

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018, 6:00 P.M.
Summary Minutes

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

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

**Youth in Governance
Representatives:** Rasheed Muhammad
Paige Betthausen

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Director
David Prott, County Highway and Parks Superintendent
Nathan Plunkett, County Highway Engineer Manager

Also Present: Bruce Hansen, Villas of Racine Resident
Linda Johns, Villas of Racine Resident
Mark Handlos, Villas of Racine Unit Owner
Eli Johnson, Blue Ribbon Management, LLC
Michael Kelly, Blue Ribbon Management, LLC

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

- Bruce Hansen, Villas of Racine resident, expressed concerns about traffic in the area and traffic backups along main roads (STH 20 & CTH "H") during various times of the day. He is not opposed to nice quality apartments being built in the area, but believes the intersection of 20 and H are not conducive to driveway access points for the proposed development. He noted that he retired a couple of years ago after working many years in the construction industry and is familiar with neighborhood development.
- Linda Johns, Villas of Racine resident, expressed concern about cars constantly cutting through the condominium development at high rates of speed as a shortcut from STH 20 to CTH "H". She believes perhaps another access point should be created along STH 20 to help traffic move better in that area.

- Mark Handlos, Villas of Racine unit owner who will soon be moving into the area, expressed concern about traffic issues and was also at the meeting for further information.

3. Approval of the draft December 14, 2017, PWPF meeting summary minutes

SUPERVISOR COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, to approve the December 14, 2017, summary minutes.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: Aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: Aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

4. 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 (Laid over on 12/14/2017)

Anderson reviewed the actions taken by the PWPF Committee at their December 14, 2017, meeting. This item was laid over so that the applicant could provide for the Committee additional traffic data, crash data, and designs for access to the property, as well as confirmation that the Mt Pleasant Fire Department was requiring two access points for ingress and egress purposes. Mr. Eli Johnson and Mr. Michael Kelly from Blue Ribbon Management, LLC, were present to further discuss the site and access to CTH "H". Crash data from the period 2010-2017 indicates an average of 2-3 crashes per year. Concerns about the bus stop to the north along CTH "H" are being worked on between the Village of Mt. Pleasant and the school district and bus company. Discussion followed about the data and the fact that nothing new was being presented by the applicant relative to designs for ingress and egress from the site.

Supervisor Hincz moved to continue the lay over on this matter. Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

Discussion continued. Supervisor Gleason noted that Village of Sturtevant emergency calls and crash data were not included in the additional information presented. In addition, there is no Racine County Sheriff or State Patrol data either for the intersection of STH 20 and CTH "H". Supervisor Grove noted that nothing has changed since the last meeting for staff to review. Nathan Plunkett commented that the only acceptable access to the County staff would be to use CTH "H" as an emergency access point only and that all other traffic would have to utilize STH 20, with a right in / right out configuration. Plunkett also noted that the Village of Mt Pleasant approved the apartments' development subject to the developer obtaining access to CTH "H". Anderson asked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kelly if Blue Ribbon owns the property. They answered no. Discussion continued. Supervisors noted that nothing new was brought forward for consideration by the PWPF Committee for the meeting tonight and they felt they have no good options currently available to move this forward.

Supervisor Hincz again made a motion to lay over this item for additional information. Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, to deny the appeal that was brought to the PWPF for access to CTH "H", as no new information was presented.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthauser: aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

5. **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)
*(Laid over on December 14, 2017)***

Anderson explained that this item was laid over at the December 14, 2017 meeting because the language of the resolution was not yet prepared with assistance from Corporation Counsel. Now the resolution is ready for action and it explains that the removal of the access restrictions will allow a buyer(s) to develop a site plan with new access point(s) along CTH "C" which will be reviewed by staff once the property sale is completed. Buyers are waiting to close on the purchase of this site based upon action to release the restriction to right of access to the property. Supervisor Gleason stated that he would be abstaining from voting on this matter because he owns land in close proximity to the subject site and feels this could constitute a possible conflict.

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Hincz, to forward a resolution to the County Board of Supervisors for 1st reading on January 23, 2018, with a recommendation to approve.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthauser: aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

6. **Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing the conveyance of County-owned land in Pritchard Park by permanent easement to Wisconsin Electric Power Company (DBA We Energies) to provide electric service to the Aquatic Center (1st and 2nd readings at the January 23, 2018, County Board meeting)**

Anderson explained briefly that an easement is needed within Pritchard Park to allow electrical service to the new SC Johnson Aquatic Center. This easement is usual and customary and these types of easements are handled on a frequent basis.

SUPERVISOR COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, to forward a resolution to the County Board of Supervisors for 1st and 2nd reading on January 23, 2018, with a recommendation to approve.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthauser: aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

**7. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of outdoor recreation trail aids-County snowmobile trail aids funding through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)
(1st reading at the January 23, 2018, County Board meeting)**

David Prott briefly explained this is a pass-through grant from the County to the local snowmobile clubs, on a reimbursement for expenses basis. There are 184 miles of snowmobile trails in Racine County. There is \$46,025 already in the 2018 budget, but an additional \$9,205 was granted for trail aids funding. Action on this item will include the fiscal note.

SUPERVISOR MAIER MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Cooke, to forward a resolution to the County Board of Supervisors for 1st reading on January 23, 2018, with a recommendation to approve. This includes approval of the fiscal note.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

8. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a report authorizing and approving the transfer of funds from Public Works Account No. MA399.488000, Used Equipment, for the purchase of a motorized infield rake for Racine County Park and Highway Operations

David Prott explained that this new piece of equipment is replacing a 1972 model in the Public Works equipment fleet. This is used to rake and groom baseball infields and also used on beaches at Quarry Lake and Fischer Park. It can also be used for restoration in parks and along highway shoulders. This is a report only, and no county board action is required.

SUPERVISOR HINCZ MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Cooke, to forward the report to the County Board of Supervisors, including the fiscal note.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

9. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a report authorizing and approving the purchase of a snow plow for the Racine County Public Works Fleet

David Prott explained that a County plow was recently involved in a crash, which significantly damaged the plow on the truck. This would be replaced with County funds, as the County works to subrogate with the other party in the crash's insurance company. This is only a report and does not need action by the full county board. Approval of this includes a fiscal note.

SUPERVISOR COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Grove, to forward the report to the County Board of Supervisors, including the fiscal note.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthauser: aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

- 10. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing and approving the transfer of funds using Performance-Based Maintenance (PBM) proceeds for the purchase of a three-lane anti-icing sprayer for the Racine County Public Works Fleet Division (1st and 2nd readings at the January 23, 2018, County Board meeting)**

David Prott briefly explained this request and how it will be used on highways within Racine County. There was no further discussion.

SUPERVISOR COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, to forward a resolution to the County Board of Supervisors for 1st and 2nd reading on January 23, 2018, with a recommendation to approve, along with the fiscal note.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthauser: aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

11. Communications and Referrals

There were no communications or referrals to report.

12. Miscellaneous Public Works Business

- The next PWPFC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018.
- Anderson briefly informed the PWPFC Committee that one of our snow plows was involved in a head-on crash early on Dec 30, 2017. The County plow sustained damage and the driver who hit our plow was traveling the wrong way along STH 36. The driver of the vehicle that struck the County plow sustained injuries. The accident happened along a stretch of STH 36 which happens to be in the City of Muskego, and that police agency handled the traffic incident and report. More information will be released on this situation later, but thankfully there were no other injuries in this crash.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Grove**, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0