

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
AD HOC FISH HATCHERY COMMITTEE  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE  
MARCH 31, 2008**

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Fish Hatchery Committee was held on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 7401 Meyer Road, Spring Grove, Illinois, Chairperson Erdmann presiding.

**Call to Order.** The following Committee members were present: Chairperson Ron Erdmann; Members Jim Anhalt, Pam Kerpec, Bob Martens, Lloyd Simonson - 5. Absent: Members Rad Brewer, Mike Robinson - 2. Present for the Village were: Bonnie DeGroot, Village Secretary; and Matt Wittum, Public Works Crew Leader.

**Approval of the meeting minutes from March 10, 2008.** Member Simonson moved, seconded by Member Martens to approve the March 10, 2008 meeting minutes. On voice vote the motion carried.

**New Business.**

**Discuss Foundation / Not For Profit Status for Fish Hatchery.** The committee was in agreement that due to the fact that the not for profit status will not provide for any tax benefits that they will have the Village Treasurer earmark a fund known as the "Hatchery Park Development Fund." This will be a separate line item in the budget and earmarked for all donations to specifically be used for the Fish Hatchery Park.

**Report on meeting with Partners in Preservation.**

On March 27<sup>th</sup> Bonnie DeGroot and Mack Sherman, Building & Zoning Officer met with Chris Morris and Anthony Rubano from the National Trust at the Fish Hatchery site to review the proposed exterior renovations that were planned to be done with the \$65,000 grant funds. The Scope of Work has been approved and the grant agreement will be forwarded to the Village within the next couple of weeks. Once the agreement is signed by all parties the Village can file an "Intent to Proceed" agreement which will allow us to draw the 50% to start the exterior renovation.

It was reported that during the meeting, Chris Morris and Anthony Rubano stated the benefits of having the site on the National Registry. This would not only provide additional press to the site but will also help with future grant applications. It was explained that the committee would be hesitant to have the site added to the National Registry due to the restrictions it would impose on the property and site. Mr. Rubano and Ms. Morris both explained that this is not the case at all, the National Registry will simply provide comments and suggestions. The committee agreed that this would be something to look into and will be inviting Ms. Morris and Mr. Rubano to a future meeting date to discuss the National Registry further. Mr. Rubano also recommended looking into the Illinois Tourism Bureau for any development grant funds for the hatchery site.



### **Unfinished Business.**

**Report on Budget Figures Approved by Village Board.** Committee Member Kerpec reported that the Village Board had approved the budget recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Fish Hatchery Committee. The following will be included in the FY08-09 Parks Capitol budget for the Hatchery. \$50,000.00 has been included for the following

- Varga & Associates (*engineering*) \$15,000.00
- Zahn & Associates (*survey*) \$ 6,500.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Demolition & Construction \$21,000.00
- HVAC \$ 3,000.00
- Sump Pump \$ 200.00
- Fish Equipment Alterations \$ 3,300.00

The following will be included in the FY08-09 General Fund Parks Development Budget.

Hatchery Refurb - \$90,000.00 (PIP Grant \$65,000 & DCEO Grant \$25,000)

Hatchery Utilities - \$3,000.00

Hatchery Maintenance - \$9,600.00

**Report On Responses From Bass Pro, Cabalas, Dicks Sporting Goods and Gander Mountain.** Chairperson Erdmann reported that letters were sent to the above organizations a response was received from the Bass Pro organization stating that the information would be forwarded within the company.

**Other Business.** The committee would like to have a pamphlet put together for donation requests for the 'Hatchery Park Development Fund". We will start the process of putting together a 3 fold pamphlet that will have a section to be torn off for submitting donations. Discussions of an "October fest" type of fundraising event with the possibility of having a "Taste of Spring Grove" or "Wine Tasting". The National Honor Society could be asked to provide students for the event to be put along the ponds for security monitoring during the event. Member Kerpec commented that the event should be held after the burn is complete.

Matt Wittum, Public Works Crew Leader commented on the work that the Public Works department will be able to provide for the Hatchery site. Mr. Wittum recommended that a temporary or permanent ramp be added to the site behind the home at the end of the trail where there is currently a steep set of stairs that is falling apart and is unsafe for public use. If the public will be allowed to walk the trails for the event this ramp will need to be in place. Mr. Wittum also stated that the areas between the small ponds cannot be maintained by the mowers due to the unlevel ground. He would like to see the areas filled in with dirt and seeded this will allow the room for the mowers. Before any fill can be put in these areas Varga & Associates will need to be contacted.

Member Anhalt questioned whether we will be flooding the lake this year, it was the general consensus to have the open burn on the fields and then try and flood it and see what happens. Member Kerpec wanted to confirm that the fire department was certified and has the necessary permits for the burn at the site. Chief Tobiasz has his certification as well as those that will be helping with the burn as well as necessary permits.



**Public Comment.** Chairperson Erdmann then opened the meeting up for comments by the public. Ms. Frances Mai-Ling a resident of Spring Grove requested that an informational link be added onto the Village website for updates on the Hatchery site. Ms. Mai-Ling also commented on the October open house event to be held at the hatchery, adding that we should invite one of the radio show hosts that have their shows revolve around fishing information. Ms. Mai-Ling also commented that when the event is scheduled that there should be a designated handicapped parking area. The last event proved to be very difficult to maneuver a wheelchair around. Ms. Mai-Ling also recommended that we contact the Orbis organization, located in Deerfield Illinois for possible donations.

Mr. & Mrs. Doughman residents of Spring Grove commented on having the pamphlets once completed should be sent out to the schools before the event. Once school starts it would be a great opportunity to get the word out a few weeks before the event with sending the pamphlets to the elementary schools for the children to take home to their parents.

The public was thanked for their comments and for attending the Ad Hoc Fish Hatchery meeting. The next Ad Hoc Fish Hatchery meeting will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bonnie DeGroot, Village Secretary