



VILLAGE OF **DEER PARK**

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Minutes

Village of Deer Park
Board of Trustee Meeting
May 17, 2010 • 7:00pm
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Deer Park Vehe Barn
23570 W. Cuba Road
Deer Park Illinois 60010

1) Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deer Park was held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at Vehe Barn, 23570 W. Cuba Road, in the Village of Deer Park, in the counties of Lake and Cook, Illinois. President Kellermann called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Village officials and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Upon roll call, the following were present: President Kellermann, Trustees Kizior, Olson, Sands, Pratscher and Evans. Trustee Trost was absent.

Other Village officials present were Administrator Connors, Clerk Schroeder, Attorney Bateman, and Village Treasurer Stade, and Gewalt Hamilton Representative. President Kellermann stated there is a quorum.

3) Approval of Agenda

President Kellermann recommended omitting agenda items 14 and 15; moving agenda item 13 before item 9; and moving items 9Ai and 9Hii ahead of the agenda.

Motion: Trustee Pratscher moved, seconded by Trustee Sands, to amend the Agenda as agreed per President Kellermann's recommendation.

Ayes: Olson, Kizior, Sands and Pratscher

Nays: None

Absent: Trost and Evans

Motion Carried. 4-0

4) Approval and Release of minutes from the Board of Trustees Special Meeting April 5, 2010.

Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of April 5, 2010 as presented.

Upon Roll Call by voice vote. 4 Ayes/0 Nays/2 Absent. Motion Carried. 4/0

5) Public Comments — Sign up prior to meeting on sign-in sheet on podium; 5 minutes time limit.

Trustee Evans entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Girl Scouts Erin Guarnieri and Kelli Kranz provided the Board with a Silver Award Project presentation and were available to answer questions from the Board. The Board thanked the Girl Scouts for their presentation.

Alexa Albrecht of 20707 Meadow Lane expressed her drainage issues and concerns. She asked that the Board consider addressing the under land drainage issues.

President Kellermann pointed out that the Village has had three (3) 50-year rainfalls and understands the concerns. President Kellermann noted that the issues and concerns will be addressed under the Village's preventative maintenance program directed by Trustee Sands and thanked her for her comments.

Debra Barry of 412 Bramble Lane wished Trustee Kizior happy birthday. Ms. Barry noted that this would be the last night she would be videotaping the BOT meetings. Ms. Barry announced the "Deer Park Neighbors" clean up event on Long Grove Road to Deer Path, held on the first weekend of June on Saturday at 9:30 am and Sunday at 1:30 pm.

Ms. Barry recommended that if the LNCI resolution is considered and passed by the Board, to change and/or add language that no money will be spent by the Village and suggested setting limits.

Randy Kranz of 23430 Lake Cook Road noted that he did not have any comments.

Paul Kim of 405 Bramble Lane pointed out the flooding in his back yard and expressed his drainage issues. Mr. Kim noted the front of his yard is OK and asked the Board to visit his issues.

With no further comments, the Public Comments portion of the meeting was closed at 7:26 p.m.

6) Public Hearing on Appropriation Ordinance for FY2011

President Kellermann explained that the Village is currently \$90,000 under budget since the 2003 budget year.

President Kellermann opened the Public Hearing portion of the Appropriation Ordinance for FY2011 at 7:31p.m.

Motion: Trustee Evans moved, seconded by Trustee Sands, to open the Public Hearing of the Appropriation Ordinance for FY2011 at 7:31 p.m.

All Ayes by voice vote. 5 Ayes/0 Nays/1 Absent – 5/0 Motion Carried.

President Kellermann explained the purpose of the Appropriation Ordinance and asked for Public Comment.

Debra Barry of 412 Bramble asked if the Village had money for a video camera to film the Village Board meetings.

With no further comments, the public comment was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Evans, to close the Public Hearing of the Appropriation Ordinance for FY2011 at 7:35 p.m.

Upon Roll call by voice vote. 5 Ayes/0 Nays/1 Absent. Motion Carried 5/0.

At this time, President Kellermann asked Village Clerk Schroeder to read the attached e-mail from Ms. Smetana, 21922 Inglenook Court.

Trustee Evans read an e-mail from Pat Winkelman dated 5/17/10 in response to the e-mail indicating support of the LNCL.

7) Village Engineer- Report and Recommendations

A. Approval of Village Engineer Recommendation to award Street Sweeping Bid to Hoving Clean Sweep LLC for \$650.00

Dan Strand, Gewalt Hamilton presented the following item and was available to answer questions from the Board.

