

**Public Property and Health Committee
Markesan City Hall
August 4, 2020**

Call to order at 7:18 p.m.

Roll call by sign-in

Citizen Comments: None

Public Works Report:

Joe Strelow updated the committee on the trash policy at Soldier's and Sailor's Park. Currently, park visitors are asked to take their trash with them when they leave the park. Mayor Slate has received a few requests for trash cans to be placed in the park. In the past, this has caused problems with people overloading the cans and dumping things like fish scales into them. Dave Brinkman, from the Lions Club, attended the meeting and asked that the trash policy sign be lowered from where it is currently displayed in the park. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Kazda to keep the current policy in place and re-evaluate next year. Motion carried.

New Business:

Review of Lions Park Agreement for Soldier's and Sailor's Park: Dave Brinkman from the Lions Club was present. Proposed changes to the MOU agreement between the City and the Lions Club were discussed. The Lions would like standing rights to reserve the park for their yearly fundraiser on the Sunday of June Dairy Days. Also, the Lions would like to make sure that the current Lions President will be a signer on the MOU and that the agreement be updated if there is a new president. The Mayor will meet with the Lions to go over these changes and update the MOU agreement. Then, it will be reviewed at the next committee meeting. No motion.

Discussion and Action on Beach Erosion at Soldier's and Sailor's Park:

Dave Brinkman from the Lions Club requested an update on what progress has been made with the erosion problem at the Soldier's and Sailor's Park beach. Mayor Slate is hoping to budget funds and apply for grants to do a comprehensive park plan for all the parks in the City. Paul Gunderson, the County Conservation agent, could be called in for a consult on some ideas for quick fixes to the erosion problem. No motion.

Discussion and Action on Community Service Organization's Sign:

Dave Brinkman from the Lions Club requested an update on what progress has been made in the installation of roadside signs for the City's service organizations. The wastewater treatment plant, the pump house, and the Horicon Bank sign were some of the possible locations mentioned as a place to put the signs. What is needed is someone to spearhead the project. No motion.

Discussion and Action on Signage for Industrial Park for People to Pick up Dog Waste:

Ald. Kazda asked for an update on the response to citizen concerns over dog waste being left on Industrial Park property. Joe Strelow said that two signs had been put up in the Industrial park and that there had been no further complaints. No motion.

Old Business:

Discussion and Action on 410 S. Bridge Street Property Maintenance: Ron and Sue Kelm were present and updated the committee on their process of trying to secure funding to tear down the house on the property. The Kelms had applied for a loan from the bank to do this, but they were denied the loan due to the financial status of their farming business. They are looking into other banks that might approve a loan. Ron Kelm also mentioned that a family member might be able to help them with a loan. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Kazda to have the Kelms attend the September committee meeting with an update. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Complaints about 1775 N. Margaret Street Property: Ald. Thiem recused himself from the discussion and spoke as a citizen on the state of his property. Adam stated that he was making progress on all of the ordinance section 273-5 violations. He said the majority of the work should be completed by November 2020. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Triemstra to review in January 2021 and see how many of the violations are resolved. Motion carried. Ald. Thiem abstained.

Discussion and Action on 650 N. Margaret Street Property: Mayor Slate recused himself from the discussion. The current raze order for buildings 5, 6 and 9 needs to be rewritten. The current raze order is for buildings 5, 6, and 9. In actuality, building 6 is connected to buildings 7 and 8. Building 6 can not be razed without razing 7 and 8. The large barn has cement walls and a decision will need to be made on how to dispose of it. Also, the City needs to determine if asbestos is a component of any of the shingles. Motion by Ald. Kazda/Ald. Thiem to send the current raze order to council for review at the August meeting. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Ald. Kazda/Ald. Triemstra to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.