

Approved Minutes  
Codes & Ordinances Committee Meeting of 7/19/10/10

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm. Members present Ehlers, Royston, Greenberg, and Rice. McGlothlen absent. Greenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from meeting of 6/7/10 seconded by Royston. Minutes approved unanimously. Citizens Mr. Dingle, Rich Spurrell and Roger Couch were in attendance. There were no citizen comments

Discussion begins with item # 5; a review of parking restrictions on South Street in front of Dingle residence between Main Street and Eagle Street, and the north side of Eagle Street between South and Grove Street. Rice indicates that there are (2) NO PARKING signs in front of Dingle residence and that he spoke with Mr. Dingle who said that there were problems with trucks unloading in front of his house on South Street which caused traffic problems since the road was narrow. Chief Ehlers noted that unless there are local parking restrictions the NO PARKING signs are not valid and that unless a police officer determines that passage is hazardous, it is not illegal for trucks to unload. Rice asked if there is a need for parking restrictions along South Street. Dingle said he put down new sod on his property along South Street and it was worn out several feet up to his trees. Ehlers felt there was a need for restrictions from Main Street to Grove Street. Greenberg agreed with Ehlers. Greenberg made a motion to create a no parking zone on South Street from Main Street to Grove Street and seconded by Royston. Spurrell asks how this will affect Kettle Moraine Days when the parade participants assemble for the parade. Ehlers says the Police can cover signs during the parade. Rice suggests adding it to the ordinance recommended at the June Codes & Ordinances committee meeting. The committee agreed unanimously and Rice will write the ordinance to present at the next board meeting.

The committee began item # 6 a discussion on Chapter 18 Park & Playground Regulations. Rice began with a review of alcohol in the park as presented to the Board of Trustees which allowed alcohol for events registered at the Village hall. The Village board wanted clarification for alcohol at impromptu gatherings not registered at the Village hall because there was nothing in the ordinance to deal with that. Rice stated that the committee wanted to allow the consumption of alcohol for weddings and leagues and felt it was a good thing that the question was returned to the committee because he felt it needed a closer look especially after reviewing the topic in other communities where the consumption of alcohol was being further restricted. Rice had concerns about alcohol in the children's park area along with the fact that if groups wishing to consume alcohol didn't want to register with the Village, then they shouldn't drink in the park. Rice felt that alcohol in the park should be restricted except by permit. He also stated that most communities charge a fee for an alcohol permit ranging from \$5.00 to \$20.00. Rice asked about charging a fee. Greenberg asked whether people having a beer in the park are doing anything that illegal and why don't we permit drinking in the park? He stated it's not the drinking but the drunkenness that causes problems. Why don't we address

drunkenness rather than drinking? Deal with the behavior rather than the alcohol. Rice asked "What is the purpose of the park? It's for people to enjoy but is also a family place." Rice suggests that we are teaching our kids in the schools about the evils of alcohol and then bring them to the park and say it's ok to drink. Ehlers said he liked the idea of registering the event and didn't feel a problem with alcohol under those circumstances because the Police have contact information if there are problems. He felt it was important to dissuade the drunkard from coming into the park every afternoon and drinking. Greenberg stated that there is nothing wrong with coming to the park to hit a couple of balls and engaging in something that is legal like having a beer. Ehlers stated that though drinking is legal, we don't allow drinking on the sidewalk either. Greenberg doesn't want to create a bad ordinance and feels that we find ourselves restricting our freedom more and more. Rice stated that we are not trying to restrict people but rather, are attempting to loosen up the ordinance because the current ordinance prohibits all alcohol in the park. Rice stated that alcohol tends to do things to people that loosens them up. Greenberg stated that he likes to have laws that match life and we are trying to make laws that control life and he is against that type of thing. Royston felt the Police do things reasonable and would use discretion with drinkers. She and believes the best course is to register the event but doesn't believe there should be a fee. Ehlers says we create a park that is useable by everyone which includes reasonable restrictions. Rice suggests bringing this to the Village Board for their recommendation. Greenberg reminds that there is one way. Royston says she will look at preparing a permit application.

The committee moved onto the 7<sup>th</sup> agenda item Enforcement of Ordinances as brought up by Royston. Rice stated that each ordinance has an enforcement section. Royston says there is not enough specificity on enforcement of ordinances. Royston will do more detailed research for the next meeting.

Greenberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Royston, unanimously approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

Minutes submitted by Rice