Motion: Trustee Sands moved, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to approve Street Sweeping Bid to Hoving Clean Sweep LLC for \$650.00.

Ayes: Evans, Kizior, Olson, Pratscher and Sands

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 5/0

B. Approval of Village Engineer recommendation to authorize Ela Township Highway Department to perform storm sewer and street culvert, and pond outfall structure maintenance.

Dan Strand explained this item and was available to answer questions from the Board.

Motion: Trustee Sands, moved, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to approve Ela Township Highway Department to perform storm sewer and street culvert, and pond outfall structure maintenance.

Ayes: Olson, Kizior, Evans, Pratscher and Sands

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 5/0

9)D. Trustee Pratscher-Health and Sanitation

Ordinance for variation for septic system at 20265 Lea Road

Dan Strand, Gewalt Hamilton, provided an update on this case and indicated that although the proposed design is not meet the Village Code, Gewalt Hamilton approved it as presented.

Jeff and Nancy Rezman of 20265 Lea Road were present and explained their reason for the request for a septic system at their residence. The Rezman's noted that their plans as presented were approved by Lake County.

Mr. Strand answered questions from the Board.

Motion: Trustee Pratscher moved, seconded by Trustee Evans, to approve an Ordinance for a variation for septic system at 20265 Lea Road.

Discussion:

Trustee Pratscher pointed out of pocket fees related to the permit process. There was general discussion regarding the fees. Village Administrator Connors explained the typical review fee costs involved with the permit process.

Ayes: Sands, Olson, Kizior, Evans and Pratscher

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 5/0

8) Village Attorney- Report and Recommendations

A. Ordinance amending Village Code regarding Chapter 155 “Subdivision Regulations, of Title XV “Land Usage”, regarding Impact Fees” (tabled from 4/19/2010)

Attorney Bateman explained the updates were recommended by BACOG and was available for questions from the Board.

Trustee Evans questioned the impact fees calculations. Attorney Bateman indicated because the Village is non home rule, there are limitations on the language. Attorney Bateman further addressed Trustee Evans’ question regarding senior housing.

Trustee Evans noted that she doesn’t feel comfortable with limiting the impact and that it would not help the Village. Attorney Bateman explained the value of the impact fees is based on the numbers per acre of the taxing district. He pointed out that BACOG proposed this last year and Deer Park is the only community that hasn’t updated their ordinance.

Trustee Evans noted that she is not comfortable with changing the numbers and suggested having the developers incur the fees. Bateman noted that more than likely the numbers would be higher considering the recent real estate down trend than in recent years.

Trustee Evans noted that she wants more time to review. Attorney Bateman indicated that there is no urgency to pass the proposed amendments due to the economy. He noted that the Village originally adopted this ordinance in 2003, and this item is a proposed amendment to the original ordinance. He reiterated that there was no urgency to vote on this item.

Trustee Evans entertained a motion to move to table this item. With no second, the motion failed.

Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Sands, to adopt the Ordinance amending Village code regarding Chapter 155 “Subdivision Regulations, of Title XV “Land Usage”, regarding Impact Fees”.

Discussion

Attorney Bateman noted that it would be better to be home-ruled opposed to non home-ruled to not give these types of restrictions.

Trustee Evans asked how much land is required. Village Administrator Connors noted that it is very limited. Trustee Evans withdrew her motion considering the land restriction.

Ayes: Pratscher, Olson, Kizior, Evans and Sands

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 5/0

B. Addendum to Cable Television franchise agreement by and between Village and Comcast of Illinois (tabled from 4/19)

Attorney Bateman explained the proposed changes and answered questions from the Board.

Dan Maloney of Comcast was present and addressed the Board's questions. It was noted that Comcast provides cable to the Village.

There was general discussion regarding the length of the agreement. Attorney Bateman added that the proposed agreement was for 15 years and then negotiated to 10 years. Mr. Maloney explained that legislation is looking for longer years for stability.

Attorney Bateman briefly explained the history of the cable company and noted that for the record, he does not indorse AT&T.

Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to approve the addendum to the Cable Television franchise agreement by and between Village and Comcast of Illinois.

Discussion

Attorney Bateman briefly explained the protection of the indemnification and insurance provisions. Mr. Maloney pointed out the add audit provision.

Ayes: Sands, Pratscher, Olson, Kizior and Evans

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 5/0

12) Kildeer Police Reports

Commander Mike Bratko and Officer Rob Davis provided the Board with a police report as presented and was available to answer questions from the Board.

