

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2010

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Kathy Higgins, Joe Moore, Jim Keller, Steve Kramer, Gary Dixon

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Gilchrist, Planner Farrington, Engineer Winter

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 7:06 PM by Chair Higgins

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moore added Ice Cream Social. Dixon added Spot Mowing. Keller added Rail Resolution. **Motion Moore/2nd Kramer approval of agenda as amended. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: **Motion Keller/2nd Moore approval of consent agenda which includes 06/07/2010 Board Meeting Minutes, Claims #9402-9423, PERA EFT 143229, payroll ending 07/01/2010 and financial reports. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

HEARING DECISION/ZONING ACTIONS: **Crashed Toys Amended Conditional Use Permit**

Mick Way, General Manager, Crashed Toys, 12660 Margo Ave. addressed Board with a request to amend their current CUP (Res.2009-04) granted in 2009. Crashed Toys proposes to add a 3.46 parcel to the business for an outdoor storage area for their inventory of vehicles. Applicant proposes to gravel the storage lot rather than asphalt, because the Business has long term plans to construct a building at the storage site.

Planner Considerations: Standards for parking lots require surface to be paved. Standards for auto dealerships require surface to be paved. Standards for boat sales require surface to be impervious. The ordinance provides varied standards for surface material. Town does have some discretion as to if it requires pavement, gravel or a combination of the two. Washington County has indicated they will accept either surface material, as decided by the Township.

Engineering Considerations: ***Engineering and Drainage Review***

The revised plans show that an infiltration basin has been added to the project. Pretreatment is being proposed in a grassed swale with three ditch blocks. The Town Engineer is providing a separate drainage review memo, dated June 28, 2010, to the Applicant and to the Township for its files. The drainage review reports that the revised plans meet the Town's storm water management rules. The drainage review includes the following suggestions:

- A detail of the ditch blocks may be added, or reference to the appropriate Mn/DOT specification.
- The rock ditch checks in the grassed swale will eventually plug with sediment from the gravel parking lot. As the rock ditch checks plug, ponded water will start to encroach into the parking lot. This will be a sign to Crashed Toys that they should perform maintenance.
- It is suggested that curb and gutter or berm be added such that all the runoff is routed to the infiltration basin.
- The drainage review recommends additional construction notes in order to minimize soil compaction and improve infiltration.
- Notes specifying the type of seed mix should be clarified to be consistent with the seed mix indicated on the Landscape Plan.

Planning Commission recommended that the lot surface may be gravel for non-motorized vehicles, but should be paved for motorized vehicle use.

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Discussion re: requiring pavement. Whether a gravel or pavement surface, runoff will go into the soil/pond. Attorney recommended changing the Ordinance moving forward, if the Board is in agreement to allowing gravel. Washington Conservation District-In terms of water quality, clean up is quicker/easier if spill happens on paved surface. Applicant stated that any inventory they receive is inspected and taken care of immediately in their shop.

Legal Considerations: Consider adding language in the permit to distinguish between parking/storage use and motorized/non-motorized vehicles. Amend the current ordinance regarding lot surfacing requirements.

Board consensus to consider the following for approval, allowing a gravel lot on parcel B, for up to 2 years, then the lot shall be paved unless the Town Board grants an extension or determines by any ordinance amendments that paving is not required. Permit should also include the requirement of monitoring the pond and infiltration system.

Applicant was not in agreement with any pavement requirement. Applicant requested an extension until the August 2, 2010 Board Meeting to discuss options with Crashed Toys owner.

Motion Keller/2nd Kramer approval of Crashed Toys request to table their Amended Conditional Use Permit request, until the 08/02/10 Board Meeting. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Cottage Grove Building Inspection Services: Effective 07/10/2010 Denmark has contracted with the City Cottage Grove to issue building permits and provide Building Inspection Services to Township residents. Contact Cottage Grove Building Department @ 651-458-2804 or e-mail building@cottage-grove.org Denmark's contact person is Building Official Bob LaBrosse. Each municipality must designate a building official to administer the code. **Motion Moore/2nd Kramer to designate Robert LaBrosse as Denmark's Building Official, and to authorize Chair to sign Notice of Designation. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Proposed Fee Schedule: Board reviewed draft proposed fee schedule. **Motion Keller/2nd Kramer to forward draft proposed fees, with staff revisions as directed by Board, to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Cottage Grove Incinerator Proposal: Moved to August Board Meeting.

Open Space Inspections: Inspections were done in three developments in Denmark. Homestead Estates- erosion control improvements were noted around the ends of the outlets of the storm pipes and brush clearing was done. Eagle's Watch- pipe end sections had sediment removed. St Croix Estates-pipes are accumulating sediment. Inspection reports/billings will be sent to the developments.

