

The League of Women Voters of Downers Grove-Woodridge-Lisle

Observer's Report

Village of Woodridge, Regular Board Meeting

August 8, 2013

All Board members were present. No members of the public or media were present. I found the facilities clean and handicap accessible. The room is the proper size, and I could see and hear the Board members and other speakers.

The Board accepted and approved all items on the consent agenda. Mayor Cunningham appointed Nancy Balogh to the Plan Commission for August 8, 2013 to April 30, 2016. She also thanked Trustee Pittinger, who had resigned from his position on the Board.

The Administrator's report included the request for approval of an Ordinance for Phase 2 of the Union Pointe Business Park development to allow the construction of a 435,778 square foot office/warehouse and to allow the extension of Adam Don Parkway, the Park's interior access road, to Murphy Road. A 2011 Amendment to the Village's Comprehensive Plan allowed phased development of 80 acres of Union Pointe Park. An additional 20 acres in Bolingbrook were mentioned as part of the conceptual plan for future development.

Community Development Director Mays answered questions from the trustees regarding the 20 acres in Bolingbrook. He clarified that the 20 acres are not yet part of the Park, but should they become so the Village of Bolingbrook would be responsible for fire and police service. The Village of Bolingbrook would not be required to notify the 35 residents who currently receive notifications of subsequent development in Union Pointe, but Woodridge would ask them to do so as a courtesy.

Trustee Abbott asked a number of questions related to the proposed facility's setback, the height of the building, and the amount of truck traffic that would occur daily. At the Mayor's request, Director May explained that semis are required to exit the Park south on Woodward to Interstate 55 and that trucks would not be able to cut through the adjacent subdivisions. Trustee Abbott commented that he did believe that Union Pointe is the proper location for an industrial park, that 110-foot setback is insufficient given the size of the facility, and that the proposed warehouse would adversely affect nearby residential property values. The Ordinance passed four to two.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.