PUBLIC HEARING

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT 2019-001, 18663 E. COUNTY LINE RD

MINUTES
Thursday, March 7, 2019
Maple Park Civic Center
302 Willow Street, Maple Park
7:00 P.M.
CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chuck Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Village Clerk Liz Peerboom called the roll call and the following Commissioners were present: Chairman Chuck Miller, Commissioner Jeff Ramirez, Commissioner Kimberly Sutherland, Commissioner Nick Davidson, Commissioner Lorenzo Catanag, Commissioner Kyle Foster, and Commissioner Bob Rowlett.

Others present: Village President Kathy Curtis, Village Attorney Kevin Buick, Public Works Director Lou Larson, Trustee Chris Higgins, Petitioner Mario Mendez with Ideal United Group, Dan Venard with Converge Development and Village Clerk Liz Peerboom.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Public Hearing – January 24, 2019
b. Public Hearing – February 21, 2019

Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 24, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Catanag. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 21, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Catanag. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Special Use Permit Application 2019-001 – 18663 County Line Road

Chairman Miller opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Thirteen members of the public were in attendance.
Chairman Miller read the thirteen public comment forms into the record. They were as follows:

Daniel Williams, 689 S. Elizabeth, “I do not support the Special Use Permit. This seems too close to the neighborhood, producing more pollution and higher traffic. We moved here loving the smaller town and the quiet. The dynamics will drastically change once industrial buildings are being built in the neighborhoods.”

Ann Siefert, 678 S. Elizabeth, “I support the project in general, but would like to see specifics before I decide.”

Josh Patton, 660 Settlement Drive, “I support the project in general, but would like to see specifics before I decide. Details on emissions that are produced.”

Doreen Salo, 683 S. Geneva St, “I do not support the Special Use Permit.”

Shodeen Homes, LLC, Owners of 441, 430, 434 E. DeKalb, I support the project in general, but would like to see more specifics before I decide. 1) The petitioner should provide landscaping along County Line Road similar to that on the east side of County Line Road, along Squires Crossing. 2) No outside storage should be permitted. 3) A public sidewalk along County Line Road should be provided.”

Juan Dominguez, 209 W. DeKalb Dr., “I do not support the Special Use Permit. I don’t support a permit to build this business due to the fact that it will be used for commercial use. I’m concerned that the value of my property will be decreased.”

Gary and Lori Dunn, Owners of 227-239 W. DeKalb, “I do not support the Special Use Permit.”

Donald & Linda Brestan, 437 E. DeKalb Dr., “I do not support the Special Use Permit.”

Robert & Ingrid Rowlett, 676 S. Elizabeth, “I support this property receiving a Special Use Permit to build 8,500 square foot building.”

Tiffany L. Callaghan, 563 S. Elizabeth St, “I support this property receiving a special use permit to build 8,500 square foot building.”

Heather Weingart, 427 E. DeKalb Dr. “I do not support the Special Use Permit.”

Angus & Kathryn Causley, 686 S. Elizabeth St, “I do not support the Special Use Permit.”

Thomas Polk, owner of 18663 E. County Line Rd., I support this property receiving a special use permit to build 8,500 square foot building.”

Dan Venard, from Converge Development Group, went over his PowerPoint presentation. He advised the Planning Commission that Ideal United Group is a commercial cleaning
company that has been in business for 10 years. The target operations are hotels and restaurants throughout Chicagoland. Mr. Mendez is looking to move the base of operations from Schaumburg to Maple Park. The office staff will consist of four full-time on-site employees. Additionally, there are six foreman that run field crews. The corporate office hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Venard went on to say that there will be no additional curb cuts for entrances to the business. There will be a new 6-foot PVC vinyl fence install around the entire perimeter of the property. There will be a fence, a berm, and trees on the front of the property, and the owner plans to hook into the village water and sewer system. On the rear of the property, there will be, in addition to the fence, there will be 6-foot arborvitae planted and a berm. There will be no cleaning products stored on-site. There will be cleaning vehicles stored inside.