Trustee Sands pointed out an incident on Deer Path Road. Commander Bratko noted that Lake Zurich was contacted.

Trustee Kizior expressed his concerns about an incident that happened a week ago Saturday involving a suspicious man who was walking a dog in his neighborhood that was heading towards Wooden Ridge. Trustee Kizior indicated that it took 15 to 20 minutes before the police responded. Trustee Kizior asked the police to monitor the Wooded Ridge area for this person.

Trustee Kizior further indicated that he is interested in riding along with an officer and reviewing the "Steps" program.

President Kellermann noted that the "steps" were increased. Commander Bratko noted that the "steps" are increased during rush hours.

Commander Bratko provided the Board tips on identifying gang-related set-ups. Officer Davis indicated that the set-ups were used in Wisconsin and wanted to make the community aware of the gang members set-ups.

Officer Rob Davis noted that he's been with the police force for 20 years. Officer Davis noted that school is out soon and suggested that the community continue to lock their homes, garages and cars. Also, report any suspicious actions.

9Hii) 2009 Annual ComEd Report – presented by Mr. Jeff Batara, ComEd External Affairs Manager

Jeff Batara, ComEd External Affairs manager presented the 2009 Annual ComEd Report and answered questions from the Board.

Trustee Kizior asked about the tree trimming service done on Deer Lake Meadow Subdivision. There was general discussion regarding the tree trimming program. Trustee Kizior asked if there was a new tree trimming company. Mr. Batara in 2009 the vendor changed to ABC Tree Company, but change in the trimming standards. The Board inquired about the recent tree trimming in the Village. Mr. Batara suggested scheduling a meeting with Village Staff, himself and the vegetation manager to discuss any concerns and/or the tree trimming process that the Board may have. Further, Mr. Batara noted that he would provide the Board with an update after such meeting.

Trustee Olson asked Mr. Batara if there were any plans to put electrical wires underground. Mr. Batara noted that the Village would have to burden the costs.

Trustee Kizior indicated that he is looking for corrective action regarding the tree trimming. Mr. Batara will meet with the vegetation manager and Village staff and provide an update at the next meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Batara for his presentation.

9Gv) Update on discussion with BCBC regarding development of additional ball fields

Trustee Evans introduced Tony Graffia and his associate from the BCBC organization. Mr. Graffia provided the Board with a proposal for the development of additional ball fields for travel and local teams in the Village and was available for questions from the Board.

President Kellermann asked for cost projections. Mr. Graffia indicated that the cost of \$80-100,000 for Charlie Brown park and \$200,000 for Deer Park.

Mr. Graffia noted that he would be funding this project therefore he asks for the first right of use of the ball fields. He noted that there would be no expenses to the Village at this point and eventually the fields would be owned by the Village.

Trustee Sands asked the schedule for construction. Mr. Graffia noted that he would like to start development on Charlie Brown park this year.

Trustee Kizior asked how much field time would be available in one year. Mr. Graffia noted not more than 50%, and that the field would be available for other uses.

Village Administrator Connors recommended that BCBC and the Village create a cooperative agreement with the Village engineer on the development of the project and the fees would be reimbursed to the Village. Mr. Graffia explained there would be no expenses to the Village until the Village owns the fields.

Trustee Olson asked if there would be any problems with the neighbors and how it would impact the neighbors and/or lake.

Ms. Barry of 412 Bramble suggested using half of the revenue to be used for police needs.

Alexa Albrecht of 20707 Meadow Lane expressed traffic and parking concerns.

After general discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to support further discussion and consideration of the BCBC proposal.

President Kellermann and Trustees thanked BCBC for their presentation.

9) Reports from President, Trustees, Administrator, Clerk, and Treasurer

A. President Kellermann

i) Contribution to Barrington Youth and Family Services for \$2,500.00 to be paid in FY2011 (tabled from 3/15)

President Kellermann asked the Board for their comments on this item and/or information to benefit this expenditure.

Trustee Kizior expressed his support for the organization. Trustee Pratscher thought this group benefited the Barrington Township area. Trustee Evans pointed out that the Ela Township has youth services and suggested that the Village look for other benefits. Trustee Evans expressed concern with being redundant with contributions to this organization.

After general discussion, President Kellermann suggested reducing the contribution to \$2,000.

