

TOWN OF WILSON  
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
APPROVED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2015

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Chair Ehmann called the Town of Wilson Board Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Posting in accordance with open meeting law was confirmed by affidavit of posting and the meeting was declared an open meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken with the following members present: Town Board Chairman John Ehmann, Supervisor Dan Rostollan, Supervisor Tom Stoelb, Supervisor Nancy DesJardins and Supervisor Brian Hoffmann. **Also in attendance:** Town Clerk Georgene Lubach, Treasurer Julie Evans and Maintenance/ Road Supervisor Rick Meyer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **James Gruber, 4474 N. Evergreen Dr.** – His property borders the Jerving Conservancy and was surprised to learn of the hunting when the Constable removed the electrical line to his Christmas he displays in the woods. He asked his neighbors and they too had no information about it.
- **Arletta Giese, 314 W. Evergreen Dr.** – Her property borders and does not feel safe, rescind the ordinance on the Jerving Conservancy. This land is dedicated to plants and animals and not hunting this is not what Mr. Jerving had in mind please put the Christmas tree backup.
- **Kathleen Rammer, 3010 Old Park Rd.** – I am not against hunting, have not seen a buck in the area only 4-5 deer. The issue is how this was handled by the previous board and each property owner did not receive a letter or told of the hunting. The Town received the land 30 years ago that should have been the time for the town to survey the land. This is a nature conservancy.
- **Jane Zabrowski, 212 White Tail Lane** – Supports no hunting in the Jerving Conservancy and does not believe the residents were properly notified and never heard that there would be hunting in this area. Vote to rescind the motion and enjoyed the Christmas tree.
- **James Gruber, 4474N. Evergreen Dr.** – A farmer who allows hunting on their land knows the person on their land, I would like to know who the hunters are behind his house.
- **Mike Watson, 4418 N. Evergreen Dr.** – Purchased his home a year ago, the Conservancy appealed to me, no hunting, can walk behind my house, see the deer, trees and love it. Surprised when the Constable informed me there would be hunting. I urge you rescind the motion and place the Christmas Tree backup.
- **Anthony Eisner, 4406 N. Evergreen Dr.** – Comment on the deer population in the Jerving Conservancy, every year one doe will have two little ones, second doe seen off, that is the main population they are young ones.
- **Gerry Bertsch, Parks and Forestry** – This is my last time I will appear before the board as a member of Parks and Forestry. Received a grant today for \$750 from the American Transmission Company to plant trees along Moenning Road at Schinker Creek Park to replace the trees that will be removed to replace power lines. Schinker Creek Park projects are completed and children are playing on the playground equipment. Would like to bring the board's attention to BRFD's report on safety, access points to public waterways along Lake Michigan and the Black River have been surveyed for public safety and several obstructions will need to be removed to facilitate safety.
- **John Senkbeil, 5414 Evergreen Dr.** – Representing the other bow hunters, this had been a good opportunity for hunting in Jerving. Several years hunting at Balzer Woods there has been no issues with the neighbors; we've respected their property and all deer harvested legally. This is has been a good opportunity to mentor my children and has been a safe, close location, it is limited with only one hunter at a time.

**APPOINTMENTS / NEW & OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of the draft minutes, December 7, 2015** – Supervisor DesJardins questioned the wording of item 12.D. and requested to include the clarity of the motion and the posting had not mentioned the hunting in Jerving Conservancy. Motion by DesJardins, second by Rostollan to approve the December 7, 2015 Town Board Minutes with the correction, on voice vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.
2. **New Operator License Application for period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016; Handle Bar & Grill, Courtney Schmidt, 929 High Ave., Sheboygan, WI** – Motion by DesJardins second by Stoelb to approve the new Operator License for Courtney Schmidt, Handle Bar & Grill, on roll call vote, all members presented voted aye, Hoffmann –nay, motion carried 4-1.