The petitioner and the developer took questions from the Planning Commission members. Questions ranged from “how many employees,” to “will there be a berm installed on the west side of the property,” “what kind of lighting will be on the property,” “what is the budget for this project,” “how is that being financed,” “what is the construction timeline,” “will all the existing buildings be demolished,” “will the existing building be cleaned up on the outside,” “will there be outside storage,” “will the village engineer look at drainage,” “how many entrances will there be,” “what is the purpose of the north entrance,” “has there been consideration of adding a sidewalk,” “what is the traffic flow for the equipment,” “what is the current size of the building that will be demolished,” “how far back will the building be built,” “did you consider removing the existing building,” “are you willing to sacrifice square footage on the main building,” “do you plan on developing the property on the west of the new building.”

Mr. Mendez said that there would be approximately six employees working at the site. Mr. Venard advised that there will be a berm installed on the west side of the property, adding that the lighting will only be about 9-10 feet high, but they will be sure that they follow the village’s code on lumens. The budget for the project is approximately $500,000 to $600,000, and that it will be financed through the business and a bank, the construction should start approximately June 1, 2019, depending on how long it takes to get permits. One building on the property will be left standing for file storage and a conference room, but it will be substantially cleaned up. The petitioner’s engineer will look at drainage and it will be approved by the village engineer. There will be two entrances, one for in and one for out. The petitioner is willing to install a sidewalk. Vans will arrive at the building at approximately 8 a.m., be loaded and will leave the building at about 1 a.m. The developer estimated the size of the building that will not be demolished at approximately 1,500 square foot. The new building has been moved to the east about 12 feet, so that it is not so close to the houses on the other side of the fence. They did not consider removing the existing building, and they are not willing to sacrifice square footage, but they could place the building differently to include the overhang on the front of the building. They do not know what the future holds for the rest of the lot, but at this time they have no plans for it at this time, except for making it look nicer.

Chairman Miller then opened the floor to the public and asked them to state their name and address.
Sue Olsen, 443 Elian Ct, advised that the commercial building next to the car wash is 7,700 square feet, and reminded the developer that there is a dry detention pond to the north of the property.

Pat Lunardon, 257 W. DeKalb Drive, asked if the petitioner would be bringing any water back from a job site. Mr. Mendez said that there will be no water brought back to Maple Park.

Mark Stiegel, 536 S. Elizabeth, asked how many trucks and vans are parked in the off hours in Schaumburg. The petitioner said that it could be 3 or 4 trucks.

Michelle Stiegel, 536 S. Elizabeth said that she had a concern with the noise from the power washer. Mr. Venard replied that the power washer would be used on the jobs, not at the business site.

Dave Lully, 638 S. Elizabeth, said that Maple Park is not in a close proximity of 88 or 90. He also asked about the entrances.

Jenny Polloway, 428 S. Elizabeth, said she gets a lot of standing water in her back yard, and has a concern about drainage. She was also concerned about lighting. Mr. Venard advised that the drainage will be approved by the village and they will follow the village’s building code on lighting lumens. Lou Larson, Building Inspector advised that there would be zero lumen lights on the side of the building that backs up to the residences.

Katie Lully, 638 S. Elizabeth, had questions about the windows in the back of the building, the fence, septic remediation, employees. Mr. Venard replied that the windows are for light only and not necessary to see out, the fence will be 6-feet high, the septic tank will be removed by a certified septic tank remover and they don’t foresee any spillage, adding that the petitioner vets his employees well because they are going into businesses at times when there are no employees there.

Kathy Walker, 570 S. Elizabeth, had concerns about noise and outside parking. She also asked about the size of the building, and whether or not there would be offices upstairs. She also said she was concerned about lighting, and fencing. Mr. Venard advised that there should not be noise, and if there is it will be during business hours, adding that they will normally not park anything outside after hours, but they may park a truck outside occasionally.

Jenny Polloway, asked what this means for this property when the zoning changes. Clerk Peerboom advised that the zoning will not be changing, they are only asking to get a special use for this type of business. She added that this business has been operating at this property since the fall and there have been no complaints. She explained that this type of business was not on the list for excepted businesses, so that is why they are asking for the special use permit, but the zoning is business and if this business doesn’t go in there will be a different business that will probably go in without public input.
Katie Lully was concerned about construction noise. President Curtis advised that they would need to follow all of village building codes, as far as the time of day when they can do construction.