Motion: Trustee Sands moved, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to approve a contribution to Barrington Youth and Family Services for \$2,000 to be paid in FY2011.

Ayes: Kizior, Sands, Olson, Evans and Pratscher

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried.

ii) Consideration of the FY2010-11 Budget

President Kellermann explained this item.

There was discussion regarding the membership cost. Trustee Sands suggested utilizing the organization more based the Village needs/issues. Trustee Pratscher agreed with Trustee Sands comment.

President Kellermann pointed out the benefits of the organization. Trustee Olson noted he supports the organization.

Motion: Trustee Evans moved, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to support FY2010-11 Budget as presented.

Upon Roll Call by voice vote – 5 Ayes/0 Nays/1 Absent. Motion Carried 5/0.

iii) Appointment of Henry C.Tonigan as hearing officer for red light violations

Attorney Bateman read Judge Tonigan's credentials. Attorney Bateman explained the hearing procedures and was available to answer questions from the Board.

Motion: Trustee Pratscher moved, seconded by Trustee Sands, to appoint Henry C. Tonigan as hearing officer for red light violations.

Discussion

Trustee Evans asked if the Board can un-appoint if not happy with the services. It was noted that the Village would be conveniently sharing hearing dates with the Village of Kildeer. Village Administrator Connors briefly explained the hearing process.

Ayes: Evans, Kizior, Olson, Pratscher and Sands

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 5/0

iv) Appointment of Teska Associates as planning consultant member of Building Review Board

Motion: Trustee Pratscher moved, seconded by Evans, to appoint Teska Associates as planning consultant member of Building Review Board.

Ayes: Olson, Kizior, Pratscher, Sands and Evans

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 5/0

President Kellermann thanked Trustee Sands and Village Administrator Connors for their assistance in addressing the excessive rain issues. President Kellermann also thanked staff for their services during the excessive rain fall with the use of the CTY Connect communication system. President Kellermann acknowledged Ela Township for their services with the flooding issues.

President Kellermann thanked Trustee Kizior, Trustee Olson and Village Administrator Connors for their service in obtaining certain documents.

President Kellermann provided an update on the Chapel Hill Homeowner's Association road issues.

B. Trustee Kizior–Public Safety

Trustee Kizior noted there was no update on the fund study for Long Grove Road; he is working on the Police steps policy and is planning on attending a drive along with the Kildeer Police; and lastly, he mentioned the document work completed at a Chicago office.

C. Trustee Olson-Finance

Report on the Village Website Design Proposals

Trustee Olson noted that he supports getting a camera for the Village's use. He noted that he would bring a proposal to the next Village Board meeting.

Trustee Olson provided the Board with a brief summary on the two web site contenders. Trustee Pratscher noted that the two companies maybe an overkill for the Village website. She suggested looking at other options. She expressed concern with the cost of on-going fees.

Trustee Olson noted that he would like to invite the two contenders come to the BOT meeting with a short presentation. Trustee Evans suggested getting feedback on items for the website that would benefit and serve our community.

D. Trustee Pratscher – Health and Sanitation

Trustee Pratscher noted that she has historical Village documents that where at the public library and that she will be bringing the documents to the Village.

E. Trustee Sands-Roads and Drainage

i) Road Program Update (Deerpath Road, Rue Valley)

Trustee Sands reported an update on the 2010 Road Maintenance project.

Debra Barry of 412 Ramble Lane noted that the Deer Path Road project was ill supervised. Trustee Sands addressed her comments.

ii) Hotel Tax Update

Trustee Sands indicated that the Hampton Inn supports advertising on the Village website and improve signage to attract tourism. Trustee Evans expressed concern with advertising.

iii) Drainage

Trustee Sands outlined the issues associated with the increased rain activity and noted this issues will be addressed by the Board.

The Rezman's asked who would help if their system doesn't work. President Kellermann noted that it would be a joint effort.

Trustee Evans noted that she had comments regarding the proposed website renovation and suggested that Trustee Olson draft a proposed website layout prior to the presentation. She asked for an analysis of the community needs. Attorney Bateman recommended that Village Administrator Connors distribute an e-mail to the BOT and collect and/or compile the data.

F. Trustee Trost-Planning and Zoning

Update on RFP for Building Plan Review/Inspection and Zoning Services

Village Administrator Connors explained that Trustee Trost was not present and he recommends a meeting with the candidates, Trustee Trost and President Kellermann.

G. Trustee Evans-Parks and Recreation

i) Girl Scout Silver Award Project Presentation

Motion: Trustee Sands moved, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to support and authorize the Village President or Barb Evans.

