

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
July 26, 2011**

Mayor Maher called the regular meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm.

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Brian Maher
	Deputy Mayor	Sue Rumbold
	Trustees	Edmond Leonard
		Bernard Bowen
		Tara Lown
		Sean Hoffman

Absent	Randi Lee Penney
	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

Also Present:	John Revella, Village Manager
	Lori Pinckney, Village Clerk

Presentation – Knights of Columbus (Car Show)

Timothy Beers, 96 Orange Ave., Grand Knight of the Knight of Columbus #9254, commented about the car show on 7/16. They had 78 cars, mostly from Orange County, but also Ulster, Westchester, Putnam and Rockland Counties. They estimate at any given time there were between 200-500 people attending. The Knights of Columbus thanked the Board, Mayor Maher, Manager Revella, Chief Holmes, Mike Bliss and the entire Police Dept. for approving and supporting the event. The Knights of Columbus reached their goal of giving the Village residents an emissions free event. They didn't raise as much money for charity as they were hoping, but it's a stepping stone for what will hopefully become an annual event. He presented the Mayor a check to the Village for \$150 in appreciation.

Mayor Maher commented he attended the event and it was well attended and received. It attracted many people that haven't been to the Village before and he is hopeful it would be an annual event.

Presentation – Outdoor Amphitheatre

Mayor Maher commented we have a master plan for our parks department; it includes upgrades to all of the parks. This presentation is for a project in one of the parks because a grant opportunity has come up to make it a reality. The Village has been working to brand ourselves as an Arts Community. We have 3 state of the art performing art schools and the Big Apple Circus.

Mike Bliss, Recreation Coordinator, commented this is one part of the park comprehensive plan for the Village parks. He introduced Mr. Queenan, who is going to present the upgrades that need to happen to the park regardless of the amphitheater project.

John Queenan, Village Engineer (Lanc & Tully), commented all the parks have been reviewed to develop a master plan of upgrading each park. The focus is Bradley Park and

its current primary use is sports. It is a 34 acre park and roughly half of it is maxed out for sports use. Access is limited along Albany Ave with a slight secondary access along Bradley Lane. There is limited parking and limited public facilities like bathrooms and storage. All of the flat, well drained land is currently being used. The 15 acres that remain is a steep slope and not usable for anything sports oriented. An amphitheatre is a good fit along the river; it can be built into the hillside with limited disturbance to the land. The other side could be used for walking or hiking trails so the park use is maximized. The master plan is focusing on updating the parking, utilities and the facilities while incorporating the amphitheatre in the park. He utilized a map of the area to show parking areas and access roads. The first part of the plan is to eliminate a portion of the parking lot and replace it with a playground. There would be 2 playground areas with a grass area in between for viewing. It is recommended to expand the parking by the tennis courts all the way down to the skate park. The access road at Albany Ave would not change. The newly expanded parking area would allow for 94 – 95 parking spots. That is phase one: redo the parking lot, redo the playground, drainage, landscaping, etc. He recommended creating a second access road, gated and used by park personnel which could be opened up during large events. Phase two includes a second parking lot near the current DPW facility. It would create 120 -150 new parking spaces, bringing the total parking to 210 - 220 spaces, allowing for roughly 400-500 people. This includes storm water management, lighting, landscaping, etc. The final phase is the construction of the outdoor amphitheatre as well as a new bathroom facility. It consists of two staging areas and an 8000 sq ft seating area for approximately 700 – 800 people. A bathroom facility would be needed to accommodate the largest expected crowd. It includes upgrades to water lines, sewer lines and storm water management. The 15 acres is a great fit for an amphitheatre.

Sam Wright created the model of the amphitheatre. He commented this will not be done in 3 months; it'll take a lifetime. It is the start of something to bring Walden back to its golden years.

Trustee Rumbold asked the distance between the new parking lot and the amphitheatre.

