

Board Meeting Reports 2005

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Town Board Meeting Report

Monday January 10, 2005

by Robert Perkins

The Concord Town Board met on January 10 and voted to set special introductory rates for rental of the Town of Concord Community Center, which is the former Concord Center Elementary School. The fees, enforced for the next three months, are \$2 per hour, with a fifteen dollar minimum, for rental of one room; ten dollars per hour, again with a fifteen dollar minimum, for use of the kitchen facilities; and twenty-five dollars for the gym. Fees double for persons and organizations from outside the Town of Concord. Non-profit civic organizations will not be charged.

The Board also officially designated the Community Center as the Town Hall.

Richard Reinders, chair of the Park and Planning Committee, reported the Committee is considering possible ordinances concerning dogs, gravel pits, and "permanent" yard sales.

Dr. Jeff Meade obtained Board approval for a conditional use permit to operate a feline no kill sanctuary at N7119 Hillside Drive. The sanctuary, with a maximum population of 30 cats, will be regularly inspected by the Watertown Humane Society and the Board.

The Board approved a request by Erin and Tricia Uttech to split off two new two acre building sites on their property at W1671 Pleasant Ridge Road. The project would involve extending Pleasant Ridge Road at the Uttech's expense.

Ken Groblewski will be paid \$250 per month for doing boiler maintenance, snow removal and general upkeep at the Community Center.

Acting as a Board of Elections, the Board examined the nomination petitions of the eight candidates for town office in the April 5 election, and found that all had met the requirements to be on the ballot.

TOWN OF CONCORD BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2005

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Joan Emery of the Town of Sullivan addressed the Concord Town Board at the monthly meeting February 14th speaking on the Smart Growth plan. The State Legislature passed legislation making it mandatory for each community in the state to develop a plan to guide growth for the upcoming years. State mandatory requirements must be met and approved by 2010, or state funding will be eliminated if the townships aren't in compliance. Hiring consultants, setting money aside for the project, working with other townships, and possibly obtaining grants were some of the

objectives and goals to be studied.

Marian Speerless of the Parks & Plan Committee addressed the board: Further studies for the day care center proposed for the Concord Community Center will be addressed at the Parks & Plans' February meeting. Information gathered, gave an over all view of the dog ordinance, including felines, with suggestions presented by the Parks and Plan Committee.

1) The kennel ordinance should be modified to add felines to the wording to read "12 dogs/felines or less to constitute a kennel"

2) \$20.00 - \$100.00 fines for pets running at large.

3) Barking dogs (continuous barking) will carry a fine from \$20.00 - \$100.00. Cats running at large have posed a problem with suggestions of using live traps to catch the stray felines and transport them to the Watertown Humane Society. At present, the town doesn't have an animal catcher, but Chairman Don Goose should be contacted if the need arises.

Community Center rental fees will be discussed further at the Parks & Plan February meeting discussing how to advertise for different functions such as Weddings, family reunions, ect. and renting out of tables and chairs and if they should be damaged, what the cost would be to replace them.

The moratorium on Quarrying regulations and controls ordinance for gravel pits expires May of 2005. Whether or not to add an extension to the time frame is in order. Possibly holding more meetings, along with open meetings to the public for discussion of more options were taken into consideration. Checking into other township's ordinances and concerns of residential cluster of homes, "that no gravel pits are located in or near a residential area consisting of 30 or more homes".

There was no progress report on the hamlet. Ruekert/Mielke's proposal for the hamlet with more fact gathering information should be available in July or August 2005. The board approved reimbursement of \$35 for replacement of mail boxes and posts damaged by town snow plows, along with the purchase of an impact wrench and torch for the town shop.

Justin Langer of the Rome Boy Scouts addressed the board wishing to do community work for his Eagle Scout project, a license was granted to the Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sullivan, and Jan Knewaldt represented the Concord Center Cruisers Snowmobile for use of the Community Center and kitchen for the club sponsored annual Easter egg hunt March 19th in the event there would be inclement weather.