Kyle Foster had a question about the Schaumburg location and if that was the only location they have had the business. The petitioner replied that it was not.

Trustee Chris Higgins had questions about landscaping, and would like to be able to see into the property. He also had questions about the south side of the lot and the trees, adding that he would like to see a sidewalk in front of the property. Mr. Venard replied that there are currently trees that continue on the south side of the property, and they don’t plan to replace them, and the petitioner is willing to install a sidewalk.

Sue Olsen said it was a nice presentation and she supports the special use.

Mr. Venard said that he appreciates the process and the village staff has really gone out their way to help, so that they can have a well-thought-out concept plan. He thinks this will be a nice addition to the community.

Pat Lunardon asked what would happen if the special use is not approved. Mr. Venard said that they would have to look at the state of the building, but wasn’t sure what they would do.

Chairman Miller closed public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval on April 2, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Catanag, Davidson, Rowlett, Sutherland, Ramirez, Foster, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: None. (7-0-0)

Chairman Miller advised the commissioners that the next meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 2019.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Davidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Catanag. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Liz Peerboom, CMC
Village Clerk

Planning Commission Members:
Chuck Miller, Chair
Lorenzo Catanag
George (Nick) Davidson
Robert Rowlett
Jeff Ramirez
Kimberly Sutherland
Kyle Foster
Chris Higgins (ex-officio member)
Village of Maple Park
Strategic Planning and Goal Development 2018-2023

“Progress with Purpose”

Village of Maple Park

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STRATEGIC GOALS

Several key strategic goals were also identified as an outcome of the process. Workshop participants were asked to classify each of the goals developed according to a matrix model of time and complexity. Agreed criteria were used to classify a goal as short- or long-term and as complex or routine (please see full report for defined criteria). Following the classification exercise, the Board was asked to delineate, via an online ranking exercise, which goals should be given higher priority than others. In total, the group developed seven short-term routine goals, seven short-term complex goals, six long-term routine goals, and five long-term complex goals. The top three ranked goals are offered here as a process "snapshot" representing the most important strategic goals or priority areas for the Board and planning committee to address in the months and years ahead. For a full review of all strategic goals/priority areas presented, discussed and ranked, please refer to the full report.

Village of Maple Park
2018-23 Top Goals within Each Quadrant of the Time and Complexity Matrix

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  - Determine current and future needs for Village Police equipment, training, and staffing  
  - Evaluate staffing plans and staffing needs for the Village |
| Short-term Complex | Long-term Complex |
| - Proactively evaluate and develop 5-year capital improvement plan (CIP) that focuses on short and long-term prioritized infrastructure improvements including:  
  - Identify how tax increment financing (TIF) funds can best be used to improve the Village  
  - Create a downtown development plan that encourages both new business development and existing business growth |
| - Implement a long-term financial plan to ensure that services and economic and community development priorities are accomplished  
  - Create new development codes and evaluate/modify current codes to encourage consistency and development that complements the current historic downtown and overall community  
  - Implement the downtown development plan created in short-term goals |
| - Implement the capital improvement plan developed in short-term goals that supports infrastructure, new and existing business, and residential needs  
  - Implement long-term economic development programs and policies  
  - Address facility needs and structure issues |
Community Forum Themes:

➢ For the Village of Maple Park we **envision a future** in which:

  - Infrastructure is updated and maintained; prepare for future growth
  - Downtown is revitalized with a variety of local businesses and an inviting ambiance (good lighting, consistent signage, parking, benches, etc.)
  - Business and economic growth have become a top priority; intentional growth
  - There is connectivity of the community through sidewalks, bike paths and gathering spaces
  - All ages are able to enjoy the community with activities for youth, families and seniors

➢ The Village of Maple Park **is...**

  - A safe, quiet and helpful community
  - Change resistant with a need to look towards the future
  - Strategically-located close to larger communities, but still rural, small town feel
  - A nice quite place to call home with good schools, safe neighborhoods, and friendly and helpful residents