O'Connor Nature Preserve Bids/Grant: Quotes received for clearing/planting preparation and maintenance of the prairie area. Prairie Restorations, Inc.- \$18,075. Applied Ecological Services- \$18,305. Minnesota Native Landscapes-\$27,984.

Grant funding for the project may be available from the Washington Conservation District. The grant requires a 25% match of any funds awarded.

Motion Keller/2nd Kramer to accept Prairie Restorations quote of \$18,075, and to send letter of request for grant funding to Washington Conservation District, authorizing Chair to sign the cost-share contract. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

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Unofficial Road Detour/Street Project Update: Rating of road condition has been done and can be done again, if deemed necessary, when the Hwy 61 project has been completed to compare how the detour affected the roads. Traffic counts were conducted at 4 locations and during the Hwy 61 detour, traffic counts will be taken again.

Rough estimates for road shouldering with class 5 gravel are approximately \$18 per ton of gravel or \$0.90 per linear foot for 2 ft wide and 3 in deep shouldering. Engineer does not recommend edge patching, but rather a full width patch. Dixon suggested shoulder testing in the areas of 110th East of St. Croix Tr. Board consensus to do testing in the areas recommended by Dixon.

Motion Kramer/2nd Keller to authorize Dixon to work with Town Engineer to perform shoulder testing on 110th St., not to exceed the cost of \$3000. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.

Town Celebration/Ice Cream Social: Moore requested Supervisor attendance at the 08/03/10 Town Celebration @ St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park.

Spot Mowing: Dixon will be reviewing ditches for spot mowing of noxious weeds.

Rail Resolution: County is requesting Denmark's support for submittal of a grant for the build out of the Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit Hub in St. Paul. **Motion Keller/2nd Moore approval of Resolution 2010-07 supporting the submittal of Tiger 11 Grant for the Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit Hub in downtown St. Paul by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Attorney will draft resolution and copy will be forwarded to Commissioner Peterson @ Washington County.

Schedule 2011 Budget Meeting: Meeting to prepare 2011 Budget recommendations set for 08/18/10 @ 5 PM.

LEGAL REPORTS:

Draft Ordinances: Attorney submitted 07/06/10 draft for Board review. Board/Attorney made revisions. **Motion Kramer/2nd Keller to forward draft Ordinance Amendments, with approved revisions, to Planning Commission for a Public Hearing. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Driveway Access: Oakgreen access for property is in compliance. Old access is no longer being used.

Rase-Suburban-Snaza: Court of Appeals awarded attorney fees and costs to Denmark. Board consensus for Legal to identify and act on any further options pertaining to the securing of these funds. **Motion Keller/2nd Kramer to impose and collect the cost awarded the Town regarding the Suburban matter on the Suburban property and to authorize the Town Attorney to work with the Chair and Clerk/Treasurer to pursue the collection of such costs. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

10:34 PM **Motion Kramer/2nd Moore to adjourn. All In Favor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Becky Herman
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer

Addendum 2010-07

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DENMARK TOWNSHIP
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Resolution 2010-07

Resolution supporting the submittal of a TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant for the Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit Hub in downtown St. Paul by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

WHEREAS, the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission (hereafter known as The “Commission”) is a political subdivision and local government unit of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is established by Joint Powers Agreement by and between Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, Washington County Regional Railroad Authority, Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority, Goodhue County Regional Railroad Authority, Wabasha County Regional Railroad Authority, Winona County Regional Railroad Authority, City of St. Paul, City of St. Paul Park, City of Cottage Grove, City of Hastings, City of Red Wing, City of Lake City, City of Wabasha, City of Goodview, City of Winona, City of St. Charles, City of Utica; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is working to establish high speed intercity passenger rail service between the Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub in St. Paul and Chicago along the current Amtrak Empire Builder route in Minnesota which parallels the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has purchased the Union Depot’s head house and concourse in the process of assembling 33 acres of property for the implementation of a multi-modal transit hub at the Union Depot; and

WHEREAS, the Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub is the St. Paul station for high speed rail serving the Twin Cities and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority will be submitting a TIGER II Grant request for approximately \$90 million for the Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub in St. Paul;

WHEREAS, this request is consistent with recognition of the Union Depot as a Project of National and Regional Significance in SAFETEA-LU; and

WHEREAS, the award of this funding will allow the build out of the station so that it can accommodate Amtrak, high speed rail, light rail transit, commuter rail, inter and intra city buses, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Denmark Township, Washington County, Minnesota hereby supports the efforts by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to seek approximately \$90 million in TIGER II funding for the build out of the Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub in St. Paul.

Adopted this 6th day of July, 2010.

BY THE TOWN BOARD