For information regarding the town's ordinances, board meetings, ect. Dale Konle has set up a web sight at <http://www.ConcordWisconsin.org>

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Concord was held April 12th at the Concord Community Center.

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\$5041.00 Was petitioned for Jefferson County for road aid.

ISB Community Bank of Ixonia was named as the town's depository

There wa a total of 159 permits issued for various town uses with 14 new homes built.

The rural hamlets and Smart Growth plans were discussed.

A web sight has been established.

www.concordwisconsin.org

Concord Community Center rental fees were set at the monthly Concord Town Board meeting. Room Rental \$15.00 per hour, Gym rental \$25.00 per hour and \$10.00 per hour for kitchen use.

John Simon of N7018 Hwy. E, request for a one acre land split from a 40 acre parcel and to rezone from A-1 to A-3 was approved

Richard Reinders of the Park & Plan Committee briefed on the urban development of the rural hamlet. The hamlet is approximately 8 square miles. The Town of Concord is a prime location between Madison and Milwaukee. The goal is to create a land use plan that will allow growth and development expansion along the 1-94 corridor, while protecting rural land of the entire Town of Concord.

Highway Foreman, Howard Webb, reported work will begin on black topping, along with pot-hole and road patching. Cemetery clean up and mowing will soon commence.

Justin Langer of the Rome Boy Scouts addressed the board of Community Service he proposed to do to meet his Eagle Scout Merits.

A deputy from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department addressed the panel of any problems or concerns the town may be incurring. Excessive speed on side roads, drag racing, and deer pose the biggest problems. Residents witnessing any unusual activity should contact the Sheriff's Department immediately.

Bill Ingersoll was appointed as a representative to the Board of Directors for the Sullivan EMS, Richard Reinders & Marian Speerless were appointed to the Park & Plan Commission.

Discussion followed on lighting for Golden Lake Park Circle entrance and possibly lowering the speed limit on Golden Lake Park Road.

The Board passed the Proclamation of the Traffic Safety Proposal and accepted the 2005 Contract for Ixonia Fire & EMS.

Residents of the Town or surrounding areas who have knowledge or any information of veterans who served in any capacity of any type of military service, including the National Guards should contact Joe Thamke (262)593-8125.

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CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING MONDAY

MAY 9, 2005

Reported by

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Randy Callison presented the Concord Town Board with a petition containing 70 signatures at the monthly board meeting, for protection of the enviromental and residential areas in the Town of Concord. It was a request to the board and Park & Plan Committee that consideration of drafting an ordinance for Town of Concord Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance read "No non-metallic mining operation shall be permitted if thirty or more families reside within a band of a '1/2 mile wide around the perimeter of the proposed operation."

Sheriff, Paul Milbrath of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department addressed

the board and residents of the follow-ups made by his department of complaints by various residents. He displayed the "Beacon Light Bulb" which contains a small computer chip, and can be inserted into a lamp or outdoor light socket, and is used in locating a residence by the EMS or ambulance. He also spoke on displaying a big orange plac-card on refrigerators, containing medical problems or medication used by the household for easier treatment by EMT's. Gun locks were also distributed.

Zoning requests were approved for John & Carol Schlieper to reconfigure two parcels, Chris & Ann Lueth to reconfigure two lots, Ray & Holly Rausch for a variance, and George & Judy Staffin for a pole building.

Richard Reinders of the Park & Plan Committee briefed on their last meeting. Howard webb, Foreman of the Highway Department, reported on road patching, replacing road signs and cemetery and park mowing. Jack Kramer and John Pagel were hired as part time summer help. Linda wicklund was named dog lister and will be contacting Concord residents for the number of dogs they own; Mike Archie approached the board about contacting the DNR for the preservation of barn owls once the gravel pit ordinance has been approved; an ordinance for selling liquor at events at the Community Center was discussed, along with lowering of rental fees. A rough draft of the Concord Community sign was viewed. The sign will cost approximately \$3,000 and donations are welcome. Rocky Butler of the Concord Baseball Association was granted a Picnic License to sell beer at the baseball games. Liability issues will be reviewed for the license. A request was made for play ground equipment for Union Hill Park by Ruder's Circle.