➢ The Village of Maple Park **offers...**

  - Strong, collaborative Village leadership
  - An active business community and a destination for tourists (Kuiper’s, Winery, Lodi, and others)
  - Community events such as Fun Fest and Softball leagues
  - Reasonable property taxes and an affordable cost of living (compared to nearby communities)

➢ The Village of Maple Park should **strive towards...**

  - Revitalizing downtown to eliminate/lower vacancies
  - Increasing recreational opportunities for residents of all ages
  - Facilitating a culture of business and economic growth, keep money in Maple Park
  - Being prepared for growth of businesses, residential, and commercial (intentional, meaningful growth to the town “know our worth”

➢ The Village of Maple Park’s **future expectations and priorities are to...**

  - Reinvest in infrastructure, giving current and future residents a safe and appealing community (storm sewer, roads, electrical)
  - Revitalize downtown to be aesthetically pleasing and attract/retain a variety of shops and services
  - Encourage review of current codes and enforce codes consistently across the community
  - Find our niche—what makes Maple Park unique and how can we build on that?

**Workshop Outline: Leadership Exercises and Discussion Sessions**

The workshop consisted of several exercises and sessions throughout the day. The format for all of the discussion sessions used in the planning effort employed approaches that were highly participative and interactive. The entire process utilized a group discussion approach called ‘Nominal Group Technique’ where participants are assured equal opportunities to speak and share opinions by the facilitator. During the sessions, individuals had the opportunity to generate and share both individual and group ideas, weigh alternatives, and refine their thinking.
Participants were introduced to a leadership exercise titled "Surrender or Lead." The premise is that sub-groups of the participants work to develop responses to some simple, but effective and thought-provoking questions. Participants were broken up into two working groups and asked to respond to a series of structured questions designed to initiate discussion and reveal perspectives, challenges and frustrations of the participants as a whole. The participants' responses discussed are recorded below. Underlined sections are key phrases that groups provided in response to the open questions.

**Team #1**

1. We want to get grants but they take time, expertise and matching funds.
2. The two most important things to focus on are infrastructure and services because of resident expectations.
3. If it weren't for the lack of money, we would be moving forward on our to do list.
4. We need to finally have a plan and connect the community – not just physical but equitable.
5. Having a plan will have the biggest impact on the Village in the coming 2-3 years.

**Team #2**

1. We want to progress with purpose.
2. The two most important things to focus on are responsible growth and decisive leadership but without regrets.
3. If it weren't for limited funds (property taxes), we would provide great services.
4. We need to finally plan for the future of Maple Park.
5. Coexistence/Collaboration will have the biggest impact on the Village in the coming 2-3 years.

The next step of the strategic planning process was a review and accounting of the internal and external factors present in the environment that could potentially impact the success of Maple Park, both negatively and positively. Given the exploratory statements and challenges raised in the Surrender or Lead exercise, participants were then asked to identify what constraints and practical difficulties are likely to be encountered that will make it difficult to achieve the desired future state. These elements included both internal and external factors, conditions, trends, regulations, agencies, resources, etc. Furthermore, what are the Village's strengths (S) and weaknesses (W)? In what areas does it regularly excel, and in what areas are there difficulties or shortcomings in terms of expertise, resources, training, etc.? What opportunities (O) are on the horizon that can be used to its advantage? Conversely, what trends or threats (T) lie ahead that would be obstacles or hindrances?
**S.W.O.T. Exercise Cont’d**  
*(Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)*

**External**

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<td>• Rehabable homes available – affordable housing</td>
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Prioritization of Goals

Following the classification exercise, the group was asked to delineate, via an online ranking exercise, which goals should be given higher priority than others. Village Board members were provided an online ranking tool where point values were assigned to each goal in each quadrant of the matrix by individuals. The calculation of goal ranking consisted of “forced ranking” where the ranking of each identified goal is averaged by the rankings from all Board members. For example, if a goal scored a 2, 5, 6, 6, 1, 2 and 3, the average total would be 3.57. The lower the score, the higher the priority. Again, average totals were based on the ratings provided by Board members.

