

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 02/02/12

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

January 5, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum. Chairman Dzierzanowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Aldermen James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Alan Murphy, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith, and John Smith present.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter, Assistant City Engineer Doug Nooden, and Administrative Secretary Michelle Baldino.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Infrastructure Committee Minutes of December 1, 2011. Alderman James Smith made a motion to approve the Infrastructure Committee Minutes of December 1, 2011, seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly. **Voting Yea: Alderman James Smith, Nanette Connelly, James Beifuss, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Alan Murphy, Russell Radkiewicz, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.**

3. Public Participation / Presentations. None.

4. Items for Consent.

A. Contract Award – Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project for York Avenue and Basins 1 and 4. Assistant City Engineer Doug Nooden gave a brief overview of the agenda item summary stating that this work has resulted from the sanitary sewer televising on the south side of the City for areas tributary to Lift Station 1 and Lift Station 4. This project will address the deficiencies found within the sanitary collection system and will eliminate infiltration and improve capacity of the system. The sanitary sewer under the west branch of the DuPage River will be repaired as part of this contract. Mr. Flatter stated that money would be budgeted for next year to move on with a second phase of improvements to the system.

Alderman Russell Radkiewicz made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman James Beifuss. Voting Yea: Aldermen Russell Radkiewicz, James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Alan Murphy, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

B. Contract Award – RJN Group, Inc. for Phase III Construction Oversight Services related to the Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project for York Avenue and Basins 1

and 4. No discussion. **Alderman Alan Murphy made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Russell Radkiewicz. Voting Yea: Aldermen Alan Murphy, Russell Radkiewicz, James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.**

5. Items for Discussion. None.

6. Unfinished Business. Alderman Beifuss asked for an update on the Quiet Zone. Mr. Flatter informed him that the South Aurora Street construction is substantially complete with rebuilding of the alley apron at Washington Street remaining to be completed in the spring. The engineering is complete for the Ann Street and Smith Road improvements, and those projects will soon be out for bid. It is anticipated that a Quiet Zone will be established by mid-summer of 2012.

Alderman Connelly asked when the correct streetlights would be placed on Galena Street. Mr. Flatter informed her that staff has had contact with the contractor, and they were still waiting for the new poles. Alderman Connelly asked if new garbage bins would be placed on Galena and Main Street. Mr. Flatter informed her that as part of the new contract with Groot, new recycling bins are scheduled to be placed on Main Street and Galena Street, and he would look into getting the garbage bins placed back on Galena Street.

Alderman John Smith informed Committee that he had attended a Forest Trails Homeowner's meeting and addressed the issue of curb replacements along with the City's approach on cost sharing. He stated that he did not get an answer at that time. Chairman Dzierzanowski stated that he had discussions with some of the people listed in the Forest Trails HOA correspondence and they did not even know that they were on the list. He feels that this issue is being pursued by a small group of people.

Alderman Beifuss asked staff if there was a plan to repair the seepage problem with the stairs at the Metra Station. Mr. Flatter said that staff met with Metra and the Union Pacific in August and at that time reviewed engineering plans for upgrades to the platform in order to meet ADA guidelines and requirements. Part of the upgrade will be to reconstruct the ramps from the center track to the tunnel and to the parking lot. Mr. Flatter stated that at that time, he brought up the seepage issues and indicated that the stairs warrant replacement to address deterioration and seepage issues. Alderman Murphy asked where the seepage was coming from and Mr. Flatter stated that there were several cracks along mid-wall and stairs. Alderman Murphy suggested a sump pump. Mr. Flatter stated that he didn't feel that would solve the problem. He further stated that he would continue to address the problem with Metra and the UP with the platform and tunnel upgrade designs. He informed Committee that there was no construction schedule for the upgrades, but the UP stated that the Metra Station will have to be closed during construction.

7. New Business. None.

8. Reports from Staff.

Mr. Flatter stated that within the budget for 2012, Mayor Kwasman proposed that a band shell be constructed at Reed-Keppler Park and Mr. Flatter was introducing the concept to the Committee. He passed out pictures (attached as Exhibits A, B, and C) of the proposed location of the band shell along with a conceptual idea of the structure. He said that kits are available for purchase and the Mayor was hoping that volunteers would be willing to install the structure. Although not designed yet, Mr. Flatter indicated that crushed stone paths, similar to what was installed around the 911 memorial, could be installed to and around the structure, with grassy areas available for people to set up chairs and enjoy music. Chairman Dzierzanowski suggested contacting a carpenter's union, or electrician's union for apprentices to perform the work. Alderman Radkiewicz suggested contacting big box stores for donations.

During discussion, Alderman Beifuss stated that he was open to the idea and agreed that it would be a nice amenity where people could go, but what is being presented is a gazebo, not a band shell. He further stated that a band shell would have to have acoustic properties in order to project the sound so that it could be directed away from the residential neighborhood. Alderman Connelly agreed that the concept that is presented is an open structure, not a shell.