Open Book will be held June 11 from 12 to 6:00 P.M. and Board of Review June 29 from 5-7:00 P.M. at the Community Center.

CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING-JUNE 13, 2005

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Prior to the monthly Town of Concord Board meeting, board members met for the purpose of making decisions on the road bids.

Sheriff Paul Milbrath of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department addressed the board members and residents of the many con and scam artists in the area. Elderly people are especially successable to these scams via internet, mail and phone calls. Scam artists also come in the form of roofers, drive way pavers, building painters, ect. Any suspicious activities should be reported to the Sheriff's Dept immediately, along with vehicle license plate numbers.

Speeders should beware of speed limits through Concord and around Dahnert Park due to the activities of youth baseball games, summer picnics, ect.

Richard Reinders, Chairman of the Park & Planning Committee reported on the May 24th meeting. Rezoning and land splits for Jan Klusken and Earl Curran were tabled to the July meeting. Tom Benz proposal for the Sawyer property was accepted.

Highway Foreman, Howard webb, reported on the park and cemetery mowing, replacement of some of the road signs and road side cutting.

Liquor, cigarette and operators licenses were granted where applicable to Concord Inn, Concord House, Concord General Store, Vetro winery, Roxanne Butler of the Concord Baseball Association and Knights of Columbus.

Donations from various organizations and businesses have been received for the

Concord Community sign; the board approved reducing the speed limit to 35 MPH on Golden Lake Park Road and a dumpster will be rented.

Randy Callison addressed the board of a proposed non-metallic mineral extraction sight at the east end of the Town. Much discussion was held by the Park and Plan Committee, Town Board members and area residents at the May 24th Park & Plan meeting. The Town voted to extend the continuing moratorium until October 31 and will seek legal advise.

Open Book will be held from noon to 6:00 PM June 15th and Board of Review on July 13 from 5-7 PM. Residents must contact Lloyd Zastrow to schedule an appointment and fill out forms prior to their scheduled appointment for the Board of Review. The annual Town of Concord picnic will be held August 14th with more details at the July meeting.

CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING-JULY 11, 2005

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Attorney Thomas Levi addressed the Concord Town Board and residents at the monthly meeting, July 12. Lengthy discussion followed on the proposed amended ordinance, as outlined and presented by Attorney Levi regarding the non-metallic mineral extraction site at the east end of the town. Following more proposals and amendments by area residents and the board, the board voted unanimously to adopt the amended proposed ordinance.

The rural hamlet was also discussed. More in-puT is needed by town residents before moving forward with' future planning of the town and its future. Another q-uestionnaire and survey will be presented to town residents, possibly at the annual Town'of Concord picnic on August 14th.

Richard Reinders, Chairman of the Park & Planning Committee, reported on various meetings, with the next meeting scheduled for July 26 at the Community Center. In the absence of Highway Foreman Howard Webb, Ken Groblewski gave the report. Paving on East River Drive, Church Drive and Sunnyside Drive is nearing completion. The panel voted to accept the salt contract for the upcoming season.

Don Kratz was granted a driveway road access and Janice Klusken for -three new residential building sites, two on CTH B and one near CTH F.

Ixonias Lions are requesting an application for a liquor license and Rocky Butler was granted a picnic license.

Concord Town Board Meeting August 8th, 2005

reported by Pat Brandt 262-593-8910

The Concord Town Board met August 8th at the Concord Community Center. The Board of Review Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with a report given by the Town Clerk and adjourned Sini Di.

David Meyer reported on the Park & Plan Committee in the absence of Richard Reinders. Residents recently received a for page up-date survey from the Park & Plan for future

planning purposes and opinions of what is wanted for the township. A survey was conducted in 2003 with a small percentage of responses returned. In fall of 2004, the Concord Town Board hired the engineering firm of Ruckert/Mielke to prepare a land use plan for an expanded hamlet area bordering the I-94 corridor as part of an overall master plan to be completed in stages. Presently the town is covered by a comprehensive county plan, but must have a mandated Smart Growth Plan for the state of Wisconsin in effect by 2010. All surveys should be returned by August 20th or can be brought to the Town of Concord Picnic August 22 for tabulation of the results for presentation at the monthly meeting.

