

1. Call to Order

Trustee Weatherston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, Wisconsin.

Present: Trustee Weatherston and Trustee McManus. Trustee Stillman, Trustee Wishau and President Dobbs were also present.

Absent: None

Staff present: Utility Director Anthony Bunkelman, HR Manager Michelle Tucker and Village Administrator Kathy Kasper.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

3. 5 ½ Mile Road Charles Street Intersection Additional Signage Request

Troy Carriveau has requested additional signage on the corner of 5 ½ Mile Road and Charles Street. His email indicated the request for additional signage but was not clear on the proposal of signs. Staff reached out for clarification and was told that there is not enough signage and too many cars either miss the turn entirely or end up in the residential yard on that corner. There has been one incident at that intersection that has been verified with the Police Department but the driver was impaired. Staff further reviewed the signage and explained the current signs that indicate the approaching turn. Speed limits were also look at and verified with the NATC handbook. Staff does not recommend additional signage.

Trustee McManus felt this should be tabled so that that Mr. Carriveau has an opportunity to clarify his request as he was not present to do so.

Motion by Trustee McManus to lay this over until the next meeting. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston.

Discussion occurred about if this should be tabled or not.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Pedestrian Crossing Signage on Erie St/Kentwood Drive

Trustee Weatherston had lived near this intersection for many years but also took the time to investigate this past weekend. He determined that the area was busy and that there were a lot of people crossing the street.

Ron Coutts, 609 Kentwood Dr., was present and had previously come before the Board to request that this sign be placed and was forwarded to the Public Works Committee for consideration. He placed the sign under the deer crossing sign and the Village took it down. Mr. Coutts brought a petition with 41 signatures that are asking this sign to be put back up. There has been an increase of recreational use in the area and thought that traffic would only increase with the development on Erie St. There was an instance where a neighbor girl was nearly hit by a vehicle, and it brings him much concern. Neighbors plan on attending the Board meeting to speak on their support of the sign.

Trustee McManus did not understand why a deer crossing sign was more important than a pedestrian sign and wondered why there couldn't be both.

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the sign. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston.

President Dobbs spoke about attending the Public Works meeting and understood that the sign was put up prior to approval. The Committee had denied a child at play sign. He explained that too many signs create the opposite of awareness, and people wouldn't pay attention.

Coutts thought this was important for the safety of this area. There was discussion of how traffic has historically impacted the area.

Trustee Wanggaard has studied and gauged the area. He explained that there are many people that use the area recreationally and wanted something that would provide guidance to people. He further spoke of false senses of security provided by child at play signs.

Trustee Wishau thought the intention is good but agreed that too many signs can be ignored. He spoke of personal experience and how ignored signs can be counterproductive and potentially dangerous.

Trustee Stillman suggested the deer crossing sign could be replaced with the pedestrian crossing sign.

Motion by Trustee McManus to remove the deer crossing sign and replace with a pedestrian crossing sign and forward to the Village Board. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Temporary No Parking Sign Request From The HOA For Jamestown Holiday Lights, 10/18 Through 10/31 and 11/26 Through 1/1

This request was received originally from one member of the HOA. Further correspondence from the HOA indicated that they are not in full support of this request because they must represent the entire neighborhood. It has been recommended to not pass this temporary no parking sign. There is a resident that puts on a lightshow and brings a lot of people to the area. There is someone that intentionally parks there to impede the traffic of this show. The Board discussed if this is something they have the authority to impose. They speculated if there needed

to be signage placed on one side, to assist the Police Department in controlling traffic. Trustee McManus proposed separating the two request dates to see how the regulation plays out. Letters were read that further explained the position of the request.

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the temporary no parking sign from 10/18-10/31. No second.

Motion dies.

Motion by Trustee McManus to table this matter and forward to the Board for a presentation from the HOA with solutions. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Trustee McManus motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joslyn Hoeffert
Village Clerk