All ayes by voice vote. 5 Ayes/0 Nays/1 Absent – Motion Carried. 5/0

See Public Comments Agenda Item 5).

ii) Resolution supporting the children's outdoor bill of rights and designating June as "Leave No Child Inside Month"(tabled from 4/19)

There was a lengthy discussion on this item.

Motion: Trustee Pratscher moved, seconded by Trustee Evans, to support the children's outdoor bill of rights and designating June as "Leave No Child Inside Month".

Ayes: Sands, Pratscher, Kizior and Evans

Nays: Olson

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 4/1

iii) VFF monthly report and action items

Trustee Evans reported the recent bob sled was placed by the out-building for the public review.

iv) Request for clerk to send thank you letters for volunteers participating in Great Backyard Bird Count

There was lengthy discussion on this item. President Kellermann indicated that this item be tabled.

vi) Presentation for Eagle Scout to build and install park benches

Trustee Evans noted that the Scout was not present this evening and would postpone to next month. Trustee Evans further recognized Eagle Scouts accomplishments.

Trustee Evans proposed new funding opportunities for new development of parks, bike paths and 50/50 split. Village Administrator Connors noted that he would talk with Trustee Evans about that process.

H. Administrator Connors

i) Consideration of Microsoft Office 2007 & Adobe Acrobat Software for Village Office in the amount of \$1,804.91.

Village Administrator Connors explained this item as there was no back-up material and could bring this item back to the next meeting.

President Kellermann recommended allocating \$1,000 for the purchase of (3) Microsoft Office 2007 software.

Motion: Trustee Pratscher moved, seconded by Trustee Olson, to authorize Village Administrator to purchase three (3) Microsoft Office 2007, not to exceed \$1,000.

Ayes: Sands, Pratscher, Olson, Kizior and Evans

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 5/0

I. Treasurer Stade

i) Adoption of FY2010-2011 Appropriation Ordinance

Village Treasurer Stade briefly explained this item.

Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to adopt FY2010-2011 Appropriation Ordinance as presented.

Ayes: Evans, Kizior, Olson, Pratscher and Sands

Nays: None

Absent: Trost

Motion Carried. 5/0

ii) FY 2010 budget graphs

Treasurer Stade explained the graphs and was available to answer questions from the Board.

J. Village Clerk Schroeder

Staff Functions – FOIA Requests Update and Village Document Retention & Disposal

Clerk Schroeder provided the Board with an update on various Clerk functions and was available to answer questions from the Board.

10) Investments Held Report

Approval of the Investments Held Report for April 2010 in the amount of \$1,103,917.59

Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Kizior, to approve the investments held report for April 2010 in the amount of \$1,103,917.59.

Upon Roll Call by voice vote – 5 Ayes/0 Nays/1 Absent. Motion Carried. 5/0

11) Cash Disbursements

Approval of expenditures totaling \$197,679.99 (accounts payable in the amount of \$170,203.30 plus payroll in the amount of \$21,996.62 and check register for 5480.07)

Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Kizior, to approve expenditures totaling \$197,679.99 (accounts payable in the amount of \$170,203.30 plus payroll in the amount of \$21,996.62 and check register for \$5,480.07).

Ayes: Sands, Pratscher, Olson, Kizior and Evans

Nays: None

Motion Carried. 5/0

13) New Business

None

14) Closed session to discuss pending & probable litigation

Removed from Agenda as recommended by President Kellermann and approved by the Board of Trustees.


15) Possible action to authorize litigation with respect to Vehe Farm Project


Removed from Agenda as recommended by President Kellermann and approved by the Board of Trustees.

16) Adjournment

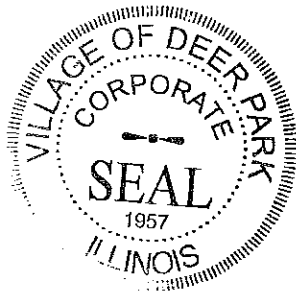
Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Sands, to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m. All Ayes by voice vote. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth A. Schroeder, RMC
Village Clerk


Robert Kellermann
Village President

Attachment



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LNCI = NCLI

Monday, May 17, 2010 1:59 PM

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Dear Trustees and Interested Others,

I received a copy of Barb Evan's email dated 4/26. I found the assertion that LNCI and NCLI have nothing in common with each other except similar-sounding acronyms quite interesting, as if the name similarity is simply a coincidence. This is not true. The fact is, LNCI and NCLI are two facets of the same political agenda (one local and the other national) - a political agenda designed to use "nature-based experiences" (rather than facts and logic) to indoctrinate impressionable children into a left-of-center political belief system. While NCLI is the more radical of the two and is naturally being met with the most opposition, LNCI is the on-the-ground, candy-coated, local marketing initiative. May I suggest that once regional localities have voluntarily embraced LNCI as good and valuable, they will naturally have less resistance to its more radical, national, legislative cousin, NCLI.

