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Police and Fire Departments

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
5:00 PM
Lower Conference Room

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2) Approve Meeting Minutes
Action requested: review and approve
 - a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Nov 12, 2024 5:00 PM
- 3) Resolutions
Action requested: review and recommend approval
 - a. **RESOLUTION 4173** A Resolution Approving the Receipt of Donation from the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation in the Amount of \$13,333, in Connection with Establishing a Law Enforcement Drone Program
- 4) Discussion
 - a. A Discussion about Hunting Regulations and Weapons Discharge Permits for the area around Spirit Lake, 4513 W Bonniwell Road, owned by the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust.
- 5) Adjourn

Dated: January 14, 2025

/s/ Gregg Bach, Chair

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of other governmental bodies may be present at this meeting to present, discuss and/or gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility, although they will not take formal action thereto at this meeting.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at 262-236-2914, twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

Any questions regarding this agenda may be directed to the Public Safety Office at 262-242-3500, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM



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Minutes

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Chair Gregg Bach
Alderman Dale Mayr
Alderman Kelly Tolocko

Also Present: Police Chief Pryor, City Attorney Brian Sajdak, Administrative Coordinator Bowen, City Intern Justin Randall

- 2) Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Oct 8, 2024 5:30 PM

RESULT: Accepted [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Alderman Mayr
SECONDED BY: Alderman Tolocko

AYES: Bach, Mayr, Tolocko

- 3) Resolutions

Action requested: review and recommend approval

- a. **RESOLUTION 4158** A Resolution Renewing a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Mequon, the Village of Thiensville and the Mequon-Thiensville School District for the School Resource Officer Program During Calendar Years 2024-2028

Chief Pryor discussed the school resource officer program and the memorandum of understanding between the City of Mequon, the Village of Thiensville, and the Mequon-Thiensville School District.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Alderman Mayr
SECONDED BY: Alderman Tolocko

AYES: Bach, Mayr, Tolocko

- 4) Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Nov 12, 2024 5:00 PM (Approve Meeting Minutes)

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:08 PM.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Alderman Mayr
SECONDED BY: Alderman Tolocko

AYES: Bach, Mayr, Tolocko

Respectfully Submitted,

Melina Bowen
Administrative Coordinator

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Nov 12, 2024 5:00 PM (Approve Meeting Minutes)



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Office of Police

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Patrick Pryor, Chief of Police
DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 4173 A Resolution Approving the Receipt of Donation from the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation in the Amount of \$13,333, in Connection with Establishing a Law Enforcement Drone Program

Background:

The Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization located in the City of Mequon known for granting funds to the City's institutions, facilities, and services, has received a designated donation from the Mequon Woman's Club. This donation is intended for the Police Department to establish a Drone Program. The funds provided will enable the Department to acquire a drone and all necessary equipment to initiate and support the program.

Analysis:

The proposed donation will cover all expenses associated with launching a drone program, including the drone itself, batteries, launch pad, setup, training, and support. The total estimated cost amounts to \$13,333. To date, the Police Department has not operated its own drone program and has instead relied on assistance from neighboring departments in Cedarburg, Saukville, and the Ozaukee Sheriff's Department whenever drone use was needed.

This donation will enable the Department to establish its own drone capabilities, resulting in more efficient deployments. Upon acceptance of this donation, the Department will proceed with launching the drone program.

Fiscal Impact:

All funds used for this equipment purchase will come from the donation.

Recommendation:

A recommendation is forthcoming from the Public Safety Committee on January 14, 2025.

COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF MEQUON

RESOLUTION 4173

A Resolution Approving the Receipt of Donation from the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation in the Amount of \$13,333, in Connection with Establishing a Law Enforcement Drone Program

A. The City of Mequon Police Department provides 24-hour police services 365 days per year.

B. The Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation, a non-profit organization located in Mequon that provides grants to the City's various institutions, facilities and services has received a designated donation in the amount of \$13,333 from the Mequon Woman's Club for the Police Department to establish a drone program.

C. The total value of this donation will exceed \$5,000, and therefore requires approval by the Common Council.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING RECITALS, IT IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, that:

1. The Police Department is authorized and directed to accept the donation for the purchase of a drone and associated equipment from the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation.