Sam responded roughly 300 feet; the model is based on Lanc & Tully's specifications. He pointed out a location for handicap bathroom facilities. He commented he is hoping the Thruway will get involved to allow for handicap parking.

Mayor Maher responded they have been talking to the owners of the Thruway and they are open to discuss options. He also met with Orange County Land Trust about allowing the Village to take possession of that land and provide tax incentives to the Thruway. Only in the discussion phase, nothing is definite.

John Queenan commented this is a snapshot; there are many more aspects to be tied in, like lighting, handicap access, etc. The questions will be addressed as we move forward.

Trustee Rumbold asked if we are changing drainage with this idea.

John Queenan responded yes, anytime you do anything the drainage changes. We are not altering the direction of the drainage. Management facilities will need to be installed.

Manager Revella responded storm drains and catch basins will be needed.

Trustee Rumbold asked the uses of the amphitheatre.

Sam responded it would be like Boscobel or Jacobs Pillow. The amphitheatre would be marketed out to other groups bringing money into the Village. He commented he opened his school to give something back and he's been working on this amphitheatre project for years. He would like to see the Eagle Hotel turn back into a hotel. He commented the river is a great asset and a theatre on the river would be rare and different. People would come to see Shakespeare or a ballet; it would be a focal point. He would like to see a community effort, like the Walden Women's Club, etc.

Diane Sandbothe asked about protecting the river from garbage or people falling in the river.

Sam responded all those concerns will be addressed. The whole project is designed to be green and it'll all be studied by the Village Engineer.

Becky Pearson asked if the parking lots will be blacktop, which is not so green. She expressed concern about water runoff since the park is already wet.

John Queenan responded he figured on blacktop, but there are other more green alternatives available. All the current roads are gravel. The water runoff will be collected, piped to a central facility, treated and released again. It'll be integrated into the landscape.

Becky expressed concern about handicap accessibility, its down by the river and down the hill, parking is on top.

John Queenan responded there are a few different designs about where handicap parking would go.

Becky asked who would be organizing the events, if it would be village personnel and would there be another section of our Village tax.

Manager Revella responded it could be Village run or it could be something bid out or leased out to a company.

Mayor Maher responded those are two options and regarding the handicap accessibility, we are working with Independent Living and the accessibility does not stop at parking, the trails will be handicap accessible also.

Sam pointed out two areas on the map that are like preserves where there will be man-made trails, one of which could be handicap accessible.

Becky commented then there is no real plan yet; putting the cart before the horse.

Manager Revella responded the operational plan would either be run by the Recreation Dept or leased out to a company, whichever we choose. The Board hasn't come to that decision yet, and it probably won't be made for another year.

John Queenan commented this is where to start, with an overall master plan.

Becky commented the master plan has been worked on by a committee, which has not been given to the Board yet as a plan. So no one on that Board knows what the other parks will be looking like unless it has been done in public and it should be done in public. The comprehensive plan comes first and that plan gets submitted to the Board and the Board makes a decision on what they want for each park. She asked what's happening in the other parks; maybe the public would like to see something else in some of the other parks. Maybe the amphitheatre should be in another park; that is the Board's job and responsibility. It has not been discussed.

Trustee Hoffman commented the presentation is for the Board and the public to get some feedback. He doesn't believe anything is carved in stone; it's a conceptual plan and right now we are looking at comments and ideas.

Becky commented that a grant has already been started to be applied for and if the grant is received and then we choose not to do the amphitheatre, what position does it put the Village in for other grants. She stated it is not fair for other communities that are going for the same grants. She is not against the program, just the way the procedure is being done.

Mike Bliss commented there have been 6 public meetings for the recreation comprehensive plan.

Becky asked the total cost of this portion of the project.

Manager Revella responded \$491,000; the grant is for \$400,000.

Becky commented about community groups now that are trying to survive. Every Saturday night at Wooster's very few people show up for those concerts. How do we feel we can get 500 people here for an amphitheatre, if we can't get people to our own community events? Many of the community groups are the same people; there are no new people coming in.

