

Lawyers will take up impasse over impact fees

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When government bodies disagree, the task often falls to the lawyers to loosen the knots.

Such is the case in the dispute between the Long Grove Village Board and the Long Grove Park Board over developer impact fees.

Attorneys from both sides will meet Friday to hash the matter out. The village board will then review the results of those talks with the park board at a March meeting.

Last week, the village board received a letter from park board President Susan Van Der Bosch, telling trustees that park district attorneys found the village's most recent impact fee ordinance unacceptable.

Before 1998, the park district was getting \$1,000 per building permit in impact fees. In 1998, that was raised to \$2,500. No restrictions were put on how that could be spent, as long as the spending was limited to "acquisition, restoration and construction."

Last year, the village changed the ordinance so the village would receive more than \$6,000 per building permit for parks and open space. From that, the village would receive up to 70 percent, with the park district receiving only up to 30 percent. In addition, the village board restricted spending to "acquisition," with the board having veto power over those acquisitions.

The park district has refused to sign off on the changes and, thus, has not collected impact fees for the past year and a half. It does, however, receive a \$50,000 annual grant from the village board, but only after accounting for every expenditure.

"We feel that the village board and the park district board are at a stalemate," Van Der Bosch wrote. "The lack of communication and the attitude of mistrust with which we have been treated are not acceptable to us as elected officials."

Van Der Bosch said the intergovernmental agreement is also unacceptable because it restricts the park district from using the fees for anything other than land acquisition.

Village Trustee Stephanie Hannon said the park district would actually get a higher amount with the new agreement.

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But Van Der Bosch said that under the terms of the agreement, the village does not have to give the park district the full 30æpercent.

Trustee Joseph Barry thinks the village should let the park district get 70æpercent of the fees and eliminate the \$50,000 grant. "I don't think we should be in the park district's business."

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