

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017
Summary Minutes

Public Works-Development Services Conference Room
Ives Groves Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Committee Present: Ronald Molnar, Tom Hincz (VIA conf call), David Cooke, Scott Maier, Kiana Harden-Johnson, Robert Grove, Mark Gleason

Youth in Governance Representatives: Paige Betthouser (excused)
Rasheed Muhammad (present @ 615pm)

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, PWDS Director
Nathan Plunkett, County Highway Engineer Manager

Also Present: Dave Giordano, Root-Pike WIN
Mitch Kasper, Tall Grass Land Conservation
Joshua Brown, WDNR
Eli Johnson, Blue Ribbon Management, LLC
Martha Hutsick, Friends of Quarry Lake
Brad Jors, Kapur & Associates
Zach Flitcroft, Blue Ribbon
Charles Michna, Michna Road, Caledonia
Linda Cosgrove, Villas of Racine Condo Assoc.
Dorothy Bocciardi, Michna Road, Caledonia
Renee Michna, Michna Road, Caledonia

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ron Molnar. Molnar indicated that the meeting was properly noticed. He also read the statement relative to the Racine County Youth in Governance participating in the meeting.

2. Public Comments

- a. Martha Hutsick commented about Quarry Lake Park. Encouraged cleanup of beach and quarry lake water to continue to move forward. Appreciative of work done by staff this past season and looking forward to 2018.
- b. Linda Cosgrove regarding agenda item #5, Villas of Racine Condo Association, expressed concern about vehicular access from outlot to CTH H due to her concerns about ability to see along CTH H and the hill that exists north of STH 20. Has concerns about school buses and safety of children, as well as snowplowing concerns in that area.
- c. Charles Michna, resident of Michna Road, mentioned Cliffside Park wetland / bluff restoration project and suggested that stone be placed at the bottom of the bluff to slow the erosion that is occurring.

3. Approval of the November 9, 2017, PWPFC meeting summary minutes

SUPERVISOR MARK GLEASON MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Cooke, to approve the November 9, 2017, summary minutes.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: N/A

Youth Representative Muhammad: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

4. Review, discussion and possible recommendation to accept a grant and approve a sole source provider for design-build ravine restoration and wetlands work in Cliffside Park, with assistance from Root-Pike WIN (*laid over by the Committee on 11/09/2017*)

Dave Giordano (RPW), Josh Brown (DNR), Tracy Thompson (Tall Grass) were all present to discuss this item. Giordano indicated that this is a 100% funded project through a grant. Brown discussed the proposed project and explained how the wetland banking and mitigation-in lieu fee program works and Tracy Thompson explained the role of her group in this project. It is an environmental construction project which will have a 7-10 year project timeline. It is a 37-acre project area. Deed restrictions will be needed, along with easements, for work to be done by the agencies involved. Brown indicated that the value of each wetland credit is about \$60,000. Credits stay within the wetland banking mitigation program for future project funding, etc. This project is identified in the adopted Wind Point Watershed Management Plan, which was adopted by the Racine County Board in 2017. Discussion followed on details about how the project would be constructed and handled. Tallgrass would do all the work and long-term maintenance for this project. It was noted that this is a significant and necessary project with hopes of slowing bluff erosion in this area of Cliffside Park.

More discussion followed. A Resolution is necessary to move this forward so that planning can take place to begin the project during winter of 2018-2019.

SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Maier, to draft a resolution for the January 2018 meeting and to finalize with County Board in February 2018.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: N/A

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

5. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on an appeal from Blue Ribbon Management, LLC, to the Highway Engineering Division's advisory opinion to not permit highway access onto CTH "H" (South Fancher Road) in Mt. Pleasant at STH 20

Eli Johnson of Blue Ribbon appeared to explain that this project involves development of 80 apartment units at the NE corner of CTH "H" and STH 20. Access to CTH "H" is the issue, as the initial decision by the Racine County Engineering staff was to deny the access to CTH "H". Johnson indicated that there are 2 points of access needed for the site, per the fire department personnel. The only other access point along STH 20 accesses the Villas of Racine Condominium development just north of this site. It is a privately-owned access point and could be used for emergency access only if granted a driveway to CTH "H". Brad Jors of Kapur indicated options could include clearing/ lowering berms north and south of a

CTH "H" access point so they would be at-grade for better traffic sighting in this area. John from TADI conducted a Traffic Impact Analysis and he concluded that an access point to CTH H would not be problematic.

Supervisor TOM HINCZ moved to approve access to CTH "H". Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

Discussion followed between the Committee and the developer. The Committee asked if there are any alternatives for design for entrance into that site off of CTH "H". They asked if the access could be moved further to the north along CTH "H". Committee asked about accident rates at that intersection, confirmation of any police/fire issues, etc. The Committee is not opposed to the development, but rather the safety of vehicles entering/exiting the site. Chairman Molnar suggested that all Committee members drive by the site and take a look at the location of the proposed access. The developer will come back with additional designs in January 2018 for further discussion. The Committee unable to approve at this time until all alternatives are reviewed.

SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, to lay on the table this item for further information. This will be placed on the January 11, 2018, PWPFC agenda.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: N/A

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

6. **Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing the release of restriction to right of access contained in deed for highway conveyance recorded in Volume 1569 of records at Page 296, Document No. 1075656 (related to access along CTH "C" for a residential access west of CTH "V" in Mt. Pleasant)
(1st & 2nd reading requested at County Board meeting on December 19, 2017)**

Anderson informed the Committee that Corporation Counsel needs more time to review and prepare the necessary resolution for this item. Recommendation is to lay on the table this item until the January 11, 2018 PWPFC meeting.

SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Maier, to lay on the table this action item until the January 11, 2018 PWPFC meeting.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: N/A

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

7. **Communications and Referrals**

There were no communications or referrals to report.

8. Miscellaneous Public Works Business

- No PWPFC meeting on December 28, 2017.
- The next PWPFC meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, January 11, 2018.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Robert Grove**, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **VOTE: 7/0**