Sam responded that theatre is not a guaranteed art form. If it's a good show, people will come. It's a future for Walden.

Becky asked if this is the right park for this project.

Sam responded yes, he's thought of this since 1994. He is available to help along the way.

Paul Schneider, East Main Street wished Sam all the luck in the world. The Knights of Columbus had the vision of filling the square with cars for the car show and their dream came true.

Mary Ellen Matisse asked if the parking by the tennis courts can be connected by a walkway to the Scout Cabin. She commented about paving the parking lots and DIA has used porous paving at their lots. She asked if the amphitheatre would be compatible with the little league games and soccer going on at the same time and it being a short season for both activities.

Sam responded there is a Summer Amphitheatre and an indoor Winter Theatre. He referenced the model and map.

Mary Ellen commented the public has not been involved yet. She met with Orange County Planning Dept Assistance Commissioner, John Czamanski and his recommendation was to get a Landscape Architect to work with the Engineer. The planning department still has to assess this project.

Manager Revella clarified that the parking lot near the tennis courts is going to happen regardless of the rest of the project. Drainage will be done and the new playground will be put in – all this summer.

Mary Ellen asked about tying in the usage of the Scout Cabin since its usage is down. It has a lot of historic value as well.

Manager Revella responded we have been doing some landscaping near the cabin and had to remove some trees; the walkway issue would be a benefit too.

Becky Pearson clarified that she is not negative about the project; it's about the procedure the Board takes to get where it is going.

Garry Leather, Walnut Street commented that he was upstate in Scotia, NY and there was an amphitheatre in a ball field situated on the Mohawk River and it really works great.

Sam commented that this could work. Build it and they will come. He commented he is doing On Golden Pond and asked everyone to come see it.

Village Manager's Report

- All catch basins on Walnut Street have been repaired and checked before paving
- Camera-ing the entire sewer line before paving
- Reclamation of Walnut to start approximately August 10
- Sludge transfer to repaired digester will be done within 3 days, odors will be gone shortly
- Meeting with historical society, building inspector, attorney, Board of Fire Commissioners regarding properties at 27 & 30 N. Montgomery Street.
- Pre-bid meeting for curbing at Westwood and Walnut
- Had bid opening for curbing project
- Received loaner camera from Pierce Equipment; new one should be coming in a few weeks
- Zumba 3 days per week at Wooster's. Air conditioner is working properly
- Meeting with comprehensive plan committee and John Czamanski, he gave us incite and direction and we'll be moving forward. Hope to have a draft plan to Board by October.
- Sinkhole has formed at 15 Walden Estate Rd due to drainage issues, found problem and fixed it.
- Striping down on Main St, West Main and the Square; still have some areas to do.
- Dangerous trees on Highland and Wileman that have been trimmed.
- Presentation of financial software
- Large power outage on the 19th, cause by a large trunk-line, like a brown-out. That is the exact line that Central Hudson is replacing.

- Met with Orange County Arts Council, some realtors, the Mayor and others in the arts community regarding branding the Village as an arts friendly community
- Set up cooling station up here on the 21st and 22nd – call the hotline, if its 95 degrees and heat index over 100, the 3rd floor room is available with water and ice provided.
- Possibility of fireworks at Harvest Fest – checked out with ATF the two companies
- Incident in the west side involving a stabbing. The PD did a great job apprehending the suspect.
- Bond renewal, % is still under 2%.
- Christmas on Main Street meeting - discussed schedule of events and activities

Trustee Rumbold asked about the Lanc & Tully punch list report for Olley Park and Beazer.

Manager Revella responded regarding Olley punch list, they are only minor items, 25% still due and we are withholding it until punch list is complete. There will be no reduction in the bond. Regarding Beazer, phase one has been clear and it's all up to the Attorney's at this point and metes and bounds. Phase 2 had been completed earlier under different Engineering guidance and we had it reviewed and this list of errors was found. This list was mailed from the Engineers to the person in charge letting them know these issues need to be resolved.

