



WILDWOOD

Meeting of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, September 12, 2019
Wildwood City Hall Community Room
16860 Main Street
DRAFT

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Scott Collier
Board Member Denny Welker
Captain James Mundel, St Louis County Police
Board Member James David Williams
Board Member Lynette Baker
Joe Haefel, Metro West Fire Protection District (for Deputy Chief John Bradley)
Council Member Dave Bertolino

Absent:

Deputy Chief John Bradley

Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
Brendan Maher, Civil Engineer

I. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken at 6:30 pm, with the above noted as present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Denny Welker to approve the minutes from the August 8th meeting. Board Member Dave Williams seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Council Member John Gragnani expressed concern for tractor trailer use on Pond Rd and Smith School Rd. He expressed that the road is too narrow for an 18-wheeler and a school bus to pass, too narrow for a school bus and a fire truck to pass, and he has seen a heavy duty pick-up get run off the road by an 18-wheeler on Smith School Rd. Construction on Route 109 is bringing highway traffic onto Pond Rd from Franklin County. He would like a permanent fix for this problem as the roads are not constructed for the large trucks.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. None

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Deer Management Subcommittee Update

- 1) Deer Management Subcommittee Chair, David Williams, shared an update with the group.
- 2) Bow Hunting Deer Season begins September 15th and that the City could take measures to project that message to the public as an opportunity for deer management within the current rights of residents.
- 3) St. Louis County police are offering to help with a survey to connect with the public about the issue.
- 4) It was determined that sampling practices should be ongoing, and recommended sampling for the 2019 season.
- 5) Scott Collier has offered to sit in the meetings as the new Marshall.
- 6) Date for the next deer meeting is to be determined.

B. Proposed Semi-Tractor Trailer Restrictions on Pond Road and Smith School Road/Spur

- 1) The Department of Public provided a summary of the concern regarding large truck traffic and Pond Rd. and Smith School Road and Spur. The Board of Public Safety can recommend signage to restrict tractor trailer traffic on Pond Rd and Smith School Rd.
- 2) Board Member Dave Williams made a motion to use signage to restrict tractor trailer traffic on both Pond Rd between State Route 100 and Babler Park Dr., and Smith School Rd/ Spur between Babler Park Dr. and Pond Rd. Board Member Denny Welker seconded the motion.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Prohibition on Unmuffled Engine Braking

- 1) The Department of Public Works provided a summary of unmuffled engine braking, or Jake braking. Occasionally the Department receives complaints about the noise from Jake braking.
- 2) There was discussion as to whether this was enforceable by police, that the Jake brake is a manufactured safety device, and it is used on emergency vehicles.
- 3) Captain Mundel stated that if there was a consistent offender, that police could continue with a course of action without an ordinance. He also stated that generally a conversation with the driver is adequate.
- 4) After discussion, no action was taken by the Board on this matter.

B. Use of Golf Carts on City Streets

- 1) Director of Public Works, Rick Brown, described the difference between “low speed vehicles” and golf carts, in order to clarify distinctions of new ordinances in neighboring municipalities.

- 2) Per the state statutes, a City may allow golf carts on city streets within our jurisdiction. Per the state statutes, a "golf cart" refers to a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per hour. Several Board Members expressed that they were not in favor of golf carts on city streets for safety reasons. There was further discussion about permitting the use of low speed vehicles on City streets, which was recently passed by Eureka, and the additional safety equipment that this requires.
- 3) After discussion, no action was taken by the Board on this matter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Denny Welker to adjourn and was seconded by Marshal Scott Collier. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer
Administrative Assistant for Public Works

DRAFT