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3. **Discussion of Hunting in the Jerving Conservancy; Possible motion to rescind original motion made on September 21, 2015 to allow hunting in the Jerving Conservancy** – Clerk Lubach provided a copy of the fall newsletter containing Parks and Forestry article stating that hunting would begin in Jerving Conservancy after Thanksgiving. Supervisor DesJardins questioned why the motions, agendas, hearing never stated the hunting in Jerving Conservancy. Questioning Parks and Forestry, Gerry Bertsch member of Park and Forestry was present and explained they were asked by a Board Member to review deer hunting, come up with other solutions instead of sharp shooters. A complete revision of Chapter 30 needed to be done to include many other Town changes. The revisions were referred to the Plan Commission and the town's attorney, many re-works of Chapter 30 between Plan Commission, the Town's Attorney and Park and Forestry was done over the past year. The board discussed further the boundaries and the encroachment of the neighbors along Jerving Conservancy. Motion by DesJardins, second by Stoelb to cancel the rest of the bow hunting season in Jerving Conservancy for the remainder of the 2015/2016 hunting season. Under discussion, Supervisor Rostollan shared it important to have the Conservancy open to all residents and know where the boundaries of the Conservancy are for safety and review the documents as to what is permitted and he would support the motion. Supervisor Hoffmann stated he is concerned about safety, believes this is a bad deal for the hunters we gave them permission and now we are taking this back. He has received several phone calls from neighbors concerned for their safety and would like this to go back to the Plan Commission and Parks and Forestry to think this out and will support this motion. Chair Ehmann shared there were many red lined copies and changes to Chapter 30, and listed the changes; hunting in Jerving Conservancy, language for leashed pets in the conservancies, rules for Schinker Creek Park, additional rules for Fireman's Park, hours of service Schinker Creek Park and a concealed weapons amendment. Supervisor Stoelb shared he received phone calls pertaining to this issued from residents living along this area and there safety and will also support the motion, agrees if you rescind the motion you will throw out everything and all the work that has been put into it, we need to revisit this and fix it. Original motion; Motion by DesJardins, second by Stoelb to cancel the rest of the bow hunting season in Jerving Conservancy for the remainder of the 2015/2016 hunting season, on roll call vote all members voted aye, motion carried.
4. **Survey of the Jerving Conservancy** – Clerk Lubach provided the difficulty and majority of the survey work is along the property owners the quote would only be \$400 less. Motion by Stoelb second by Hoffmann to hire Mike Kober to survey the Jerving Conservancy in its entirety for the \$2,300 quote, on voice vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.
5. **Discussion and possible renewal of Town of Wilson First Responders Contract** – Motion by Rostollan second by Hoffmann to enter into the 2016 First Responders Lease and Service Contract Agreement on roll call vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.
6. **Discussion and possible renewal of Black River Fire Department Contract** – Discussion of an ad hoc committee to study fire protection and how to continue, Supervisor Hoffmann and Supervisor DesJardins volunteered for this committee. Motion by Hoffmann second by DesJardins to enter into the 2016 Black River Fire Department Lease and Service Contract Agreement on roll call vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.
7. **Discussion of Chapter 29 Sign Ordinance; Possible motion to rescind original motion made on September 8, 2015 to approve changes to the Chapter 29 Sign Ordinance** - Chair Ehmann explained the Plan Commission would like to bring back the Sign Ordinance for additional review and asking the Board to make a motion to return the Sign Ordinance to them for further review. Supervisor Rostollan shared the Sign Ordinance presently does not allow for multiple businesses, Love's Travel Shops is working with the Town they have reduced the original sign application. Motion by Rostollan, second by Hoffmann to refer Chapter 29 Sign Ordinance back to the Plan Commission to review the Ordinance for possible multiple businesses on a sign, review height maximums, dimensions, square footage and other such changes that they need appropriate at the OK Intersection on roll call vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.
8. **Update on Consultants to review the impacts of the proposed Kohler CUP Golf Course** - Chair Ehmann shared the draft scoping documents from John Jensen and Hey and Associates for their work to evaluate the impacts of the proposed Kohler Golf Course are being reviewed by Town's attorney. Bruce Meissner at Robert E. Lee has dropped out and will not contract with the town for surface water impacts. Conversation with Hey and Associates they thought the surface water was included and this is one of their core competencies and has included this in the draft scope, it is the deep water impacts that is not their core competency. Chair Ehmann will find out who their hydrologist person is to do this work.
9. **Plan Commission recommendation; Kwik Trip Inc. Building Permit Application for exterior addition at proposed location at 7002 Sauk Trail Road** - Building permit application for a free standing exterior cooler, siding matches the building. Motion by

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Stoelb second by Hoffmann to approve the Plan Commission recommendation for Kwik Trip building permit for the exterior addition at 7002 Sauk Trail Road, on roll call vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.

10. Renewal of Contract with Berke Electric services for Rammer Pond Utility - Motion by Hoffmann second by Stoelb to approve the Berke Electric Contract for 2016/2017 services for Rammer Pond Utility, on roll call vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.

11. Public Comment:

- **Mary Faydash, 5631 Driftwood Lane** – Questioning the Sign Ordinance is changing on a case by case basis to accommodate a new business and wondering then what is the point of having the Ordinance. Friends of Black River Forest have been learning the area of environmental law is huge and complex particularly when it deals with Town's and a huge mistake to have Attorney St. Peter to be the representative regarding the environmental and the CUP, this is a consideration going forward and you would be paying for only one attorney not both.
- **Scott Testchlag, 4050 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street** – I am hunter that would be hunting in Jerving Conservancy and ok with canceling the hunt, I use this area to take my kids out to teach proper hunting etiquette and had a concern with boundaries and if this property was big enough for hunters. Bazler woods East side paretles homes and no issues there. Concerned over the comment taking beer out in the woods and no we do not, I take my kids with me and we are responsible hunters. State of Wisconsin is trying to figure out how to get into private land to hunt as that is where the deer population is. Suggest this to go back to the Plan Commission and Park & Forestry for more background allow more discussion and input instead of just the five on the board.
- **Jack Leonhardt, 5878 Garden Grove Drive** – Regarding the sign ordinance height and placement confusion, suggested to use the calculation or dimension MSL (Mean Sea Level) an aviation term, creates everyone at the same height instead of AGL (Above Ground Level).
- **Joellyn Johnson, 9504 S. Sandwood** – Wondering why the second public comment is before reports and not after reports to allow response after these reports.

12. Reports:

- a. **Maintenance Report** – Meyer provided updates on projects and end of year snow plowing
- b. **Constable** – Report from Constable Van Ess was reviewed
- c. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Evans provided end of year financial balances of all accounts, update on Park and Forestry CD and property tax collection.
- d. **Clerk** – Clerk Lubach provided updates on current assembly bills and future agenda items
- e. **Town Board** – Future agenda items was provided

13. Disbursement Reports: Black River Fire Department, Town of Wilson First Responders, Town of Wilson – Checks on hold: Checks on #18499.

Motion by Rostollan second by DesJardins to approve disbursements dated 12/21/2015 – check numbers 18502 – 18540 Black River Fire Dept. for \$1,982.19, check numbers 18502 – 18509 Town of Wilson First Responders \$11,250.95, check numbers 18510 – 18512, Town of Wilson for \$40,130.16, check numbers 18513 - 18540 for total disbursements \$53,363.30.

ADJOURN: Motion by Rostollan, second by Stoelb to adjourn at 8:16 p.m., all members present voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Georgene Lubach, Clerk