/or driveway as the slurry will harden and stick to surfaces. Use a garden hose with a sprayer nozzle to rinse the slurry off your vehicle and/or driveway as necessary.

NORTSHORE 770

This week Zengeler Cleaners relocated and opened its new store in the NorthShore 770 development. Sleepy’s, the mattress store, also opened this week. Construction continues on the rest of the commercial portion of the development. Noodle’s and Company is scheduled to open in July, and the new Mariano’s grocery store is anticipated to open in mid- to late- August.



Construction continues on the 347-unit luxury apartment building at the north end of the property, and first occupancies are expected to begin in early 2016. Construction of the new buildings for PNC Bank and Panera, which will be located along Skokie Boulevard in front of the apartment building, is scheduled to start later this summer.

NORTHBROOK FARMERS MARKET OPENS

Northbrook Police Chief Wernick and Fire Chief Torres participated in annual watermelon cutting to mark the opening day of the Northbrook Farmers Market. The Farmers Markets will continue to be held every Wednesday, from 7am to 1pm through October 14, in the parking lot of Meadow Plaza at the corner of Cherry and Meadow lanes. The market’s vendors offer fresh fruits and vegetables, cheeses and other organic products as well as knife sharpening.



POLICE NEWS

Congratulations to Police Community Service Officer Amanda Jaegers on her acceptance of a Police Officer position with the Hinsdale Police Department. Amanda will be starting her academy training at the Police Training Institute in Champaign, Illinois on Monday June 29. Congratulations to Amanda on her new endeavor.



WEEK OF June 22, 2015

MON.	6/22	12:00 p.m.	Chamber’s Legislative Luncheon
		7:30 p.m.	ZBA – Board Room
TUES.	6/23	7:30 a.m.	ICDC – Terrace Room
		6:30 p.m.	Communications and Legislation – Terrace Room
		7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Board Room
WED.	6/24		No Meetings
THURS.	6/25	5:30 p.m.	Architectural Control Commission – Terrace Room
FRI.	6/26		No Meetings