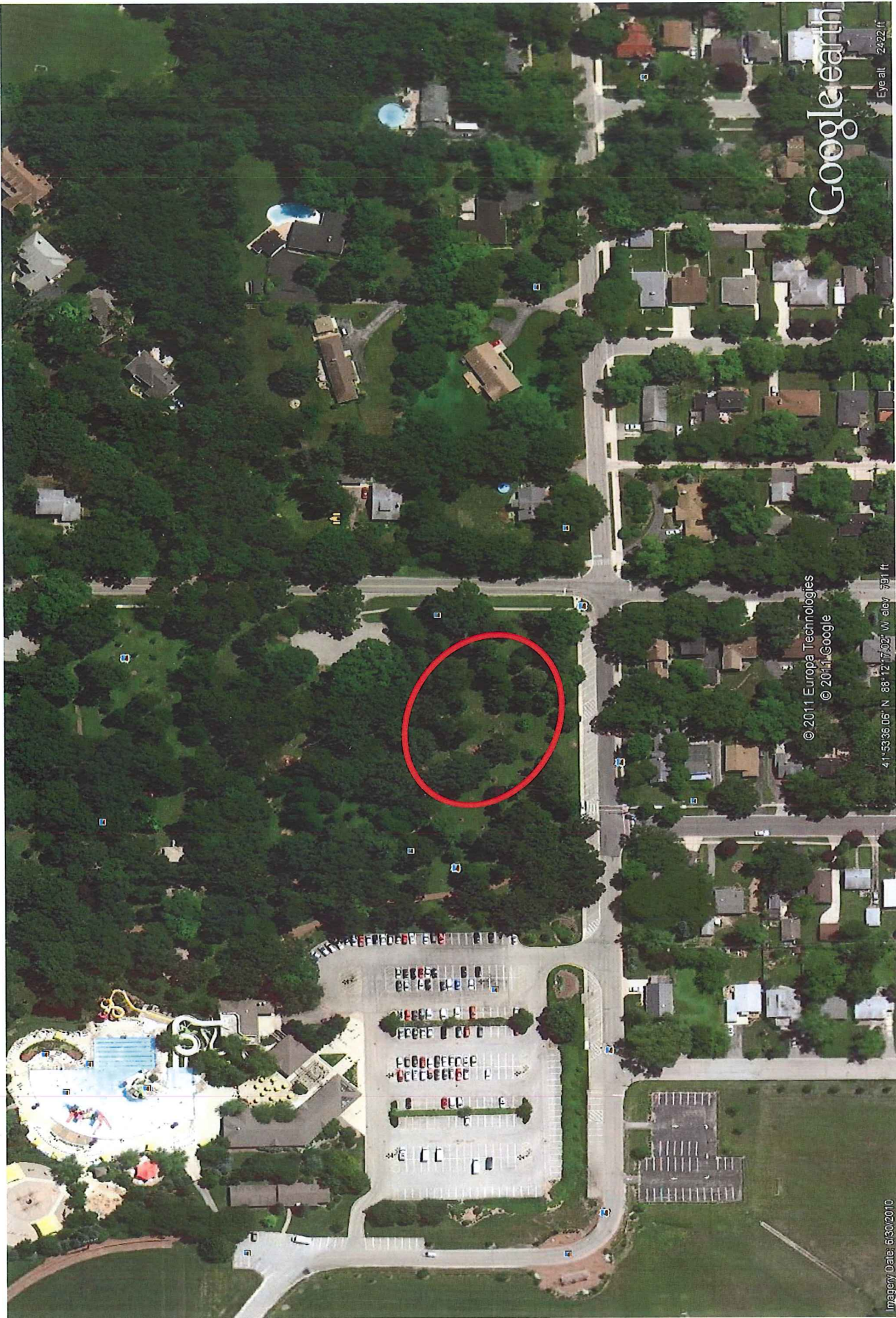
Alderman Radkiewicz asked if the space was considered in regards to availability of parking, for which Chairman Dzierzanowski agreed. Alderman Beifuss stated that parking accommodates Railroad Days and should not be an issue.

Alderman Radkiewicz asked about lighting proposed. Mr. Flatter stated that lighting is proposed for the structure. Alderman Radkiewicz stated that additional lighting needs to be considered throughout the park for the safety of the visitors. Mr. Flatter stated that he would pass along the comments and concerns of the Committee.

9. Adjournment. At 7:30 P.M., Alderman John Smith made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Administrative Secretary



Potential Location of Band Shell - Reed Keppler Park



GCO2 28 W/ OPTIONAL CUPOLA AND ORNAMENTATION

Exhibit C



GCO231 W/ OPTIONAL CUPOLA AND ORNAMENTATION