

Christmas Lake Village
Board of Directors
Special Meeting on the Kaspar Gate
08/23/2012

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Busler at 6:00 PM. She noted that a quorum was present.

Directors present were Amy Busler, Mack Seed, Dave Walters, Susan Loucka, Brian Greulich, Mark Evans, and Kendall Thompson. Absent were Betty Clayton and Jodey Reisz.

There were approximately 20 members in the audience.

The President turned the meeting over to Mark Evans, to share what is needed to finish the Kaspar Gate project.

Kendall Thompson stated that before the meeting started, John Bowen had provided the directors with several copies of Roberts Rules of Order and thanked Mr. Bowen.

Mark Evans stated that he wasn't sure of any dates yet, but he needed Board approval for two items. At the last regular meeting, he had bids on fencing from H & R Aluminum and Kight Lumber, without the labor figures from Kight Lumber. Those labor figures are in, and H & R Aluminum is about \$2300 less than Kight Lumber. The bid from H & R Aluminum was \$4150; the bid from Kight Lumber was \$6471.85. The difference is Kight has to come from Evansville, which is why it's more expensive. Also the cost will be reduced if we don't use all the material.

Mark Evans made the motion that the H&R Aluminum contract be signed as the low bidder between the two contractors for the amount of \$4150. Mack Seed seconded the motion.

Amy Busler-Aye	Mack Seed-Aye
Dave Walters -Aye	Susan Loucka-Aye
Kendall Thompson-Aye	Brian Greulich-Aye
Mark Evans-Aye	

Vote in favor 7-0. Motion carried.

Mark Evans stated that he had discussed the “dogleg” in the road with the engineers. He showed a drawing of this area and explained that it had come into existence because of what the town had to do to get around the utilities. He explained that this created a danger where the asphalt bike path ended up, of driving off onto the dirt. By bringing the asphalt down to the gate that danger is eliminated. It also creates an extra 8 to 10 feet to turn around, for people who make a mistake driving down this road. The road will make a

straight line. Hughes Contracting will charge \$1200 to do that patch. They would raise it up, and then finish the bike path down to the island.

President Busler noted that several of the directors had visited the area and seen what was proposed.

Jeff Stillman stated that basically we are extending the bike path into the village.

Mark Evans said that the extension was inside the village property line but outside the gate, with fencing similar to the back gate. Mr. Stillman agreed that that was fine.

John Bowen asked if the bicycle path was outside the village property. (*inaudible*) He said that he understood the island is inside the village property, and that the village property is in a spot that does not allow the gate to be built because of the slope. The bicycle path comes down from 162 to inside the village, and he asked how much we were paying for the asphalt, and why we were building a bicycle path to nowhere.

The response was that the town built the bicycle path, because they got a grant for it.

Jim Davidson asked if, in establishing this bike path, are we destroying some of the security of the village, where a bicycle can come through at any time with nobody to observe them or pass them through?

He was told that we will have cameras that will observe them.

Mr. Davidson said we will have a camera to observe them coming in, like at the back gate, but nothing to show what they do when they arrive. Are we going to destroy some of the security of the Village to go along with what the town wants, which is for any bicycle to be able to come in and tour the village?

President Busler said that that's probably a question for the town council.

Mr. Davidson said that the Board is going along with the town council, but that the Board is responsible for the security of the village, not to satisfy the town council.

Kendall Thompson stated that while bike paths encourage people to use them, not having a bike path will not discourage people from bicycling in, and that bike paths improve the life style, and probably property values, in the end. But the current proposal is not about a bike path, it's to improve safety.

Mr. Davidson asked, if we are allowing free access to the village to bicycle riders, why are we continuing to have gates to restrict entry for cars, but not a bicycle or motorcycle.

Kendall Thompson said we were not encouraging bicycles, or not discouraging them either, and that Mr. Davidson was correct, all we have is the cameras to watch them, so it's no different from the back gate.

Mack Seed stated that he'd seen bicyclists ride past the main gate, so he didn't think that not having a bike path would keep bicyclists from entering the village if they really want to.

Mr. Davidson asked then if we are ignoring the total security of the village, or attempting to make the security something that is really not totally there. We could save ourselves a lot of money if we got rid of the gates.

Lisa O'Brien said that she has reviewed the grant application the town of Santa Claus submitted. They did get some money for engineering plans; they did not get any grant money for building at this point. On the grant application it does state that the landowners have preliminarily agreed to donate the land. So that means the village has agreed to donate the land to continue the bike trail into the main gate. It's in the grant application that the town of Santa Claus has submitted. I'd like to know when we did that.

Dave Walters asked, does it say the village has?

Ms. O'Brien answered yes, it does say that, and another phase of the grant states that another landowner has, too. She believes, looking back through the minutes, that that's not the case.

Mark Evans said he had talked to Mike Mathias from Midwest Engineering, and this is actually a Kaspar gate meeting, but they will be coming to the village, asking for the same thing for the front gate, but that's not here yet. This patch for the Kaspar gate is here, and to patch it in is more of a safety issue for our own people, plus the turnaround. As for the security issue, a bike rider could lay his bike down and go underneath it, but then there are places you can just walk in here, too.

Jerry Cunningham stated that the main structure of the gate would be in the middle of the road with arms on either side. He asked if the arms could be long enough to cover the bike path, to stop or slow down the bike riders.

Mark Evans said that between the arms and the fencing, a bike rider wouldn't be able to go through, but he could lay his bike down and go under the arm.

Mr. Cunningham stated that they could do that now.

President Busler asked for a motion to approve these funds.

Mark Evans said that this was within the original \$80,000, and we are still under budget.

Don Vogel stated that according to Roberts Rules of Order, as long as we have approved the total package, we do not need a vote as long as we are within the original budget.

Jeff Stillman stated that Don was right about the process. What we need a vote for is not allocating the money, but on the change to the original plan.

Mark Evans made a motion to patch the area between the end of the bicycle path and the concrete island. Susan Loucka seconded the motion.

Amy Busler-Aye	Mack Seed-Aye
Dave Walters -Aye	Susan Loucka-Aye
Kendall Thompson-Aye	Brian Greulich-Aye
Mark Evans-Aye	

Vote in favor 7-0. Motion carried.

Mark Evans offered to stay to answer any questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mack Seed moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mark Evans.

Amy Busler-Aye	Mack Seed-Aye
Dave Walters -Aye	Susan Loucka-Aye
Kendall Thompson-Aye	Brian Greulich-Aye
Mark Evans-Aye	

Vote in favor 7-0. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.