

Village of Goodfield
Special Board Meeting
June 3, 2019 @ 6:30p.m.

Special Board Meeting was called to order by Village President, Jim Edwards, at 6:30p.m. Board members present: Roger Mullins and Nate Sauder. Also present were Clerk Sheri Martin and 33 residents from Grimm Road/Timberline Road. There being no quorum, no action was taken.

Agenda for the meeting was to follow up with residents on complaints.

President Edwards addressed questions that were asked at the 5-21-19 Special Board Meeting.

1. There was a question about whether all of the campground was in the Village or was a portion in the County.
 - a. Verified that all the existing campground is in the Village.
2. Norm Ulrich's fence on Darwin Steidinger's property
 - a. Public Works personnel located property pins and verified that a portion of the fence is on Mr. Steidinger's property.
3. Were Building Permits required for decks and other structures built at some of the camp sites.
 - a. These structures were checked by our Public Works personnel and also by the Woodford County Building Inspector. They were built in such a way as to be considered a temporary structure and therefore a building permit was not required.
4. Carnival at the campground was set up right next to the road and was dangerous for children.
 - a. A permit for the carnival had been applied for and was issued by the Village for the carnival. The Police Department monitored the carnival activity.
5. Racing dirt bikes on Grimm Road and children driving golf carts on the road.
 - a. Racing dirt bikes on Grimm Road is illegal. Riding dirt bikes on Grimm Rd is illegal unless the bike is licensed, insured, operated by a properly licensed person and is operated in a manner that complies with the Illinois Vehicle Code. Golf carts can be operated on village streets as long as they are registered, insured, have proper equipment and are operated by a licensed driver in compliance with the Illinois Vehicle Code.
 - b. When either the Police Department or the Sheriff's Department encounters a violation of any of the above situations, I'm sure they will take appropriate action. If you observe any of this please call it in. Our Law Enforcement agencies both have a lot of territory to cover land they try to patrol our roads as much as they can but they do respond to a lot of calls.
6. Can there be permanent residents at the campground?
 - a. There is a Village Ordinance that addresses seasonal and non-seasonal use of the campground. Campers are not allowed to camp year round.
 - b. The Ordinance does not address the owner or employees.
7. A trailer was moved in to accommodate another business.
 - a. Nothing in our Village Code addresses this. We will check if this violates any zoning requirements.

8. Dogs barking at the campground.
 - a. There is a Village Ordinance that covers repetitious, loud, annoying and disturbing animal noises, especially between the hours of 8pm and 7am.

9. Noise Nuisance:
 - a. The Village does not have a “noise ordinance” as such but does address the issue of noise in Sec. 8.601 and Sec. 13.808 and 13.812.

 - b. In Sec. 13.808 “Enumeration of Particular Nuisances, Not Exclusive” the first subsection reads “Interference with peace and comfort: Sounds, motorized vehicles, animals or things which interfere with the peace or comfort, or disturb the quiet of any person in the Village shall constitute a public nuisance.”

 - c. My best advice is when your peace and quiet are being disturbed you should call in to the local law enforcement agency and report the disturbance in as detailed a manner as possible. In addition, if you have a neighbor who is being disturbed have them call in as well.

 - d. From an enforcement standpoint these kinds of disturbances are a challenge to prosecute. Often they are thrown out because the violation is vague and uncorroborated, often times it boils down to a “he said she said.”

 - e. This Ordinance also covers noise generating events by requiring these events to shut down by 10:00pm, every day of the week.

 - f. A pure noise ordinance is not enforceable at this time. Neither the Deer Creek Police Department or the Woodford County Sheriff’s Department have the resources, both personnel and monetary, to attempt to do this at this time.

10. The campground is an eyesore, debris and garbage at the campground and thrown on other people’s property.
 - a. This has been referred to the local Police to watch for ordinance violations and take the appropriate action.

Many residents voiced their concerns regarding Timberline Campground and the adjacent land that Mr. Steidinger recently purchased, which is in Woodford County.

Mr. Tucker asked if the Village has spoken to Mr. Steidinger. At this point the Village has not spoken to him, to this point we have listened to the resident’s complaints and researched what if anything the Village can do to help the situation. President Edwards will talk with Mr. Steidinger.

The following question were asked:
“Can the owner of campground be held liable for nuisance.”

If the noise is too loud before 10:00pm can police go by and ask him to turn it down? Chief Pott’s encouraged them to call him if the music is too loud.

In the future will Village consider not issuing a permit. As long as Mr. Steidinger meets the requirements a permit can be issued.

Does Village have a plan of attack for the permanent residents?

Attorney, Mike Gifford, encouraged them to organize your group and go before the County Board.

Chief Potts told residents to feel free to call the Police Department if there is a problem. If they call the Police Department they need to leave their name, address and phone number.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Martin, Village Clerk