

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Safety Committee Minutes

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Chairperson Stephanie Brassington called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 6:30 PM in the Community Room at the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members present: Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village Trustee Edward Wreh, Member Rich Staley, and Member Shannon Morrison.

Members not present: Member Sandy Bakk and Member Dottie Olson.

Staff Present: Fire Chief Chris Dennis, Police Chief Aaron Chapin, Village Clerk Cassandra Suettinger

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

There were no public appearances at the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Approve the minutes from the 6/9/2021 PSC Meeting.

Motion by Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Rich Staley, to approve the minutes of the 06/09/21 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carries 4 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Staff Reports

1) Fire and Rescue Department

Chief Dennis presented and overview of the Fire and Rescue Department report for June.

2) Police Department

Chief Chapin presented an overview of the June Police Department Report.

b. Discussion and action on an application from Nora Bird and Nick Hougas, for a permit to operate a tourist rooming house at 4514 Wisconsin Ave.

Tom Bina, 5214 Glen Road, spoke in opposition of a TRH permit being granted. They spoke of concerns regarding being neighbors of the property and what sorts of traffic it would bring in.

Nora Bird, property owner, spoke to answer some of the concerns from the neighbors. They have acknowledged installing a fence or some sort of privacy between the yards.

The Public Safety Committee reviewed the request and expressed support for the request, but a desire for the TRH operator to consider some measures to make nearby residents more comfortable.

Motion by Member Shannon Morrison second by Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to recommend approval to the Village Board an application from Nora Bird and Nick Hougas, for a permit to operate a tourist rooming house at 4514 Wisconsin Ave with the condition that the owner install a privacy fence before the expiration of the initial permitting period. Motion carries 3 - 1 - 0 with Member Rich Staley voting nay.

- c. Discussion and action on an Event Permit for Karben 4 to hold a Pop-Up Biergarten event in McDaniel Park on July 31, August 21 and September 18, 2021 and a request for a variance to allow minors to be present where alcohol is served.

Meena Defillipis, representative of Karben 4, provided an overview of the proposed event permit.

PSC Expressed concerns with parking, Karben 4 will be prepared to address parking issues if there are problems as the event continues.

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Member Shannon Morrison, to recommend approval to the Village Board for an Event Permit for Karben 4 to hold a Pop-Up Biergarten event in McDaniel Park on July 31, August 21 and September 18, 2021 and a request for a variance to allow minors to be present where alcohol is served. Motion carries 4 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- d. Review, discussion, and possible action on Village Ordinance Section 26-80 Open Burning.

Fire Chief Dennis reviewed some other jurisdiction's open burning ordinances as well as the inability of the village to regulate any burning activity at a county parks. The Village ordinances are not very different from the rest of the county's, and Chief Dennis explained he responds personally to these types of calls. The committee is not making a recommendation at this time.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

The next PSC meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

- a. Discussion of Hybrid Meetings 2.0.

Communication and Technology Technical Specialist Andrew Day discussed the transition to in person meetings beginning August 2nd, which will be held in the Community Room to allow for social distancing.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Reimer
Administrative Assistant