

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE
PLEASANT PRAIRIE VILLAGE BOARD
PLEASANT PRAIRIE WATER UTILITY
LAKE MICHIGAN SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT
SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT "D"
9915 39th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, WI
December 1, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

A Regular Meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Village Board was held on Monday, December 1, 2008. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Village Board members John Steinbrink, Monica Yuhas, Steve Kumorkiewicz, Clyde Allen and Mike Serpe. Also present were Mike Pollocoff, Village Administrator; Tom Shircel, Assistant Village Planner; and Jane Romanowski, Village Clerk.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS - NOVEMBER 10 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

YUHAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 10 AND 17, 2008 AS PRESENTED IN THEIR WRITTEN FORM; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Consider Resolution #08-39 to change the official address of the property identified as 7968 Cooper Road to 5268 80th Street.**

Tom Shircel:

Thank you, Mr. President. On November 17, 2008, the Village Board approved Resolution 08-27 to change the official address for an existing home located at 7968 Cooper Road which is identified as Tax Parcel Number 91-4-122-112-0300. Prior to the construction of 80th Street between 57th Avenue and Cooper Road, this property's driveway access was from Cooper Road via a long driveway and, therefore, the property had an address of 7968 Cooper Road. This property is now located on 80th Street and the address must be changed. The address is proposed to be changed from 7968 Cooper Road to 5268 80th Street to be effective January 1, 2009. Last Monday evening the Plan Commission did recommend that the Village Board approve Resolution 08-39 and to change the official address of this property as presented. This is a public hearing and it's back to you.

John Steinbrink:

This is a public hearing and back to me. We'll open it up for comment or question from interested properties. Use the microphone and please give us your name and address for the record. Anybody wishing to speak?

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Jane Romanowski:

There were no sign ups.

John Steinbrink:

Anybody wishing to speak on this item? Hearing none, I'll close the public hearing and open it up to Board comment or question.

Mike Serpe:

Move approval.

Clyde Allen:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Mike, second by Clyde. Any discussion on this item?

SERPE MOVED TO ADOPT CONSIDER RESOLUTION #08-39 TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 7968 COOPER ROAD TO 5268 80TH STREET; SECONDED BY ALLEN; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob Babcock:

Bob Babcock, 11336 Lakeshore Drive. Two things for this evening. Number one, I want to be part of this historic event of the shortest Board meeting in the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

John Steinbrink:

Bob, you're not helping it.

Bob Babcock:

No, I know I'm stretching it out. I'm sorry. Secondly, a few months ago there was a gentlemen's club that closed down for one reason or another. And in the paper Sunday I read where there's a gentlemen's club going to be relocated to Sheridan Road. So the question is, is that going to be in the Pleasant Prairie portion of Sheridan Road or elsewhere? I have talked to a number of people and nobody around there was aware that there was going to be a gentlemen's club and a number of people are not very happy at all. So I appreciate a little feedback on that. Thank you.

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Mike Serpe:

Bob, where did you read that in the paper? I didn't see that.

Bob Babcock:

It was on the front page of Sunday's paper.

Mike Serpe:

That's why I didn't see it. I don't get the *Kenosha News*.

Bob Babcock:

They were talking about the construction on I-94 and relocation of some of these and they're relocating the men's club to Sheridan Road. Shorter drive for some people.

Jane Romanowski:

There are no more sign ups.

John Steinbrink:

Anyone else wishing to speak under citizens' comments? Hearing none, I'll close citizens' comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

- 1) Approve Bartender License Applications on file.**
- 2) Approve Letter of Credit Reduction for the Hwy. 50 Shoppes at Prairie Ridge and Target Store.**
- 3) Approve Letter of Credit Reduction for the Ashbury Creek Subdivision.**
- 4) Approve Letter of Credit Reduction for the Tobin Woods Subdivision.**
- 5) Approve Christmas Tree License for Ace Hardware.**

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Move to approve.

Monica Yuhas:

Second.