2. Staff is further authorized to purchase the equipment in accordance with applicable procedures as outlined in the City of Mequon's Purchasing Policy.

Approved by: Andrew Nerbun, Mayor

Date Approved: January 14, 2025

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on January 14, 2025.

Caroline Fochs, City Clerk



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Office of Public Safety Committee

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Patrick Pryor, Chief of Police
DATE: December 19, 2024
SUBJECT: A Discussion about Hunting Regulations and Weapons Discharge Permits for the area around Spirit Lake, 4513 W Bonniwell Road, owned by the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust.

Background:

During a recent Planning Commission meeting, the application by the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust (OWLT) for developing a parking area at Spirit Lake, along with the requisite zoning approval for its use as a nature preserve, was conditionally approved. Public testimony during the meeting brought to light concerns from neighboring property owners, who have in some cases contacted the Police Department regarding various incidents. Residents reported issues with hunting activities, loitering, road parking, after-hours presence, littering, property damage, and in one instance, a person being injured by a falling pellet.

In response to these concerns, the Planning Commission discussed several potential conditions to improve operations and the site. Some of these conditions were tied to the approval granted during the meeting, while others have been referred to the Police Department for further analysis. Mayor Nerbun and Alderman Strzelczyk requested this information be discussed at a Public Safety meeting.

Analysis:

This memo provides an analysis of the call history for the Spirit Lake area over the past three years. Attached, you will find a log of the twelve service calls related to specific complaints, this year there was an issue concerning the use of a .22 rifle instead of a shotgun. Additionally, relevant documentation from the recent planning commission meeting, including conditional use details, is provided.

The key conditions for approval include the installation of signage in the parking lot to convey park rules, hunter obligations, safety protocols, and operational hours. "No Parking" signs will be placed along Bonniwell Road, and "No Gun Discharge" signs will be erected along the north property line. Additionally, there will be an evaluation of trash container conditions within the parking lot, scheduled for 12 months post-approval.

Detective Lance Wegner, responsible for evaluating weapons discharge permit applications annually, has suggested allowing only archery permits for the Spirit Lake area. Gun hunting is

advised against due to safety concerns stemming from the area's proximity to residential properties.

Feedback is sought from the Public Safety Committee on the conditional use provisions and Detective Wegner's recommendation. The Committee's insights are requested for maintaining community safety and ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.

Attachments:

Attach to Spirit Lake - SIGNED Follow Up_OWLTLT_12.02.24 Spirit Lake (PDF)



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Department of Community Development

December 4, 2024

Mr. David Sedlacek
 Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
 200 Wisconsin Street
 West Bend, WI 53095

**Re: Conditional Use Grant
 Minor Request**

Dear David,

At their December 2, 2024, meeting, the Planning Commission took the following action regarding request for conditional use grant approval for a nature preserve and minor request approval to allow for a parking lot for the property located at 4513 W. Bonniwell Road (Spirit Lake).

Approval of the conditional use based on the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall submit final plans within 180 days of Planning Commission action. Such final plans shall be subject to staff review and approval prior to issuance of permits. Approval shall be based on consistency with applicant's application and the requirements of the Planning Commission's approval. If final plans are not submitted within such time period, or the plans are not approved by staff, the plan(s) shall be submitted to Planning Commission for additional review and action and applicant shall be responsible for all city-imposed fees associated with such additional review.
2. The parking lot shall be a minimum of 75 feet from the centerline of the road.
3. Review by the Public Safety Committee within 4-6 months of approval regarding safety concerns including reports from the Police Department.
4. Signs to be posted in the parking lot outlining rules and hunter's obligations regarding safety and identifying park hours.
5. "No Parking" signs to be installed along Bonniwell Road.
6. "No Gun Discharge" signs to be installed along the north property line.
7. Staff to review conditions regarding trash containers in the parking lot within 12 months of the approval date.

Pursuant to Section 58-41, you may appeal an order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Planning Commission, which you believe to be an erroneous interpretation or application of the law. An appeal may be taken by the aggrieved person within 30 days of the date of this letter by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk on the prescribed form specifying the grounds for the appeal and paying the prescribed fee.

Sincerely,

Jac Zader
 Assistant Director