

**VILLAGE OF WAUSAUKEE
SMART GROWTH
COMMITTEE MEETING**

(COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ann Hartnell, Rosie Figas, John Ranallo)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2011
WAUSAUKEE VILLAGE HALL
428 HARRISON AVENUE**

4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Ann Hartnell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Committee members in attendance were Rosie Figas and John Ranallo. Also present were Village President Jeff Townsend, Village Treasurer Sara Pullen and Wausaukee Recreation Association President Greg Schroeder.
2. Approval of Agenda – Hartnell asked that item number five be moved to item three since Mr. Schroeder was in attendance. Ranallo made a motion seconded by Figas to approve the agenda with that change. Motion carried.
3. Discussion – Playground Equipment Funding – Ranallo began by stating he was not going to stop pushing for new playground equipment in the Village and said there are groups that are interested in seeing this happen as well including the Wausaukee Recreation Association, Wausaukee Community Association, Lions Club, PTO, and Youth Basketball. He told the Committee he would like to raise \$50,000, which would be matched by a grant, to put up the initial structure. He pointed out a few areas in the operating budget and also in undesignated funds held in CD's and money market accounts that could be used to build this playground fund, for example, \$1,000 designated for park improvements, \$5,000 for economic development, \$11,000 undesignated in the State Bank of Florence CD, and a money market account that grows by approximately \$15,000 a year due to interest on the Village loan to Water, also undesignated. Ranallo asked the Committee to consider taking out a loan to acquire the remaining monies needed. He reiterated the importance of getting the initial main structure in place; then in future years, all monies raised or donated can be put toward smaller structures, additions and improvements. The question was raised whether or not the town is going to share any fiscal responsibility with this project. Figas asked if the Village loaning the Wausaukee Recreation Association \$50,000 with a 10 to 20 year payoff was something that was feasible. Townsend stated that the Village will most definitely be here in 15 years but he cannot say that about the Recreation Association with the same certainty. For that reason, he suggested the Village take out a loan, and then a percentage of the Recreation Association's profits could be set aside to help pay off the principle payments. Ranallo disagrees with asking the Recreation Association to pay back the loan stating that they are providing a community service. A question was raised about the UDAG money and whether or not the Wausaukee Housing Authority would restructure the guidelines so that some of the money could be used for this project as either a loan or a grant. Figas stated she will put this issue on the next agenda for the Housing Authority. They question was raised about how to get Community involvement in the way of monetary donations for this project. Townsend stated that he likes the idea of the large thermometers posted in the Village (the welcome sign and Ballas Park were suggested

sights) showing the ultimate goal and the current progress. Donation cans placed around the Village were also proposed as an idea. Ranallo suggested getting a drawing of the future playground sight and posting it around the Village for Community awareness. Ranallo offered 20 4x6 plywood sheets for the creation of the thermometer boards and asked Schroeder to begin construction on those. He also stated he would speak with John Nemec about getting a drawing of the future playground site. Hartnell said she would create a graphic from said drawing to wrap around donation cans. Townsend stated he would cut the slits in the tops of the donation cans.

4. Audience Anyone Wishing to Speak – Hartnell stated that she has gathered enough pictures for the brochure and should have them to Boyle in the next couple of weeks.
5. Discussion – Engineering Firms for HWY 141 Project – Hartnell gathered informational packets from several different engineering firms for the Streetscape project in the Village during the Highway 141 reconstruction which she presented to the Committee. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to narrow the field to three – Ayres Associates, Robert E. Lee & Associates, and Bonestroo. The Committee will meet with these companies at a later date.
6. Adjourn – Ranallo made a motion seconded by Figas to adjourn at 5:15 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by (SP)
8/12/2011