Steve Pelikan/Pelikan & Associates was granted a land split on Bakertown Road and Charles Daniels' request to a road name was granted.

Residents are reminded of the 6th annual Town of Concord Picnic, Sunday August 14th, noon to 5:00 PM at Dahnert Park. A Veteran's Memorial Program will be held at 2:00 PM with the Oconomowoc Legion Band, Colour Guard, Vets of Foreign Wars, firing squad and playing of taps. Innovations will be presented by pastors from St. Paul's Church in Oconomowoc and St. John's Luthern Church in Golden Lake.

TOWN OF CONCORD - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2005
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Attorney Thomas Levi addressed the Concord Town Board and residents at the monthly meeting. Lengthy discussion with a question and answer period from town residents were addressed to the board & Attorney Levi regarding the Smart Growth & Master Comprehensive Plan for the town. Presently the town is covered by a comprehensive county plan, but must have a mandated Smart Growth Plan for the State of Wisconsin in effect by 2010. The plan must contain zoning, boundaries and official mapping.

Richard Reinders, chairman of the Part & Plan Committee reported that approximately 300 of the four page surveys received are being processed. The board will meet with the Park & Plan Committee for a joint meeting September 27 for results and further tabulation of what town residents want for future planning purposes and opinions.

A variance request was approved for Paul] Thomas of W2289 Northside Drive for placement of a storage shed in side his yard with a set back. A land split for Christine Hoffman, N6031 Willow Glen Rd. to create a one acre residential parcel, a two acre parcel with attached three acre natural resource out lot, and a conditional use permit to allow grazing for horses on the out lot was approved. Art Rams, Sunnyside Drive addressed the board of drive way problems and the possibility of a "hidden drive" sign be erected. Anne Sandvig was approved a drive way entrance. Howard Webb, Highway Foreman reported that paving on East River Drive, Church Drive and Sunnyside Drive has been completed, along with the installation of culverts and road patching.

Randy Callison addressed the board of the need for play ground/park equipment for Ruders Park. Money will be allocated for the equipment.

The board voted to accept the gravel pit ordinance regarding the non-metallic mineral extraction site at the east end of the town, presented by Attorney Levi. The proposed amended ordinance was outlined at the July 11 board meeting by Attorney Levi.

The board approved the designation of Jefferson County Clerk to be the provider

for state wide voter registration for the town, St. Mary's Catholic Church of Sullivan was granted a picnic license for the annual Turkey dinner October 9, The Johnson Creek Fire Dept. agreement was approved, and the 2006 Town of Ixonia Fire & EMS contract was accepted and approved.

The board entered into closed sessions prior to adjournment to confer with legal counsel.

MONTHLY TOWN OF CONCORD BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 10th, 2005

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Residents were advised of a "Smart Growth" workshop scheduled *for* Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 PM at the Concord Community Center, at the monthly Town of Concord Board meeting. Richard Reinders, chairman of the Park & Plan Committee, addressed the board and residents of the importance of this meeting, where the public is encouraged to attend. Exploring future goals for the township regarding development controls, border agreements, and hamlet expansion will be discussed. Tabulation of a recent survey revealed that 50% of the town's residents wish to keep Concord as it presently is. The town faces many challenges of development and possible annexation from bordering townships.

The board approved a driveway request for Matthew Paulson and Dave Van Ert's request for Certified Survey for road approval and land splits.

Jeff Orr brought bridge replacement information for the West River Drive bridge; Mia Rathkamp approached the board of any plan the town presently has in the event of a major disaster. She also suggested sending a tree to the disaster areas hit by Katrina. Bill Ingersoll has requested the use of the gym of the Community Center for every Thursday night, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM for basketball, which is open to the public. The moratorium has been extended until 12-31-05; Randy Callison addressed the board on ethics and a discussion of the website followed.

Joe Thamke was thanked for his part in organizing the Veterans Memorial Program at the summer picnic. The budget planning meeting will be held November 1, 6:00 PM at the Concord Community Center.

CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2005

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Future planning of the Smart/Growth 20/10 Plan, along with the proposed hamlet for the Town of Concord will incorporate additional meetings scheduled for December or January, as presented to the panel at the November 14th Town of Concord monthly Board Meeting. Steve Grabow of the University of Wisconsin Extension Jefferson County spoke to Concord residents at a special meeting October 26th of the affects townships face with this incorporation of future planning. The town is currently under a contract with Reukert/Mieike to develop a master plan suitable to the town and its needs. Richard Reinders, chairperson for the Park & Plan Committee, reported on reviewing of existing town ordinances with the need for additional ordinances of public concern. Present ordinances for up-date and review : up-date of the dog ordinance, junk in yards, number of animals per/acre, vehicle sales from private residence, and on-

going yard sales.

Justin Langer of the Rome Boy Scouts who addressed the panel with presentation of pictures of work completed at the Dahnert Park to earn his Eagle Scout Award. A special thanks goes to him for many hours of hard labor put into this project, with removal and clearing of trees, brush and debris.

Attorney Thomas Levi addressed the panel of the Mining Ordinance with the Board going into closed session prior to adjournment, pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(G) to confer with legal counsel.

The annual Town of Concord Christmas Program will be presented Sunday, December 4, beginning at 1 P.M. at the Concord Community Center. The Siegmann family will present a special program with a potluck at 3 PM. Residents should bring a dish to pass along with their own table service. Lighting of the Christmas tree will conclude the festivities. Any one wishing to help set up and decorate the community center, should contact Bill Ingersoll.

CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER 12,2005

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Attorney Thomas Levi, addressed the Concord Town Board and residents at the monthly December 12th meeting. He presented revisions to the present nonmetallic mineral

extraction ordinance. The sight is located at the east of the township. Purposes of the revised ordinance are to protect the environment, health, safety, and welfare of area residents residing within the perimeter of the extraction sight. The moratorium on the ordinance has been extended to March 31, 2006.

A variance was granted to Lou Burmeister, W385 Concord Center Drive, who requested a 10 foot side and rear yard set back variance to allow construction of a 24 foot by 48 foot metal storage garage to store his car collection. Earl Curran's designation change on outlet 1 to Lot 1 was accepted. Mike Herro's presentation for equestrian two acre lots with a home and outbuilding in his current subdivision plans was accepted. Paul Thomas, sight for nursery/garden center and landscape business was tabled.

David Meyer reported on the Park & Plans last meeting, which centered on a possible ordinance regarding signage, ongoing yard sales, cleaning up of junk yards on private properties, vehicle sales, and the dog ordinance. A tentative meeting date of January 18, 2006 has been set for another educational meeting on Comprehensive Planning for all town residents. The first meeting held October 26, 2005 was well received by town residents, who requested an additional meeting.

Howard Webb, Highway foreman, reported on snow clean up after the snow storms. Theft of highway signs continues to be a huge problem, along with disposal of junk items along country roads. Big items such as car motors, tires and furniture have been dumped.

Mary Goplin, a certified fitness teacher, addressed the panel requesting use of the gym and a classroom for a fitness and weight training class for town residents. The eight week class will consist of one hour classes twice a week, with a fee of \$80=\$100 per person. Vicki Kamuchey and Cathy Stamper also addressed the panel of use of the halls for walking purposes during the winter months, walk sessions would be held Monday-Thursday, 7PM-8PM, and is open to the public. This would also coincide with

the fitness program.

Cindy Arbiture of the Concord Historical Society presented a check of \$200 to help off-set the cost of energy for their use of the old Concord Town Hall; the annual contract with the Watertown Humane Society was accepted; the board will precede with a grant for traffic signs and marking enhancement; accepted an amendment of Petition 3034T-05-Jefferson County Farm Bureau Proposed Text; Mileage rates were increased to 44 cents per mile; Don Groose, Town Chairman, donated a Norman Rockwell framed picture to the Community Center.

December 28, 2005, 7:00 PM was set for the closing of the books.