

Trustee Wanggaard called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. In attendance were:

**Committee Members:** Trustee Kevin Wanggaard, Trustee Dave Prott

**Department Managers:** Village Engineer Anthony Bunkelman, Attorney Elaine Ekes, Fire Chief Richard Roeder, Police Chief Dan Warren

**In Attendance:** Trustee Ed Willing, Parks Manager Jim Svoboda

**1. Approval of minutes**

Trustee Prott moved to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried.

**Items were taken out of order.**

**3. Review Title 5, Sec 5 -2-20 Open Burning Ordinances**

Wanggaard explained this will be kept on the agenda for the next meeting. The Village Administrator could not be at this meeting and he had input. Claire Johnson was also out of town.

Attorney Ekes presented two sample red-lined versions. The first version has across the board prohibition on yard waste burning, the second has yard waste burning banned in populated areas. Discussion followed on the two drafts.

Fire Chief Roeder stated if burning is prohibited, you would need some kind of relief for disposal of leaves like another yard waste site or collection of leaves and this will add additional costs. He did not feel prohibiting burning throughout the Village will be a big hit.

Wanggaard felt the easiest way to control would be to apply distance between structures and apply to the Village as a whole. There is no intent to cut off recreational fires, more to address the health effects on burning of wet leaves and the effects of the smoke in densely populated areas.

Ekes stated if a distance restriction was imposed, and people complied, you would see an overall reduction in complaints. Prott explained this is mainly about leaves, not firewood.

This will come back to the next meeting.

**5. Review proposed revisions to Noxious Weed Ordinance Sec. 8-1-2**

Melissa Warner on behalf of Greening Greater Racine And Weed Out! Racine was present. Warner brought this proposed revision to Committee. Wendy McCalvy was present.

Warner explained her request to remove milkweed from the list of noxious weeds and to include a supportive reference to NR 40 in the Noxious Weed Ordinance. She explained the migration of the Monarch butterfly and its need to lay its eggs only on varieties of milkweed. Greening Greater Racine and Weed Out! Racine is encouraging people to plant milkweed to support the Monarch and help stop the decline in its population. She did not want to publicly encourage planting of milkweed when it would be breaking the law and would like milkweed taken off the list.

Ekes added another suggestion was to add to the noxious weed list, garlic mustard. It would be a simple ordinance change to add garlic mustard and take off milkweed. NR 40 is referenced but is not incorporated as it is a lengthy list that changes every couple of years. Ekes also explained from an enforcement standpoint all the noxious weeds on the NR 40 list would have to be able to be identified by the Weed Commissioner so tickets could be issued for violations by the Police Department. Warner explained there are restricted and prohibited species and most of the species in this are restricted, meaning you were not to increase the population.

Prott made a motion to delete milkweed from the Noxious Weed Ordinance and add garlic mustard and to reference State Law NR 40 from the WI Adm. Code as part of the ordinance. Wanggaard second. Motion carried.

This will go to the next Village Board meeting on January 18, 2016.

#### **4. Review proposed revisions to Loud and Unnecessary Noise Ordinance Sec. 11-2-8**

Trustee Ed Willing and Jim Svoboda, Parks Manager were present.

This was the first year with bands at the Joint Park and a couple of issues arose. Precautions were taken by the third event and there were improvements. The current ordinance does not give much of a parameter and does not empower Police to have a set of guidelines. Guidelines would give power to the Police and not create a conflict with event organizers because there would be rules serving both sides.

Willing presented his research for an audible number for a noise level. He also noted the person/organization who pulled the permit would incur the fine. From an enforcement standpoint it would be a policy decision and equipment to measure the noise level would be needed. Police Chief Warren stated an officer would have to be trained on that equipment and if you have decibel readings, then there would be open record requests and the need to have people assigned to records.

Discussion followed on obscenities, monitoring dB levels and length of time that would be allowed at certain levels. Willing stated the obscenity clause might be challenged under free speech.

This will be brought back to the next meeting.

**2. Discussion regarding fencing restriction in Title 14, certified survey map requirements in Title 14, and revisions required to Title 18 for roads and public improvement requirements due to statutory changes.**

Wanggaard presented fencing restrictions in Title 14. People would like to have fences to keep their children and pets safe. Also a number of developers stated it would help sell lots. A limited style of open-fence would be allowed and approval of the style would be made through the Village Engineer. Wanggaard will ask Ray Leffler to come to the next meeting for his input as a developer. Ekes set up an appeals procedure through Public Works committee and suggested inviting Trustee Jim Dobbs to the next meeting since he will have to handle the appeals process.

The certified survey map requirements in Title 14 and revisions required to Title 18 will not be discussed tonight.

This will be brought back to the next meeting.

**6. Review Notice Posting Requirements, including on the internet/website due to statutory changes**

A recent change allows municipalities to post in one spot and put notices on the web site. Ordinances still have to be published in the paper.

Prott made a motion to approve the Notice Posting Requirement, including on the internet/website due to statutory changes and send to Board for approval. Wanggaard second. Motion carried.

This will go to the next Village Board meeting, Jan. 18, 2016.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Trustee Prott moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Trustee Wanggaard seconded. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Schmidt  
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Village of Caledonia