Mayor Maher asked if they know we want this done before the next winter. Reiterate it.

Trustee Leonard commented if phase 1 is ready, then can we get them to move on it; this is a substantial list.

Trustee Rumbold recommended to call the bond

Manager Revella responded this is the first recommendation for punch list items to be repaired. It was dated July 18th and he's sure the Attorney would recommend that the Board allow some time.

Trustee Bowen asked if there was a time frame given.

Manager Revella responded the Engineers would not give a time frame, it's not their responsibility. That's for our attorney to try and give a time frame and a recommendation from the Board which he thinks should be done.

Trustee Rumbold asked if this is the first time the Village has issued a punch list.

Manager Revella responded on phase two, he does not know. This is the first one he has seen since he's been here.

Trustee Leonard commented no, there have been punch lists.

Manager Revella responded there were some things done improperly when they were built, one being the catch basin lids and the driveway aprons being offset. He asked if the Board would make a recommendation for a time frame to complete the punch list; possibly 30 days to get in touch with the Engineers and building inspector and have a time together to get the items fixed. He asked the Engineers opinion.

John Queenan responded it could be one month or it could be three months.

Trustee Bowen commented it is taking too long and thinks 30 days is sufficient.

Trustee Rumbold asked who was the clerk of the works on this job, Phase 2 of Beazer; who has the paperwork.

John Q responded he has never seen any documentation, that phase was done when they came on board.

Manager Revella responded our attorney, engineer and inspector at the time should have the paperwork. Most of the ponds at riverside paperwork is in storage, upstairs and in the building next door. Our focus was phase one which wasn't completed yet and to finalize the project. When we turned our attention to the other phase that's when problems arose. He suggested it was not unreasonable to ask them to get a plan to the Board within the next 30 days of how they plan on getting the list done and when they can get the list done or we'll pull the letter of credit.

Trustee Rumbold made the motion to give Beazer Homes 30 days to respond to the punch list with a plan and timeframe of completion or pull the letter of credit. Seconded by Trustee Bowen.

Mayor Maher asked doesn't that have them dictating to us the timeline and not us dictating a timeline.

Manager Revella responded no, once their plan comes together and we don't agree to it, then you go back to them.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Rumbold wants to know who did the inspections and who signed off on phase 2.

Trustee's Committee Reports – Liaison Appointments

Mayor Maher clarified that Trustee Leonard is the Energy Efficiency Committee Chair and liaison to DPW.

Mayor Maher made the motion to appoint Trustee Sean Hoffman liaison to the building department. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Maher would like to appoint Trustee Rumbold liaison to the police department.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to appoint Trustee Rumbold liaison to the police dept. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Energy Efficiency Committee/DPW liaison – Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard did some research and there will be a meeting regarding natural gas powered vehicles. Only one vehicle is currently offered and hopefully more will be available soon.

Liaison Treasurer/Clerk – Trustee Bowen

Trustee Bowen commented they had 2 financial software vendors do demonstrations. One vendor stood out very well, one was Edmunds Association, and the other was KVS. KVS had a very good presentation and will probably have them come in and do a presentation. We are also talking to Citibank about obtaining a Village Credit Card. We wouldn't have to cut checks and we can see exactly what is being charged.

Shared Services Committee – Trustee Rumbold

Trustee Rumbold commented they are tossing the idea of a discussion with other municipalities about the 2% property tax cap. We would like to brainstorm to develop ways to share costs and share services. The Governor has been very vocal that he doesn't like small municipalities and aims to get rid of them by cutting off their funding. Municipalities need to get proactive and share services and morph into different entities to survive. We have to figure out how to provide services within that tax cap or be forced to override that tax cap and raise taxes. People need to realize when we talk about it, something is going to be sacrificed. Either you sacrifice by paying more taxes or services are going to have to be modified. We can only maintain what we can afford. There have been many layoffs and people losing their jobs and there are services that are being cut, but she believes the Village of Walden can be proud they have been able to maintain a level of service and do it in a financially responsible manner, but 2% is 2%.