The following presents the Board’s top prioritized goals, within each quadrant, as they emerged from the consensus ranking exercise (Figure 3). The top three goals based on the Board’s average scores are offered here as a process “snapshot” of the most important strategic goals or issue areas for the Board and staff members to address in the months and years ahead. For a full review and appreciation of all the strategic goals discussed and ranked, please see Appendix B.

**Figure 3. Village of Maple Park 2018 Top Three Goals within Each Time and Complexity Quadrant**

- **SHORT-TERM ROUTINE**
  - Create a long-term financial plan for the Village including funding for prioritized infrastructure improvements and exploration of new income stream opportunities
  - Determine current and future needs for Village Police equipment, training, and staffing
  - Evaluate staffing plans and staffing needs for the Village

- **SHORT-TERM COMPLEX**
  - Proactively evaluate and develop 5-year capital improvement plan (CIP) that focuses on short and long-term prioritized infrastructure improvements including:
  - Identify how tax increment financing (TIF) funds can best be used to improve the Village
  - Create a downtown development plan that encourages both new business development and existing business growth

- **LONG-TERM ROUTINE**
  - Implement a long-term financial plan to ensure that services and economic and community development priorities are accomplished
  - Create new development codes and evaluate/modify current codes to encourage consistency and development that complements the current historic downtown and overall community
  - Implement the downtown development plan created in short-term goals

- **LONG-TERM COMPLEX**
  - Implement the capital improvement plan developed in short-term goals that supports infrastructure, new and existing business, and residential needs
  - Implement long-term economic development programs and policies
  - Address facility needs and structure issues
New ways of doing business and changing lifestyle preferences have created many opportunities and challenges for Illinois communities. The Growing Communities Initiative simplifies the route to community growth by providing the tools you need - all in one place. https://cgs.niu.edu/Growing-Communities/Toolbox/index.shtml

Think Local

The DeKalb County Community Foundation (DCCF), through the Community Needs Grant Program, invests in the charitable efforts of non-profit and community organizations throughout DeKalb County. Applications are available online for two months immediately prior to the March 1 and September 1 grant deadlines. Applicants requesting $25,000 or more must contact the Community Foundation Grants Manager, Becky Zantout (815- 748-5383 or becky@dekalbccf.org), by February 1 for the spring grant season or August 1 for the fall grant season. Potential applicants for any grant amount are strongly encouraged to contact the Community Foundation prior to the grant deadline for help facilitating a successful application process. Grants are typically one-time awards supporting projects that will be completed within one year.

The Board has broadly defined the goals and priorities of its Community Needs grant making as follows:

- Promote and enhance organizations whose services benefit the residents of DeKalb County.
- Assist existing agencies to better respond to clearly defined unmet needs within the community.
- Encourage programs and projects that enhance cooperation and collaboration among organizations within DeKalb County. Examples of collaboration include partnering with community organizations, demonstrating community leadership and being a contributing member of the DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership (DCNP).
- Leverage funds and in-kind support, such as using "seed" money, "match" and "challenge" grants and funds from multiple sources.

Revolving Loan Fund—United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA)

The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program provides funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. The ultimate recipients repay the lending utility directly. The utility is responsible for repayment to USDA. USDA provides grants to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish revolving loan funds (RLF). Loans are made from the revolving loan funds to projects that will create or retain rural jobs.
Illinois Safe Routes to School Program

Many rural communities lack or have limited financial and human resources to carry out to address aging infrastructure such as sidewalks. However, a safe and complete sidewalk network provides several benefits to communities including improving mobility and walkability for all residents and visitors, encouraging healthy lifestyles, serving recreational uses, and promoting commerce and economic development.

Through the Illinois Safe Routes to School Program many projects may be eligible for funding. Eligible infrastructure projects include sidewalk improvements, traffic calming/speed reduction improvements, traffic control devices, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle facilities, and secure bicycle parking facilities. Eligible non-infrastructure projects include events, equipment, and supplies that help to address areas of Education, Enforcement, Encouragement, and Evaluation. http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/safe-routes-to-school/index

CONCLUSION

This report’s value will be realized if it is used as an active working guide to the Maple Park Board and community members as they pursue the issues explored during the strategic planning process. This report is designed to capture the content of the discussions and to assist the Village in developing action plans in follow-up sessions for appropriate committees and elected officers.

