

**Aurora Township
Public Hearing
Youth and Community Center, 313 Gale Street
Aurora, IL.**

**Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020
Time: 4:30 P.M.**

Minutes

I. Call To Order

A public hearing of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees was held at the Aurora Township Youth and Community Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL, at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

Aurora Township Supervisor, Bill Catching, called the public hearing to order at 4:30 p.m. Several callers were logged in to the meeting via Zoom.

II. Reading of Notice of Public Hearing on the DCEO Grant Application for Golfview.

- a. Deputy Clerk Jason Owens read aloud the Legal Notice, dated June 1, 2020, published in the Aurora Beacon News and posted in the manner set out by statute.
- b. Supervisor Catching introduced Director Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Department of Environmental and Water Resources and asked her to describe the proposed project and DCEO grant. Director Wollnik explained that funding is available from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's (DCEO) Rebuild Illinois initiative. Director Wollnik explained the multi-step plan to address the flooding along the bike path behind the Golfview Subdivision, which would include construction of a drainage swale to the west and increased drainage capacity under the Park District's bike path and BNSF railroad tracks. Wollnik stated the project expenses were approximately \$215,000 for the improvements along the bike path, \$350,000 for improvements along and under the BNSF tracks and \$40,000 for engineering costs and improvement work along Jericho Road on the south side of the BNSF tracks. Director Wollnik thanked the various stakeholders involved, such as the Aurora Township, City of Aurora, Fox Valley Park District and BNSF Railway.

III. Public Comments

- a. Scott, 1310 Golfview – Asked when the project would begin. Director Wollnik explained the grant submission deadline is June 30, 2020 and applications should be turned around quickly. Wollnik further explained any projects receiving Rebuild Illinois funds

must be completed within two years of funding. Director Wollnik stated spring 2021 is a likely starting time.

- b. Angela Thomas, Kane County Board member, District 4 – Asked if the proposed project fit the DCEO grant guidelines. Director Wollnik said the proposed project is “shovel ready” and has a solid cost to benefit ratio (money to be spent versus the number of residents impacted) which are plusses. Wollnik further explained that the only jobs created are construction jobs, so the application would not receive the maximum number of points for economic incentives. Director Wollnik stated that the project is, overall, a solid candidate for grant approval.

IV. Closing of Public Hearing

Motion for adjournment made by Supervisor Catching and seconded by Trustee Wells.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Owens

Aurora Township Deputy Clerk