Youth & Senior's Initiatives Committee – Trustee Lown

Trustee Lown commented the Youth Employment Program classes were great. There were four presenters. The students go to learn how to self-brand themselves to better sell themselves to future employers. It was a great experience for them.

Building Inspector Liaison – Trustee Hoffman

Trustee Hoffman had a brief meeting with Dean the building inspector today. They went over building department procedures and a couple of problem properties with re-occurring problems. Looking forward to subsequent meetings and trying to work out a schedule.

Business of the Board of Trustees

1) Walnut Street & Westwood Drive curbing proposals – Award Bid

Manager Revella commented the lowest bidder was GT Excavating. The specs contained two options, either concrete curbing or Belgium block. The bids were \$183,152 & \$186,852 respectively. Those prices include removal of current curbing, seed and soil which may come out of the price since reclamation might take it out themselves and DPW may provide soil and seed. He provided pictures to the Board and public of the differences between concrete curbing and Belgium block.

Trustee Leonard asked the Engineer if the Belgium Block was better than the concrete curbing.

John Queenan responded the Belgium Block is nicer, aesthetically pleasing and easier to repair and maintain, although it's more susceptible to damage. If your looking for longevity, that's concrete curbing. Belgium Block is easier to repair.

Trustee Lown made the motion to accept the lowest bid, GT Excavating. Trustee Bowen seconded.

Trustee Hoffman asked if the motion is for concrete bid.

Manager Revella responded the motion is for the lowest bidder, GT Excavating and he is the lowest bidder for both choices.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella asked the Board if they had a preference for Belgium Block or concrete curbing.

All Board members agreed to go with Belgium Block.

2) 22 Union Street – Water/Sewer

Manager Revella commented according to the usage reports, it is off and it is likely from the leak. The leak did not go into the sewage system. The homeowner feels that since he reported the leak and we didn't fix the leak immediately, that he shouldn't have to pay for the water. It is conflicting whether he told the water department exactly the location of the leak – whether it was before or after the meter or because of the meter.

Trustee Rumbold asked for the Manager's recommendation.

Manager Revella responded we can't charge him for the sewer portion. The question is whether it was our responsibility or his – he did not see to know but they did get him a new meter and charged him for the new meter.

Mayor Maher asked historically, don't the homeowners have to fix their own leaks.

Manager Revella responded yes, if there is a leak before or after the meter, they are responsible. It is in the Code.

Mayor Maher commented he could see forgiving the sewer portion, but it would not be our responsibility to fix the leak. He asked the Board if they are okay with forgiving the sewer portion.

Trustee Lown made the motion to forgive the sewer portion of the water bill for 22 Union Street. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Maher commented that Trustee Hoffman mentioned a Board of Water Commissioners that could specifically deal with the water issues and disputes. Other municipalities have them and it could resolve issues quicker. It will be a discussion item at our August meeting.

3) Playground Equipment

Manager Revella commented the two bids contain State pricing, which style the Board prefers needs to be determined.

Mayor Maher spoke on behalf Trustee Penney who commented she preferred the Sky Slider and the Mayor agrees.

Trustee Lown agreed as well.

Trustee Hoffman asked for the cost comparison.

Manager Revella responded with installation, including rubberized mulch and surfacing, the Parkitects proposal was \$64,980.59. The GameTime model with installation and mulch was \$64,011.00 so slightly cheaper.

Mayor Maher indicated the parks comprehensive plan committee recommended the Sky Slider.

Trustee Rumbold asked if the Sky Slider was mostly tubes, etc.

Manager Revella responded walkways, causeways, monkey bars and slides.

Trustee Lown made the motion to accept the GameTime proposal for playground equipment. Seconded by Trustee Bowen.

Trustee Rumbold asked what the tubes are made out of, what is the life expectancy where is it going to be placed, she is concerned about heat, and for the ages is it appropriate.

