

Town of Merton
Joint Public Hearing with Waukesha County
Conditional Use Request of Boys Busy Life Club & Milwaukee Boys Club
To Conduct Land Altering Activities to Improve an Existing Lake Access Road
Minutes of June 5, 2019

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Jensen, Griffin, Fleming, Morris, Siepmann, and Good, Attorney Chapman, Planner Haroldson, Waukesha County Senior Land Use Specialist Ben Greenberg, and Deputy Clerk Claas

Also Present: Sarah Resch, Chris Schmidt, Richard Eastman, Lou & Dawn Gastrow, Candace Dingmann, Jim Stefl, Joe Hanson of Hanson's Landscaping, Mark Augustine of LandMark Engineering, Dan Willems, Tony Zanon of Pinnacle Engineering Group, Peter Drescher, Ann Belter, Patricia Rosenberg, Joyce Anderson, Laura Milbrath, Kristie Miller, Linda Balthazor, Dave & Terry Van Slett, and Glenn Schmidt.

Public Hearing Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 6:08 p.m.

Greenberg read the public hearing notice.

Willems stated he is a resident of Lake Keesus and lives on Audrey Drive and is the Lake Keesus Management District Chairman. They would like to start harvesting weeds at Camp Whitcomb Mason. They were harvesting weeds on Park Drive and it became an issue with some of the property owners. The Lake Keesus Management District residents voted on this site.

Greenberg stated the harvesting operation already operates on an approved plan of operation. This request is specifically for the land altering activity to hopefully approve the road access and the turnaround for the already approved weed harvesting operation. There are no changes to the plan of operation. They are not proposing any structure or land altering activity within the 100 year floodplain. Greenberg stated he did receive a call from a neighbor that is immediately south of the camp director's residence. They called to inquire about the nature of the project and when told about the details, they were very supportive and said they were fabulous neighbors.

Willems stated there will be 1000 square feet of a concrete area pad to park the harvester there, and then roll the weeds from the harvester onto the conveyor, and ultimately have a dump truck haul it all away. It will be much safer to do this operation than the gravel area. Klink stated this is a better location than Park Road, and it is nice that the Boys Club will let you do that.

Haroldson stated in June of 2017, at the Plan Commission Meeting the Town approved the plan of operation. At that meeting Attorney Chapman said no conditional use permit was needed, but he did advise they get rid of the weeds quickly before neighbors complain of the smell.

The public hearing was opened for public comments and concerns.

Sarah Resch stated she is the Executive Director at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee at Camp Whitcomb Mason and they are fully supportive of this. They've been working with LKMD for a couple of years. They are looking at a 20 year agreement and a long-term commitment and it's a good relationship. This will be a good way to support the lake and it will be in her backyard.

The public hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas
Deputy Clerk