The next step is for the Village Board to review the process and outcomes to this point. Maple Park’s Board, in partnership with Village staff, will continue to work on objectives during their ongoing action-planning sessions and regularly scheduled Board meetings. Responsibility for completing the action steps will include individuals who can take the lead in implementing the goals: Board members, staff, community members and volunteers.

What is apparent from the exchange of ideas and dialogue during the input gathering and discussion sessions is that the Village is fortunate to have progressive leadership that is looking ahead. One noted observer summarized the challenges of progress this way:

"The art of progress is to preserve order amid change, and change amid order..." - A.N. Whitehead

We wish you well with the ambitious years that lie ahead.

Melissa Henriksen and Greg Kuhn, Jeanna Ballard, Session Facilitators, NIU Center for Governmental Studies

Melissa Henriksen  Greg Kuhn  Jeanna Ballard
• Wonderful town to live in (1)
• Everyone knows everyone (1), friendly, safe (1)
• Neighbors always willing to help
• People don’t know Maple Park
• Not many changes
• Change resistant
• Not enough focus on the future
• Great parks

2. If you left Maple Park tomorrow, and did not return for 10-15 years, what do you think you’ll see, or what do you hope you’ll see, when you return?
• Would like to see downtown lighting (2), streetscaping, sidewalk repair
• Improved infrastructure is needed (1)
• Be prepared for growth & changes
• Streets look alike
• More activities for the youth (1), i.e., skate park
• Downtown lighting
• Residents support
• No vacancies downtown
• Sustainable financial plan to carryout goals
• Attract businesses, people = growth to support community
• New baseball field/improved
• Outdoor amenities/activities
• Become a destination
• Business growth (1)/controlled – incremental steps/selected – meaningful for the town
• Prepared for future growth & changes
• Change layout of the downtown parking
• Better parking & traffic flow/enforcement
  o Improve safety
• Code enforcement – trash containers/address litter issue
• Entertainment options for all ages
• Cuter downtown – lighting, art, gathering places (1), i.e., benches
  o More appealing
• More families walking around
• Development throughout the whole community
• Employment options – work/live community
• Maintain small town feel
• Conservative growth
• Prepared for growth – proactive approach
• Attract industry, businesses
  o Planned/strategic
  o Help generate revenue
• Downtown development
  o Lighting/niche
  o Parking
  o Sidewalks
  o Streetscape
• Adjust mindset to realize vision
• Develop/carryout the Village's mission
• Connectivity through community to enhance walkability, i.e., County Line Road
  o Community support of businesses and events would improve
• Code enforcement (property management, Police, Public Works – consistent throughout the community)
• Bike paths/trails – regional
• Youth activities – updated basketball courts, baseball fields, skate park
• Address train noise

6. If you could change or initiate one key item or thing about the Village, what would it be?  
   Note: * indicates the number of votes for the priority.
• Storm/sewer improvements in the "vintage" part of town (2) ********
  o Including ballfields
  o CIP
• Downtown development******
  o Lighting/niche (2)
  o Parking
  o Sidewalks
  o Streetscape
• Code enforcement (property management, Police, Public Works – consistent throughout the community) ***
• Attract industry, businesses **
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  o Help generate revenue
• Youth activities – updated basketball courts, baseball fields, skate park*
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- Water Tower
- Sewage plan
- Village Hall maintenance/replacement
- Broadband connectivity
- Open space usage |
| 2.6       | STC-2     | Identify how tax increment financing (TIF) funds can best be used to improve the Village 
- Explore best practices, consult other communities, identify community needs |
| 3.1       | STC-3     | Create a downtown development plan that encourages both new business development and existing business growth 
- Include the creation of gathering spaces in downtown, identify incentives, branding/marketing efforts, etc. |
| 4.4       | STC-5     | Explore water tower site selection for needed water system functionality and capacity |
| 4.9       | STC-7     | Work with businesses on the implementation of downtown/Mainstreet beautification 
- Include façade improvement options or programs that may involve a development plan, policy evaluation, zoning refinements, etc. |
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