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We had a typo of significance in our email yesterday. The correct web address for yoga classes at Vehe is <http://rajeyoga.com> (it is linked correctly from our site). Please click through to learn more about our eBlast sponsor, or phone 815-347-6813. Some of you may already know Jen Kondic from Beuhler YMCA or from Advocate Fitness Center, and remember, you are welcome to try one class at no charge!

Jen says that the classes are growing session by session, and you are most welcome, beginners through intermediates.

We like how Jen ends her classes:

The light in me respects the light in you. Namaste...

Last night's meeting went until almost 1 pm. Trustee Pratscher very properly begged the board to finish up so that we could get to our cars before the lights went out in the Vehe parking lot.

The most significant matter that sticks in our minds is that President Gifford has said that all the Vehe numbers will be available for the November BOT meeting, which is Monday, Nov. 17 (by which time this nation will have a new president). We would suggest that you arrive early, as the room was filled near to capacity!

There was also a great deal of time given to hear the concerns of residents next to and nearby the proposed Rainbow Road subdivision. Frankly, we have to give the village a well done on this; they have been inclusive, patient and generous—as they should be when residents' rights to property are involved. At the end, the board did vote to have the attorney draft the ordinance to permit the re-subdivision of one resident's property, but Joel Rotter (and perhaps others) feel that the time until the next meeting is an opportunity to review all the documentation, from this year's Public Hearing and historic documents from the original subdivision back in 1987-89.

Great credit is also due to the interested residents. They have been thorough, intelligent, articulate, and they have invested a lot of time and their own various expertise to research the issues clearly. They have come to many consecutive meetings, and we are confident a number of this group (as was true with the people who supported the Old Farm Park) will take an ongoing interest in village proceedings...

Good to have interested people throughout the village, with an election just months away for the Presidency and three Trustees' seats.

It's a tough decision. Trustee Pratscher is always the first to ask, is the village opening itself up to future liability here. The attorney answers, perhaps (we're paraphrasing here) that the village must provide a legally defensible reason if they turn down the proposed subdivision, which meets current code. (Of course, there is still disagreement on the strict interpretation of the code, but that's another matter). He later mentioned that land use cases like this are currently being filed in Federal Court under constitutional issues of law. He also stated (again we paraphrase) that what was passed in 1989 does NOT tie the current board's hands, that subdivisions are by their open to "do overs."

At the same time, the 56 residents who oppose the subdivision feel that their right to quiet enjoyment of their properties as they were when they bought them and are today outweighs (or at least is equal) to the interest of the homeowner who wishes to subdivide (for whatever purpose or reason).

This was a two and a half hour discussion, difficult to sit through at that time of night, and there must be a better way to handle such lengthy, however worthwhile deliberations. The DVD should be available within a week or so; interested parties, please contact us.

The foundation served cake during a much-needed break last night! We suggested to president Pat Winkleman that the foundation sell coffee and water at all the meetings—that would be a greatly appreciated service, and very profitable, too. If the foundation is serious about fundraising, here's an opportunity that cannot fail, and put that expensive kitchen to good use, too.

We'll review the rest of our notes (ran out of paper!) over the next few days, and tell you more.

But one thing is clear. No one at that board table or the staff table has the village ordinances available at meetings. Seems to me, several of the trustees have laptops, a new laptop was approved for our Village Clerk, and the code is available in PDF (though not completely updated). So why not put that code on a laptop and when a question comes up in deliberations, look it up!

That's all for now.

Together, we are stronger!

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