

**NOTES OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
PROPOSED HEESAKKER STORM WATER POND PROJECT
AUGUST 19, 2009**

Present: Charles Fischer, Village President
John Elrick, Trustee
Jason Leicht, Trustee
Steve Ransbottom, Trustee
Skip Smith, Trustee
Don Van Deurzen, Trustee
Janet Verstegen, Trustee

Also: Chuck Kell, Village Administrator
Dale Haug, Finance Director
Roy Van Gheem, Director of Public Works
Jim Moes, Community Development Director
Tom Flick, Park, Recreation, and Forestry Director
Nick Vande Hey, McMahon Associates, Inc.
Cindy Dillinger, Deputy Treasurer Accounting

Nick Vande Hey, McMahon Associates, Inc. presented information on mandates the Village is under to reduce storm water runoff and inflow and infiltration reduction and he explained the steps the Village has already taken and the ponds constructed to work towards the total reduction requirement of 40 percent by 2013. Mr. Vande Hey stated that Heesakker Park is the most cost effective choice because there is no land acquisition and the proposed pond will have the ability to clean 69 percent of sediment from storm water. Mr. Vande Hey also presented information on the construction process for establishing the storm water pond in Heesakker Park and the types of vegetation and trees that would be planted around the pond. Mr. Vande Hey stated the total project cost is \$395,000 and the Village has been awarded a \$120,000 grant from the DNR and \$137,500 in Federal stimulus funds. The Village's share would be \$137,500. Mr. Vande Hey stated the Village needs to act quickly as contracts for the project have to be locked in by the end of September to receive the stimulus funds.

A question and answer period followed:

Duane Nechodom, 335 Cherry Lane, asked if the pond will be made larger in the future. Mr. Vande Hey replied that it is not likely that the pond would ever be expanded based on the drainage area served.

Gordon Diedrich asked why the pond couldn't be located on the edge of the woods. Mr. Vande Hey explained the different locations within the Park that were considered as options and stated each option had its pros and cons and stated again that this location was one of the most cost effective options for the Village.

Gene Van Asten, Garfield Avenue, asked about the discharge and pipe size.

Jon Brockman, Garfield Avenue, asked why the underbrush was cut down. R. Van Gheem stated

that some trees were removed for a sewer lining project and T. Flick explained that the buckthorn was removed to bring back the woods to a more natural wooded state.

Mr. Brockman and others expressed concern for safety of children. Mr. Vande Hey pointed out that safety measures are built into the construction of the pond and the presence of the Fox River could also be considered a hazard.

Administrator Kell stated that the Board had considered Paradise Valley as a preferred site over Heesakker Park but the landowner decided he didn't want a pond on his land and that is why the Board is now considering Heesakker Park as the location for the pond.

Mary Janssen, Park Street and Park Planning Committee member, commented that Heesakker Park is the jewel of our parks that should be preserved for generations to come. Chuck Stangel, Grant St. and Park Planning Member, stated that there are positives and negatives and there should be some balance and asked about compensating the park system with new land for the land they will be losing.

President Fischer stated he plans to meet with Stack Heesakker to discuss the proposed plans for the park.

Board members commented on the penalties the Village will face if they don't meet the mandates and the obligation to the entire community to look at cost effective options. Board members stated it is a difficult decision for them to make as they understand the residents concern for the park.

In response to audience questions, Mr. Vande Hey explained how the pond functions and removes sediment.

President Fischer the issue is on tonight's agenda but he personally feels the Board won't make a decision at tonight's meeting and the decision on the pond will likely be placed on next week's agenda for action.

(Listing of all in attendance who signed in at the meeting is on file in the Clerk's office)

The informational meeting ended at 7:35 p.m. at which time Board members relocated to the Village Board Room and Called the Regular Board Meeting to order.

Respectfully submitted:

By: _____
Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk