

Village of Goodfield

BOARD MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting – April 18, 2024

President Hank Melton called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Roll call showed the following board members present: Todd Perry, Roger Mullins and Terri Kuebler. Also present: Attorney Mike Gifford, PWA Josh Nohl, Clerk Sheri Martin, Treasurer Teresa DeGrave, Emily Zobrist and 30 visitors. Absent were Engineer Duane Yockey and Trustees Terry Nohl and Matt Ginder.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Citizens Request and Input -

President Melton informed the public that we cannot speak about anything that has to do with the Steidinger Annexation. Just today they filed the final paperwork so it still needs to go through Planning Commission and Board of Appeals. We will listen to complaints or suggestions but cannot talk about the annexation.

Shari Stuber, Timberline Road, a few years ago a group of us concerned citizens attended a gathering at the Village Hall regarding the poor conditions and obnoxious behavior going on at Timberline Campground. The problems have continued and have only worsened. We have compiled a list of the most commonly asked questions and provided details of alleged sexual abuse and convicted sexual assault, pictures of burning violations and a wall they built to shield street view, reviews from previous customers, comments posted on Goodfield Goings On Facebook page clearly showing the disrespect the campground holds for the surrounding residents, a permanent expansion to an existing camper and the 911 calls for the campground covering 2022 and 2023. In 2019 a letter from Woodford County Zoning was written to the owner of the campground regarding the agricultural regulations in the north field of the existing campground which he followed neither the rezoning process nor filed an application for a special use permit required by the county nor has he proposed annexation into the Village of Goodfield. He ignored them all and began clearing trees, lane, camper pads and preparing the site. According to Woodford County Zoning Dept. the front section of some campers are in the Village of Goodfield's jurisdiction and the back section of the camper including sheds and miscellaneous items are in the agricultural zoned section Was there a survey done on either side? Who actually owns what? Were there permits required or obtained? If so, were inspections done upon completion. No one seems to know these answers. We residents have to apply for permits make sure our additions are up to code and on our property. According to the Village of Goodfield code:

Sec. 13.808 Enumeration of Particular Nuisances, Not Exclusive:

A. Interference With Peace or 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.

If this ordinance applies to Goodfield recreational park why is it not enforced at the campground? Is it a curtesy extended to the residents on Grimm Road the Village of Goodfield annexed into their jurisdiction years ago. Open air musical presentation between 9am to 10pm Monday –Saturday and 2pm to 10pm on Sunday yet the golf cart parade starts at 10pm on Saturday with numerous golf carts, 4 wheelers with lights flashing, horns honking and blaring music not to mention the alcohol consumption while operating said vehicles. Why is this not enforced and who should we

call? Article 13 - Golf Carts and Recreational Off-highway Vehicles on village roads. Anyone who travels Timberline and Grimm Road has seen adults and underage children operating golf carts on these heavily traveled roads. They ride to the Barn, into Bridle Ridge, down Timberline Road and on Grimm Road. We residents have to be very cautious and aware of them. This is illegal but who should we call? Instead of adding to an existing problem and spending money to expand into an agricultural field why not clean up the existing campground bring it up to code fix the problems take care of trash blowing into neighbors yards, make the current sites responsible keeping their area clean or have more security that actually enforce the rules. We encourage all of you to drive through the campground and pay close attention to detail especially at night when according to residents that live in Goodfield actually hear the loud music. Think about whether you would want this condition in your back yard. We realize the Board's decision regarding Goodfield's industrial growth and possible annexation is made with great consideration and believed to be in the town's best interest. We all believe economic growth is good for the community, but at what cost to the residents? We have a great community, neighbors, friends and family. According to MSA survey for the Comprehensive Plan the top quality that makes Goodfield a great place to live today is the "small town feel", let's keep it that way. Shari Stuber passed out packets to each of the Board members. She also said she wanted to inform the Board of what type of person the campground attracts.

Hank made a couple comments on code violations. Goodfield is in the process of getting a Police Department. Once the Police Dept. is up we will be able to enforce code violations. To enforce a code violation the Village has to be notified immediately. We have a burden of proof we have to meet to enforce code violations. Patrol hours for the weekend will include the campground. Burning was discussed. Residents were encouraged to call Josh if they see him burning things he shouldn't.

Ms. Terry – Had a question. There is a picture of a camping trailer that initially was just a camping trailer and the person moved it on north west edge of Grimm Rd before it transitions into the trailer park and they built a huge deck big enough to have a gazebo on the deck with a slab and put a sun room on it. Recently they quadrupled the size of the trailer poured another slab and put a big room on it. When I poured a driveway I needed a permit and my taxes went up. How can they build a permanent structure in a campground? Several years ago they moved in a full size mobile home. There's a mobile home park down the road, why didn't they move it there? The one's they have on the agricultural land have garages and sheds galore. I'm wondering how they put permanent structures out there when it's a campground. PWA Nohl said there is nothing in the code to keep them from building a permanent structure. Darwin would have to pull the permit as owner of the campground. Not all structures are permanent. The structure is on a slab. The Village sent Darwin a letter stating the Village needs to determine if it is a permanent structure. If it is a permanent structure, he will need a permit. Does the Village sewer run through the campground? Yes, they have a sewer service and a dump station. I have to have septic system and have it pumped. I needed a permit to get it. Josh said each site has a holding tank and they have a pumping wagon. The person that does the pumping has to be licensed through the state and the IL Department of Health covers that. Even the full size mobile home has a holding tank? Is there a restriction of the square feet of a structure before it has to have a septic system? IL Dept of Public Health issues permits for that.

Mr. Tucker said all of the Village drives by the campground. Why hasn't the Village done anything? The County says part of the trailers are in the Village and the Village says they are in the County.

Tammy Dubois, Grimm Rd, Concerns along the lines of the safety of Police officers. Woodford County always has 2 officers respond. It has been over 100 calls/year. A lot are for fights or violence. A recent dispatch call from Woodford County said at 22:33 we were called for a large fight at Timberline Campground the call came from an employee reporting at least a dozen people intoxicated and fighting, one woman was punched in the face. That call had Woodford County, Eureka Police Dept. and IL State Police respond for 40 minutes.

Norm Ulrich – has an issue with this field where they are putting campers in. When I built my house and they keep moving campers in behind my house. They keep throwing garbage in my yard. Now they want to put campers north of my house. What's that going to do to the value of my house? Everyone in this room is against this campground going into that property. We respect all of you people for doing what you are doing, but I need your help. Please look at what we are up against.

Eric Franz - Grimm Rd, echoed what Mr. Ulrich said and thanked the Board for the time they spend here and allowing us to come in and voice our concerns. Asked what defines a permanent structure? If it is attached to the ground with footings or posts that is a permanent structure and would require a permit. It can sit on concrete but not be attached that is not a permanent structure. For those people that are at the campground how long is it considered camping before it becomes residential? Josh said there is seasonal use then there is non seasonal for 30days then there is transient use for 60 days. If someone stays out there for the season and leave and come back they are considered transient for another 60 then leave again and come back for another 60 days as transient. Code has been on the agenda for some time, it will be updated at some point. Eric asked if the school bus stops at the campground. Eric asked if children from the campground walk to Mobile Home Park to get on the bus would that be considered permanent. Attorney Gifford said to read Village Code Section 8.601 which defines the acceptable uses for RIV zoning. Eric also said they do not hear the noise like others, but if someone set up a camera could that be used. Attorney said you can't record audio, but can record video.

Barb Bradle, Grimm Road, my back yard butts up against campground. Took photos last week. The debris and add on decks that are being built on after the RV, they don't move, I don't know if they have footings, I don't care. From their decks their trash comes farther down into the gully. We do have lots of individuals that are there more than 7 months a year. I don't think it's being addressed or you folks feel until now that it needs to be looked at. It's your job to make sure it's run appropriately. You wouldn't just sit there and shake your head like oh here's another complaint. A couple years ago I dealt with a neighbor's dog and there was no noise ordinance on the books. You hear dogs barking, people fighting and drinking. Owner is non approachable he threatens and belittles people. I'm sure when he comes to the Village he is on his best behavior, but we are the one that have to live with his decisions. This is not a good idea.

Hank said we are listening, we are not just sitting here nodding our heads. We have to follow the rules and do it right. Once PD is in place they will be patrolling the campground.

Attorney asked Barb if someone threatened her, she said the threats were not physical violence.

Attorney said if they were 911 should be called.

Teresa Hirstein – Grimm Road, trees have been cut down on our property and on the campground side. They approached campers asking if they know where the property line is and they said they don't need to because Darwin says their site looks good. Home all day long, dogs bark continuously, multiple times fighting and babies crying. It's all the time. People behind Norms house blaring music and yelling at kids. Hickory Hill Campground near El Paso has none of this going on. We personally had someone close to us that lived at campground and they said you need to watch your kids they make meth there.