Mike Bliss responded he believes the warranty is 15 years.

Manager Revella responded it's made out of plastic and it should be located away from trees. The plastic would be cooler than a metal material.

Mike Bliss responded the age groups for both proposals are 5-12.

All ayes. Motion carried.

4) Walden Estates/Homestead Court Community BBQ

Manager Revella read the letter received today from Elaine Lopez of 7 Homestead Court. They would like to have a Community BBQ on July 30th for all the neighbors that reside in the cul-de-sac.

Trustee Lown asked what the time frame is.

Mr. Lopez confirmed the start time of 2pm and going until 8pm.

Mayor Maher commented he did talk to the police chief and there were no issues.

Trustee Lown commented that from her own experience from her Block Party, they need to contact the Manager or PD to get the barricades.

Mr. Lopez did request barricades to block off the cul-de-sac.

Trustee Rumbold moved to approve the Homestead Court Community BBQ. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

1) Harvest Fest Fireworks Proposal

Manager Revella commented he solicited a few companies for proposals for the Harvest Fest. It is the 25th anniversary and also the 15th anniversary since the Community Council

has taken over the Festival and they would like a fireworks display. The largest quote he received was \$5000 and he has received approval from the ATF on each company. He would like approval from the Board for a fireworks display on that day up to \$5000.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve fireworks for the Harvest Festival, up to \$5000. Seconded by Trustee Lown.

Mayor Maher commented that there will be a fireworks display on New Years Eve.

Manager Revella commented that once he gets the pricing he will bring it back to the Board for approval.

5 ayes, Trustee Rumbold not present. Motion carried.

2) Location of Bradley Equipment

Manager Revella commented he would like an act from the Board for the location of the equipment that was discussed in the presentation, since once it's ordered the site needs to be prepped.

Mayor Maher responded he thinks the park & recreation committee plans should be followed. He asked the Board if anyone objects.

Trustee Lown approved the location of the Bradley equipment. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 5 ayes, Trustee Rumbold not present. Motion carried.

3) NIMS Training

Mayor Maher commented that all trustees must take the NIMS training, himself and Trustee Leonard have taken it so the rest require it.

Manager Revella commented NIMS stands for National Incident Management System. All public officials are required to take the course. It can be taken online or we can get an instructor here to have the course for everyone at once. It teaches you and shows you what happens during an emergency management situation, chain of command, certain things to look for, certain responsibilities of different people and what your role might be.

Mayor Maher commented that when he took his training they went over what everyone's role would be and what our plan is and how to prepare ourselves as elected officials.

Trustee Bowen recommended the training be done as a group.

4) Solar Panel Proposal

Manager Revella commented this is one possible way to meet the 10% challenge. We met with them and they thought the easiest and best place to start with solar panels would be Bradley Park. There are some NYSERDA funds that could offset the cost.

Mayor Maher commented the return on investment usually takes a really long time. The overall cost of the project was just under \$9000, without any incentives. It would save us a total of over \$15000 over a 25 yr period, but we wouldn't see a return on our investment until 10 years. The incentive from NYSERDA is \$3000, but we would probably need more to offset that initial cost. It is not in our budget. We like the idea of it and wanted to

discuss it with the Board to see if they like it. He indicated the Fire Dept is meeting as well with this solar panel company and found out that it would have to be bid out.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

5) Village Credit Card

Trustee Leonard commented a list was provided by New York State about implementing credit card use. Trustee Bowen has reviewed it and so has the Village attorney.

Trustee Bowen commented there have been many times that police officers or village officials have attended workshops, etc and we don't have an exempt card to show that we are exempt and we have to bring a check. This way we can book a hotel and provide a credit card and everything is done. Expenses will be monitored more easily with a credit card.

Manager Revella responded this was a contract award by the State procurement office to Citibank. Kevin Dowd has reviewed it as well and approved it subject to the Board.

