

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Summary Minutes

Public Works & Development Services Conference Room

Ives Groves Office Complex

14200 Washington Avenue

Sturtevant, WI 53177

Committee present: David Cooke, Mark Gleason, Robert Grove, Kiana Harden-Johnson
Tom Hincz

Committee excused: Ronald Molnar, Scott Maier

YIG Representatives: Hunter Ostergaard (excused), Samantha Penzkowski (present)

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, Director of Public Works & Development Services
Jim Metzger, Park Planning Manager

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Director Julie Anderson and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Mark Gleason.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments

3. Approval of the July 21, 2016, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR ROBERT GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor David Cooke to approve the July 21, 2016, summary minutes.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard N/A

Youth Representative Penzkowski aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

4. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing the conveyance of two county-owned parcels on Durand Avenue, near 84th Street, in the Village of Sturtevant by temporary limited easement and transfer in fee simple to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for highway purposes

Anderson presented the proposed resolution. Racine County will be compensated monetarily by the State of Wisconsin to provide temporary limited easements and a transfer of a strip of land along Highway 11 in the Village of Sturtevant relative to construction being done by the State along this

highway segment. The Committee is being asked to sponsor first and second readings on August 23 in order to accomplish the transactions in a timely manner.

SUPERVISOR ROBERT GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor David Cooke, to forward the resolution and fiscal note to the County Board, with a recommendation to approve for 1st & 2nd readings on August 23, 2016. Discussion followed. Supervisor Hincz inquired about the purchase price. Anderson stated that the purchase price for Parcel 1 will be \$177,000 by fee simple and \$9,400 by temporary limited easement and the purchase price for Parcel 2 will be \$8,700 by fee simple and \$350 by temporary limited easement, with the total transaction amounting to \$195,450. Vice-Chairman Gleason noted that a fiscal note reflecting the purchase price will be included as part of the resolution. YIG Penzkowski asked if the parcels involve condominiums or apartment buildings. Anderson replied that the land is vacant and the County will receive fair market value for the price of the land.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard N/A
Youth Representative Penzkowski aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

5. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a proposed ordinance amending Section 12-46(6) of the Racine County Code of Ordinances relating to speed limits on County Trunk Highway (CTH) G, east of CTH "S"

Anderson presented the proposed resolution and background information. A resident who lives on Seven Mile Road, just east of Wind Lake Road, has contacted the Public Works Division on numerous occasions in recent months expressing concerns about excessive speeding, safety issues, and potential harm to children boarding school buses when school is in session. She asked the County for help in slowing down traffic in this area. This issue was discussed by the Traffic Safety Commission at a meeting of the Commission earlier this year, resulting in the Sheriff's Office conducting a speed study in this area. In two instances data recorded a vehicle going over 100 mph and another traveling over 90 mph. Engineering staff then investigated the matter and recommended that the best course of action at this time would be to propose an ordinance change lowering the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph for all vehicles on Highway G, from its intersection with West Loomis Road, just beyond Highway S, and 45 mph for all vehicles southeast of Highway S for a distance of 0.64 mile. Anderson commented that speed bumps aren't an option due to the inability of snowplows to plow over them; additional signage warning drivers to slow down may be an option, but compliance and enforcement is often difficult. She stated that as soon as the proposed ordinance is adopted, the speed limit signs may be installed the next day. The Sheriff's Office is providing additional traffic patrol in this area in the meantime. The Committee is being asked to sponsor first and second readings on August 23 in order to install the signage for the proposed speed limit changes before September 1, the first day of school for the Muskego-Norway School District.

SUPERVISOR ROBERT GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor David Cooke, to forward the ordinance to the County Board, with a recommendation to approve for 1st & 2nd readings on August 23, 2016. Discussion followed. Anderson stated that Public Works staff may install school bus zone signs at any time, without any committee action required; and in this case, it may be an additional proactive and safety measure to do so. The motion was amended to include the installation of school bus zone signs by Public Works staff.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard N/A
Youth Representative Penzkowski aye

Amended motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

6. Review, discussion, and possible recommendation on a proposed change in the Racine County park policy regarding the prohibition of exotic animals in parks

Jim Metzger reviewed the current park policy and discussed possible policy and ordinance changes concerning animals/pets in county parks. He indicated that the current ordinance was written some time ago and is need of being updated to reflect changes in camping trends (e.g., increase in number of long-term seasonal campers) and to redefine such things as the number and types of animals/pets allowed on campsites, more specific definition of designated areas for animals/pets in specific parks, etc. Staff would like to further research the issues and discuss proposed changes with Corporation Counsel.

No Committee action or vote was taken at this time. The Committee recommended that staff move forward with additional research and review and bring the proposed changes back to the Committee at a later date.

7. Communications and Referrals

There were no communications or referrals.

8. Miscellaneous Public Works Business

- The next scheduled PWPFC meeting will tentatively be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 25, 2016, if action items are required. It was noted that neither Chairman Ron Molnar nor Vice-Chairman Mark Gleason will be able to attend a meeting on August 25 if one is scheduled.
- Vice-Chairman noted that Supervisor Bob Miller has contacted the PWPFC regarding the possibility of sending a letter to the WisDOT asking that work on Durand Avenue by Regency Mall not be forgotten.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Kiana Harden-Johnson** to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.