

Properties Committee Minutes for

22 April 2025

Attending:

Dennis Galicki (DG)

Chris Berger (CB) - Chair

Tim Young (TY)

Mayor Koons (WK)

Meeting called to order at 9:04AM by CB. The meeting was held in person at The Village Hall.

1. CB, DG again questioned the Mayor's position that, according to the Mayor, the Property Committee was only responsible for the land that Village owned excepting those properties under the control of the Public Utilities Committee under their authority over stormwater. The Mayor further questioned if the committee members had a serious interest in fulfilling their responsibilities as committee members. Neither CB nor DG took kindly to the implication and expressed their frustration. The Mayor countered that this was the way the Properties Committee had always functioned despite CB offering prior Committee Meeting Minutes that demonstrated a far more reaching scope of responsibility. With little else to be said, CB attempted to move on to something productive.
2. CB raised the issue of completing the budget request from the Fiscal Officer. The Committee reviewed the budget line items and determined that none applied under the Mayor's guidelines. As such, the Committee's report to the FO is a request for zero funds for 2026. Previous discussions of the Park Restroom, Salt Dome, and Service Building repairs, were all deemed the responsibility of other committees.
3. CB raised the issue of proceeding with the Reserve Study. Given that the bulk of the study falls outside the redefined limits of the Property Committee, it didn't appear Property was the appropriate forum to work on this issue. The Mayor suggested deferring discussion to a later date. CB lamented that the Village spent \$9500 on a survey that was effectively shelved.
4. CB raised the issue of the NE Corner of the Campus. TY outlined his phase 1 plan which the Committee endorsed and will recommend to Council on 4/28.
5. CB raised the issue of the contract for the Farmer's Market. WK said the agreement would be brought to Council for approval at the 4/28 Meeting. CB asked if the agreement would be signed and the insurance certificate attached? The Mayor was unsure.
6. CB raised the issue of Rarick Cemetery saying that he felt the plan for "pull-offs" along Bell was too dangerous and that a permanent easement was necessary for access across the Coatsworth property. The Mayor said he would re-open the issue. TY was preparing to repair and reset headstones and add topsoil to level gravesites within the cemetery. LG provided CB with information prior to the meeting that confirmed that grant funds were not available for the cemetery as it has been closed for more than 25 years.

7. Discussion ensued for the Park including burn schedule, Park Master Plan, Park Drainage, Rain Garden, and the potential Bocce Ball Court. All discussions were deferred to the pending Parks Committee Meeting.
8. Wetlands installation progress – a second planting of trees was done by Davey Tree on 21 April according to the Mayor.
9. Flag policy changes – No discussion was held
10. TY reported that the Flag Pole lighting at the South Park will be changed to a more robust solar panel with the hopes of resolving the issue during winter hours.

Parks

CB noted that Councilwoman Cavanagh was coordinating a meeting of the Committee for April 22nd at 6:30PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27th at 9AM.

DG moved to adjourn at 10:07AM. CB concurred.
Submitted by

Christopher J. Berger, Properties Committee Chair