Trustee Leonard commented there are 2 cards; a purchase card and a travel card. The rate is set at 2.5% above prime.

Manager Revella responded that as long as it is paid every month, there is not finance charge.

Trustee Bowen responded that it would be associated with a budget line, paid every month so there will be no cost and expenses can be tracked more easily.

Trustee Leonard responded there are online vendors that don't take purchase orders, only credit cards.

Trustee Rumbold commented we can establish regulations and guidelines.

Manager Revella responded yes, we set it up. They can give us recommendations on the policies.

Mayor Maher asked we need to ask the office staff how they feel about this.

Trustee Rumbold asked if someone tried to use the card for an authorized transaction, it won't go through.

Trustee Bowen responded it would probably go through, it is a credit card. If there is a charge for Guido's pizza and we know who had the card signed out, that person would be chastised.

Trustee Rumbold asked if we ever established a limit on meal allowance.

Manager Revella responded he doesn't know if it was done, but it should be done.

Trustee Bowen commented each State provides a per diem rate.

Manager Revella commented he believes there is a limit per day set by the Village.

Mayor Maher asked if the policy needs to be in place before we have any action.

Manager Revella responded authorization for use should not be made before there is a policy is in place.

Public Comment

Diane Sandbothe, 90 Liberty Street, commented that last year she mentioned the bus being parked on the corner of Seeley and Madison, it is back, it is over 3000 pounds and it doesn't belong there. She asked if there is an ordinance about all garbage being put in cans and not bags. She asked if the owner at S. Montgomery Street could cut their hedges or make it a 3 way stop. She asked about George Street and recommended it be a one way street or only allow parking on one side. She asked about the manhole cover in the middle of Scofield Street.

Manager Revella responded the USA Coach continues to go that way, it has been reported to police dept, and that bus keeps crushing it.

Diane asked if a sign could be put up on the Rail Trail requesting bikes use a bell. Those bikes almost run us down. She asked about a speed limit sign as well.

Manager Revella responded that was a recommendation of former Trustee Hurd.

Diane commented she was in Virginia at a playground and there was a covering over the playground equipment so it wasn't too hot and to protect kids from the sun. She commented that the fireworks cost \$5000 and only last 10-15 minutes, she feels that money could go to a better use.

Mike Bliss, recreation director, formally invited the Board to the 2nd Annual 6K Run/Walk on August 6th. It registration starts at 7:30am, race starts at 8:30am.

Mary Ellen Matise, Clinton Street, recommended making Cross Street one-way would be a solution and would not involve the County. She asked if the corner by S. Montgomery Street by the Reardon Building could be repainted with luminous paint. She asked about Code Red and when it will be implemented; the power outage would have been a perfect opportunity to notify the residents.

Manager Revella responded we are waiting on the Town with Code Red.

Mary Ellen asked about shelter agreements.

Manager Revella responded everything is worked out; we have locations and are waiting on Red Cross.

Mary Ellen commented the idea of a canopy over the playground is an interesting idea; she recommended Benedict Park get looked at because it is never used due to the sun. Wooster Grove playground is very popular since it is shaded.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, commented about the solar lighting and it would be nice to go with Bradley Park and the new plan. \$9000 yes and maybe we go with one panel at a time, and we are spending \$5000 on fireworks. It is something to think about.

Anita Vandermark commented she was very pleased with the Knights of Columbus event. She asked who is in charge of weeding the circle.

Manager Revella responded the parks department is responsible.

Anita commented there is a new author in Walden, David Lustig. Capers & Cameos is the book. There will be a book signing on August 17th at the Walden House at 7:30pm. Copies of the book are for sale \$15 each, and \$5 is donated back to the Historical Society.

Approval of the Minutes – July 12, 2011

Trustee Rumbold moved to approve the minutes from July 12, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Rumbold moved to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence - None

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Lown thanked everyone that helped with the Block Party and the police dept especially. She reminded everyone of the Harvest Fest Meeting on weds. at 7pm at the NY School of Music. She thanked Officer Werner, Mayor Maher, Richie Latham from Leadership Orange and Lisa Montanaro for facilitating the education program for the youth employment program on Saturday.