I would like to direct your attention to the attachment included in Barb's email, the BACOG Resolution Recognizing the Leave No Child Inside LNCI Initiative. This documents states, quote, "Whereas children who grow up spending time in nature are also more likely to be strong advocates for the environment when they reach adulthood." This statement . . .

- 1) echos the same political purpose of NCLI, and
- 2) contradicts Ms. Evan's assertion that LNCI is simply "a regional outreach initiative that simply aims to get kids outside."

Like NCLI, LNCI purposes to use nature-based play as the springboard to rear the next generation of environmental activists. It has nothing to do with teaching children how to climb a tree or play in the mud. That's simply an innocent-sounding smoke screen for an underlying political agenda. And it's a good smoke screen too; after all, who could argue that children today shouldn't play outside more? After all, who would not agree that kids today spend too much time in front of the TV, right? But how I raise my son is my responsibility as a parent, and I'm not about to voluntarily relinquish my parental responsibilities to a nosey "big brother" government.

Anyway, if you are still unconvinced that LNCI and NCLI are inextricably linked with a common denominator and common political purpose, I again direct your attention to the attachment in Ms. Evan's 4/26 email, the BACOG Resolution 10-04. The last paragraph references the "**environmental education goals and the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.**" Environmental education goals? Sounds like NCLI to me. Furthermore, the reference to the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights conclusively exposes the intent behind LNCI, for any web search for the "Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights" plus "No Child Left Inside" bridges the gap between NCLI and LNCI; and the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights is key to understanding the connections between the two.

To try to divorce LNCI and NCLI, claiming that one has nothing in common with the other, is simply not a valid argument. One is a national legislative effort; the other is part of an extensive on-the-ground, state-by-state, marketing campaign.

To further demonstrate how seamlessly LNCI and NCLI blend, notice the references to

both @ <http://news.medill.northwestern.edu/chicago/news.aspx?id=105431>).

As far as Vehe's involvement with LNCI is concerned (the assertion that LNCI is not about environmental or political activism), I would like to direct your attention to the following statement which demonstrates that LNCI is not as innocuous as giving children the opportunity to sleep under the stars - it's about "connecting kids to nature" and instilling in them a "conservataionist ethic" in order to influence elections years from now. I highly object to the following example of leading seven-year-old second graders into environmental ideologies. The following quote was copied from Leave No Child Inside website @ <http://kidsoutside.info/success/index.php?id=11> ...

"A partnership between District 220 and Vehe Farm was a good fit due to the close proximity of the high quality natural settings at Vehe and the hands-on classroom experiences of District 220. Children were able to easily walk from the butterfly garden, to the prairie, and the wetland area. Vehe Farm also has a wonderful classroom setting that can be used for learning, reflection, journal writing, or field documentation. Teachers and volunteers from District 220 began training with a district curriculum consultant in June and completed the training in early August. Beginning in September, the second graders were led in the study of complete and incomplete metamorphosis, learning the parts of an insect, and completing a milkweed bug tally. In addition, the second-graders created a **bill of rights** for living organisms stating that **all living organisms have the right to be respected, cared for, and released without being harmed.**"

If this isn't a splendid example of how young children today are being indoctrinated into the radical ideology of the environmental left, I don't know what is. I guess we'll all have to resign ourselves to eating only veggieburgers if ALL living organisms have the "RIGHT" to be "released without being harmed." Great, just what I need - some snot-nosed, brainwashed seven year old telling me that killing a fish to eat is in violation of the fish's "right to respected and released unharmed."

I would appreciate it, President Kellermann, if you would have someone read these comments of mine tonight during public comments, as I cannot come to tonight's meeting. I am with my husband again today in the hospital. And perhaps if there are any more emails between the trustees in direct reference to my emails, I would appreciate being copied in the future. And if I accidentally failed to copy someone myself today, please forward a copy of this for me, as I am working from a difficult remote location.

Thank you.

Marlene Smetana
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