

TO: DEER PARK VILLAGE BOARD
FROM: PAT WINKELMAN/VEHE FARM FOUNDATION
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT/SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ACTION ITEMS
DATE: APRIL 2010

ACTION ITEM: Decision requested of the Village of Deer Park to continue to hold on perpetual loan the Vehe Farmstead charcoal/ink drawing owned by Harold Vehe of Nevada and, if approved, the Village should execute a perpetual loan agreement to formalize the agreement. ***A decision was requested as part of the March update but item is still outstanding.***

Harold Vehe is a great-cousin of Ed Vehe (last Vehe to own Vehe Farm). In 2007, Harold Vehe placed on perpetual loan to the Village of Deer Park the drawing of the Vehe farmstead circa 1870's. This drawing hangs over the barn's main staircase. It is believed the drawing is from that period. Currently the attached letter is the basis of the perpetual loan agreement.

Harold Vehe has indicated that he wishes the perpetual loan agreement to continue. With the dissolution of the Vehe Farm Foundation, it is necessary for an updated document to be created formalizing the perpetual loan agreement between Harold Vehe and the Village of Deer Park. The agreement should provide that, if at any time the drawing is to be returned to Harold Vehe, the Village will pay for the packaging, shipping, and insurance costs, and take all steps necessary to ensure its safe delivery.

The Vehe Farm Foundation will act as a liaison until its dissolution.

ACTION ITEM: Decision requested of the Village of Deer Park to continue to hold on perpetual loan the photographic montage that is owned by Teri Bridge and on display in the barn's education/ museum space. If so, Teri Bridge considers the letter in the March update to be sufficient documentation of the continuing agreement between herself and the Village. ***A decision was requested as part of the March update but item is still outstanding.***

ACTION ITEM: Decision requested for the Village of Deer Park to take the actions requested by the Leave No Child Inside Consortium of the Greater Barrington, Deer Park, and Lake Zurich area as described below. ***A decision was requested as part of the March update but item is still outstanding.***

REQUESTS

- **Resolution:** Declare June 2010 as Leave No Child Inside Month, and again announce support for the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights created by Chicago Wilderness. Please see the attached Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights flyer created by Chicago Wilderness. (Deer Park took these actions with respect to June 2009.) In its March meeting, BACOG passed a resolution encouraging member governments to designate June 2010 as Leave No Child Inside Month. President Kellermann should have a copy of BACOG's resolution. The Village will want to use its 2009 resolution as the basis for this year's, if the decision is made to make such a designation.
- **Newsletter mailings:** As part of one of its regular village resident newsletter mailings, distribute the Consortium's community flyer. (copy of flyer was attached to March update)
- **Nature trail/LNCI signage:** Designate one nature trail or walking path as a Leave No Child Inside trail and install signage declaring it as such. (Copy of signage attached)

COSTS/PROCESS

- **Resolution:** There are no direct costs.
- **Newsletter mailings:** Each Village is being asked to pay for the flyers it uses. Production costs will depend on the number of Villages participating, the total number of households and therefore flyers needed, and any additional assembly costs, which are anticipated to be negligible. The

estimated costs range from 3.5 cents per flyer to 5.25 cents per flyer. Costs may be lower depending on paper stock to be used. The Consortium will work with each Village Office to determine the number of flyers needed and resulting production costs to the Village.

- o **Nature trail/LNCI signage:** Production costs will depend on the number of BACOG governments participating. If eight signs are produced, the total cost per government would be: \$124.90 which includes one vinyl Omega board 12 inch x 18 inch sign, a four-foot 4 inch x 4inch cedar post, and a 24-inch steel ground post anchor. If only two signs are produced, the total cost each of the two governments incurs would be \$144.15.

ACTION ITEM: Decision requested of the Village of Deer Park to continue its participation in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Educational Trunk program and, if so, whom does it wish to be the person in charge of the trunk loans? A decision was requested as part of the March update but item is still outstanding.

This action item is a result of the Vehe Farm Foundation’s dissolution. Currently the Foundation through Pat Winkelman represents the Historic Vehe Farm and coordinates the trunk loan program. The Foundation would appreciate the opportunity to advise the Illinois Department of Natural Resources if the Village would like to continue this educational community service.

There are nine educational trunks. Historic Vehe Farm is listed as a host by the IDNR and at the VFF ‘s website. Marketing of the trunks takes place throughout the year in many different venues. Currently, educators contact the VFF to determine trunk availability, schedule a trunk pick up at the barn, and schedule a trunk drop-off. Once the trunk has been returned, the trunk is thoroughly assessed to determine if any items are missing or need replacement and the IDNR is contacted for replacement material. A loan calendar is maintained, an itemized sheet of trunk materials is provided at pick up, a loan form is filled out and sent to the IDNR, and a loan form is made available to the educator using the trunk, and one form kept for VFF records. Trunk pick up and drop-off is usually after school hours or on Saturday’s.

ACTION ITEM: Decision requested of the Village of Deer Park to approve the transfer of deed of Vehe Farm Foundation-owned items listed in the attached document “Vehe Farm non-cash item inventory (as of April 7, 2010)”. This document was part of the discussion that took place between the members of the Village Board, Village Administration, and the VFF on April 7, 2010.

The VFF participated in that meeting to show good faith in providing to the Village information regarding open items and to request again the initiation of transition discussions. The document is an itemized inventory of Village-owned non-cash items as of April 7, 2010. Included in the inventory are Village-owned items and Health World owned items, and VFF-owned items the ownership of which the VFF wishes to transfer to the Village prior to May 31, 2010. That inventory and the requisite Deeds of Transfer are attached to this update. In addition, the VFF confirmed that the VFF will be dissolving around the end of May/beginning of June.

Grounds Stewardship

Monitoring of bluebird houses is being performed on a weekly basis. In addition, areas of garlic mustard are being identified for removal at the end of April-beginning of May. Protected tree saplings were checked for animal damage.

Community Service, Historical and Education Programs

Members of the VFF will once again be guest judges for the Earth Day Photo Contest at St. Colette’s in Rolling Meadows.

Lake Zurich Middle School Youth Coalition: Due to the decision of the Village to no longer take part in the Coalition, the upcoming May meeting will be the last for the VFF to attend. Please continue to visit www.wassupinlz.com for local middle school aged children's activities.

Lake-McHenry Historical Alliance: Due to the decision of the Village to no longer take part in the Alliance, the upcoming April meeting will be the last for the VFF to attend.

LNCI Consortium Update

Its May 4, 2010 meeting will celebrate the completion of the Consortium's comprehensive plan and the exploration of the future for the Consortium and the local LNCI initiative. The UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs/Department of Public Administration "Capstone Project" final report will be presenting its report to the Consortium. Efforts are underway for June to be designated throughout the broader community as LNCI Month.

Accounting of Village Contributions Spent

\$457.50 Great American Insurance Company installment payment for Comprehensive Liability coverage

\$712.50 Ancel Glink legal fees related to dissolution

\$5.00 Secretary of State dissolution filing fee

\$15.00 Illinois Charity Bureau for 2009 annual report

List of attachments:

- 1) Inventory of Village owned non-cash items as of April 7, 2010
- 2) Deed of Transfer VFF to Village 4-7-10
- 3) Special Deed of Transfer weathervane
- 4) Special Deed of Transfer-garden materials
- 5) Path signage