Trustee Rumbold reminded everyone of the Potluck Dinner Friday at 6pm at VFW. It's good food and relatively inexpensive. She commented that regardless of what happens and what decision the Board makes regarding the Bradley Park project, it is nice to know there are people out there that have a positive vision for the Village of Walden. More municipalities need to look within themselves, our parks are under-utilized, people are going to be staying closer to home when it comes to vacations and she appreciates the fact the parks dept, their committee and citizens in our Village have the foresight to look into the future to give people something to do and improve the quality of life for everyone. It might be possible to see entertainment that would require getting on a train and go to the city. That type of improvement in our parks could be a selling point for the Village for young families.

Trustee Bowen thanked Tara for a great job with the workshop with the kids. He reminded everyone of the Senior BBQ Picnic in memory of Midge Norman in collaboration with Walden's Park & Recreation Dept and the Montgomery Youth Movement on August 6th from 3-5pm @ Woosters Grove. A Jazz concert will follow. He would like to get a head count.

Mayor Maher recommended going to senior group meeting on Tuesday at Firehouse.

Trustee Leonard recommended a plaque for the Rail Trail to acknowledge and thank the companies that helped with the Rail Trail.

Mayor Maher commented the Youth Employment Program is going very well. There are 14 youth employed in the Village at local businesses and the Village with another 18, aged 15- 18 youth employed in the Village at some capacity. We've gone above and beyond with the Youth Employment. There is a graduation ceremony for Youth Employment Thursday, August 11th at 7pm on the third floor. There is a spaghetti dinner fundraiser tomorrow for the softball team at 5:30pm; after they win tonight they are State Champions and will move on.

Pat Glass asked if they win will the Village have a parade for them.

Mayor Maher responded they will definitely be acknowledged. They usually contact us and ask permission.

Trustee Rumbold commented that her office has patient's that use the rail trail and park their bicycles in the waiting room.

Executive Session – Property Purchase, Personnel, PD

Trustee Rumbold moved to hold Executive Session to discuss property purchase, personnel, PD 105 (f). Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Trustee Bowen moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Adjournment

Trustee Lown moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
July 26, 2011
Motions & Resolutions**

Beazer Homes – Ponds at Riverside Punch list

Trustee Rumbold made the motion to give Beazer Homes 30 days to respond to the punch list with a plan and timeframe of completion or pull the letter of credit. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee's Committee Reports – Liaison Appointments

Mayor Maher made the motion to appoint Trustee Sean Hoffman liaison to the building department. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to appoint Trustee Rumbold liaison to the police dept. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Walnut Street & Westwood Drive curbing proposals – Award Bid

Trustee Lown made the motion to accept the lowest bid, GT Excavating. Trustee Bowen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

22 Union Street – Water/Sewer

Trustee Lown made the motion to forgive the sewer portion of the water bill for 22 Union Street. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Playground Equipment

Trustee Lown made the motion to accept the GameTime proposal for playground equipment. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Walden Estates/Homestead Court Community BBQ

Trustee Rumbold moved to approve the Homestead Court Community BBQ. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried

Harvest Fest Fireworks Display

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve fireworks for the Harvest Festival, up to \$5000. Seconded by Trustee Lown. 5 ayes, Trustee Rumbold not present. Motion carried.

Location of Bradley Equipment

Trustee Lown approved the location of the Bradley equipment. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 5 ayes, Trustee Rumbold not present. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes – July 12, 2011

Trustee Rumbold moved to approve the minutes from July 12, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Rumbold moved to approve the minutes from July 12, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Executive Session – Property Purchase, Personnel, PD

Trustee Rumbold moved to hold Executive Session to discuss property purchase, personnel, PD 105 (f). Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Trustee Bowen moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Adjournment

Trustee Lown moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.