Mr. Tucker, has a 3 minute video, the day after Darwin took ownership, at our home threatening me.

He said he doesn't care about the city or anyone else. He is going to do what he wants to do.

Norm Ulrich – Darwin told him he was going to bring 2 school buses and park next to Norm's lot.

Terri Butler - Grimm Road, wants to echo what everyone has said. Encourages the village to shore up the code.

Greg, Totally agree with what everyone has said and appreciate the Board listening. It's obviously a problem, let's not make it a bigger problem.

Someone told Josh have the campers haven't moved in a year. When they leave as a transient do they have to take the camper out? No. Josh said campground for him is a nightmare. It is extremely hard to enforce code. The campground is private property and I can't; just go out there and look for things wrong. Just like I can't just come into your backyard looking for things wrong. Josh gave all his phone number to call him if they see things. If someone has an ordinance violation that goes to court and someone comes to court to show a picture of what has happened that would be ok.

Shari, transient 30 days and talked about code being outdated. Asked about the 2003 code, but the date of 2003 was when the code was totally gone through and updated. There have been ordinances throughout the years where it has been updated since 2003.

Terri Kuebler asked if code is changed, will Timberline Campground be grandfathered in. Attorney said if code is changed the Village would have to notify them to be in compliance by a certain date.

Josh Kuntz, annexation goes through Planning Commission, Nothing currently stopping Darwin from going to the County to ask for zoning changes. He would have to comply with County Zoning or request a Variance or Special Use Request.

Once the Public Hearing date is set it will be published in the paper, signs will go out on property site, notices will be posted at Village Hall, Post office, electronic sign at Village Hall and on the Village website.

Meeting Minutes

03-21-24 Regular Board Meeting
 04-11-24 Police Committee Meeting
 04-16-24 Combined Planning Commission & Special Board/Community Meeting for Comprehensive Plan Meeting
 Motion made by Mullins, seconded by Perry to approve the above minutes. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton - yes.
 03-25-24 Board of Appeals Meeting

Treasurer’s Report

Motion was made by Perry, seconded by Mullins to approve the Treasurer’s Report as amended to the warrants dated April 18, 2024. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton - yes.

Warrants/Accounts Payable

Motion was made by Perry, seconded by Kuebler to approve the payment of bills as listed on warrants dated:

04-10-24	\$ 41,769.48
04-11-24	\$ 10,832.76

Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton - yes.

Transfers

Motion was made by Perry, seconded by Kuebler to approve the following transfers:

- \$ 35,249.50 from O&M Checking to General Fund Checking
- \$ 55,000.00 from General Fund Money Market to General Fund Checking

Treasurer DeGrave and Emily Zobrist informed the Board the following transfers for new IL Funds accounts for the months March and April 2024 totaling \$57,600 have been set aside and will be deposited once the IL Funds accounts are set.

\$14,600.00	from General Fund to Police Fund
\$ 8,000.00	from General Fund Money Market to Building Fund Money Market
\$10,000.00	from General Fund Checking to Equipment Fund
\$20,000.00	from O&M Checking to Pledged Revenue (Bond Pmt)
\$ 5,000.00	from O&M Checking to O&M Depreciation

Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton - yes.

Payment of outstanding invoices upon request of Village Engineer

There were no outstanding invoices.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR/VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT

PWA Nohl told the Board Public Works is half way through watermain flushing. They will soon be starting on GEO tubes dredging at the Sewer Treatment Plant. They will also be getting started on the pickle ball court which will be located between the basketball court and the playground.

Water Operator, Brad Bode, has been working on lead service line forms and submitted them to IEPA on 4-15-24.

PWA Nohl said he has received complaints about businesses burning unapproved materials. We will send out a reminder letter to all businesses.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT/DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Nothing discussed.

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT/COLLECTION SYSTEM

Nothing discussed.

SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM ISSUES

Nothing discussed.

ATTORNEY REPORT

No attorney's report.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hank Melton reported Andy Bauman resigned from the Board of Appeals. We also still have a Trustee position open.

OLD BUSINESS

Ingress/Egress Easement for Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main

PWA Nohl spoke with Andrew Hoerr and let him know this project is still on hold.

Discussion on proposed revisions to Village Code

PWA Nohl would like to set a Code Review Committee Meeting. Josh has been working on Chapter 8.

Comprehensive Plan

The Open House for the Comprehensive Plan was held at Goodfield Grade School on 4-16-24. There were approximately 150 people in attendance. The Village will review any feedback we receive.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Development of a Goodfield Police Dept.

Todd Perry, Police Committee Chairman, said the committee is working together and are committed to moving forward to have a Police Department by this summer.

Timberline Road Improvements & Right of Way

Nothing discussed.

Annexation of land North of Campground – Steidinger

Attorney has received the final documents and will forward to Village tomorrow. These annexation documents will follow the Annexation Procedure outlined in the Village Code. Planning Commission and Board of Appeals will need to review documents and hold a Public Hearing.

West Robinson Street Improvement

Engineer Yockey has plans prepared for this project. This will be discussed at the May 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

West Robinson Street / S Birkey Street Right of Way

Apostolic Christian Church PWA Nohl sent Right of Way Dedication plat and legal documents to a Trustee of the Church. We are waiting to hear back from them to sign the documents and return. PWA Nohl will get ahold of Goodfield Grade School to let them know we will be doing the safety improvement.

Recycling

PWA Nohl checked with GFL Recycling and for a 25 yard covered roll off cost is \$150 delivery charge, \$275/haul plus fuel and \$58/ton. The Village had been paying ADDWC approximately \$3,000/year. PWA Nohl suggests starting with one trailer then we can always go up to two if needed. Motion made by Melton, seconded by Perry to authorize

Josh to proceed with GFL with one trailer for now. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton - yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services

Motion made by Melton, seconded by Perry to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton – yes.

Facebook Page – Bulletin Style – Information Only

Emily Zobrist asked the Board if they would be interested in doing an information only style Facebook page. There would be not public input, but it would be one more source for residents to get information. Todd Perry suggested looking at Benson Beautification page, which is similar. The Police/Ethics committee will have a meeting to discuss guidelines.

ADA Compliance for perspective Police Department

There is a problem for the perspective Police Department being ADA compliant. Police Committee would like for Lewis, Yockey and Brown to check out the space. Engineer Yockey said the ground as is exists is not ADA compliant. He surmises there would need to me flatwork, striping, signs and a door opener at the least. Estimates cost at about \$13,600. The Board thought it would be good to invite Russ Wiegand to the next Police Committee meeting.

Executive Session 2 (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the employment of specific employees of the public body

Motion was made by Melton, seconded by Perry to go into Executive Session under 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the employment of specific employees of the public body. Executive Session began at 9:16p.m.

Motion was made by Kuebler, seconded by Mullins to come out of Executive Session and reconvene meeting. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton – yes.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mullins, seconded by Perry to appoint Bill Lally as Chief of Police, effective May 1, 2024. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton – yes.

Motion was made by Melton, seconded by Kuebler to move the May 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting to May 23, 2024. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton – yes.

Motion was made by Mullins, seconded by Perry to accept the appointment of Emily Zobrist as Treasure upon the resignation of Teresa DeGrave effective May 1, 2024. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton – yes.

IDOT Rest Area Sewage

Last year the Village was approached by a contractor working for IDOT on Rest Area and asked if they decanted liquid off rest area lagoon if the Village could take it. Now

IDOT Engineer says the liner is not repairable and wants to know if the Village could take all sewage – liquid and solids. Engineer Yockey said we should not take solids but could possibly take liquids pending analysis on it. Village sewer rate \$16.00/gallon.

Motion made by Perry, seconded by Kuebler to deny accepting any sewage from rest area. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Perry – yes, Mullins – yes, Kuebler – yes and Melton – yes..

Donation for New Playground Equipment at Park

The Goodfield Community Club donated \$10,000 to the Village toward new playground equipment at the Park. A Park Committee meeting will be scheduled.

Schedule Committee Meetings

Meetings will be scheduled for Park Committee, Police/Ethics Committee and Code Review Committee.

Municipal Calendar

Completed.

Other Business

New Castle submitted a Special Use Request for the old Baptist Church. They want to have a thrift store there. They will also still have men’s bible study there.

Engineer – None.

Public Works Administrator – None.

Trustees

Nohl – Absent.

Ginder – Absent.

Perry – None.

Mullins – None.

Kuebler – None.

Clerk – None.

Treasurer – None.

Next Board Meeting May 23, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Kuebler, seconded by Perry. Meeting adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Martin
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Board on _____.