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John Steinbrink:

Motion by Steve, second by Monica. Any discussion on any of the items?

KUMORKIEWICZ MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1-5; SECONDED BY YUHAS; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

8. VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

The only comment I've got is I don't want to make any comments.

John Steinbrink:

Other Board comments?

Monica Yuhas:

I have something I'd like to say. There was an article a couple weeks ago about Prairie Family Days and the economic times and how things are working with that. I know there's been some discussion on different things that could be done. I would like to see Family Days remain a family event. That's the purpose of Family Days is to put an ending to the season of the kids with the softball tournaments and to bring the family in. I know there's been some talk maybe about serving alcohol or having gambling at this event, and I'd like to hear from the Police Chief and John Steinbrink, Jr. a little bit from the Police Chief about how he feels about alcohol being served and then a little history just on Family Days from John.

Chief Wagner:

Chief Brian Wagner, 8600 Green Bay Road.

Mike Serpe:

Brian, hang on one second. And if I'm off base here let me know but we're discussing something that's not on the agenda. You're asking for input. I don't want to—

John Steinbrink:

She's asking for clarification.

Mike Serpe:

I just want to be careful here. I don't want to get into any trouble.

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John Steinbrink:

As part of her comment she wanted clarification. Chief?

Chief Wagner:

I think you asked about what my position is with respect to the service of alcohol at Prairie Family Days. My position has been consistent all along in that I don't support the service of alcohol at Prairie Family Days. If you do that, if you introduce alcohol there, it's going to result in disorderly conduct and fights and all the things that we used to see with Celebration Days. It would result in additional costs for my department because I would have to increase staff there. We can certainly do that but obviously that would have to be paid for and I would have to increase staff there to deal with whatever problems come from that. So that's my position.

Monica Yuhas:

Thank you.

John Steinbrink:

Thank you, Chief.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

My name is John Steinbrink, Jr., 8600 Green Bay Road. Prairie Family Days has always been the end of the year celebration for the youth softball tournament with the Village of Pleasant Prairie and the last couple of years over with the LakeView RecPlex. And probably one of the biggest comments that I receive from parents or families that attend the event is that they really like how there's not many events around anymore that are non alcoholic that they really feel safe bringing their kids to. And so in the past it's always been the non alcoholic event. It seems like the public really has a lot of opinion about keeping it that way at least from what I hear from parents and residents in the area about it.

Monica Yuhas:

Thank you.

Mike Serpe:

As long as we're under clarification I can talk. A little history if I could. I moved into the Village in '76. A little while later C. Tom Wood was Town Chairman and asked my neighbor and I to get involved in the Park Commission and to create a co-ed youth softball league which John Thomas now has moved away and I started with the Park Commission and it was successful. It evolved into what we have today, the Prairie Family Days. I also understand that attendance is somewhat down at Prairie Family Days, and I also understand that people have different ideas on

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how they'd like to boost that attendance. I have no problems whatsoever about discussing ways to increase attendance and more activity.

Whether or not it comes to a Board decision to have beer or not or whether it comes to a total change of how we're doing something out there, I think it's a good idea to pass some ideas around to come up with something that maybe we can increase participation. I am not on the Rec Commission or the Parks Commission, but I've also suggested that maybe we come into a Taste of Pleasant Prairie and have ten ethnic booths with small portions of food to be served in a commons area to get people out there, just to get people out there.

Right now I understand why it's running the way it is. We have John doing an enormous amount of work on Prairie Family Days. We have the people at the RecPlex. John and the people at the RecPlex and everybody in the Village don't really have time to put together and to make some wholesale changes and some major changes on Prairie Family Days to do something different because it's just a big job. You almost need a full-time coordinator for that alone. So if somebody comes up with an idea that they'd like to see some changes and instill and inject some excitement and some change into the event I can understand that. What ultimately comes out of that conversation could be something good.

I don't know that I agree or disagree with the serving of beer. I do recall the Celebration Days that we used to have behind Fire Station #2. I don't want to go back to those days. That was not a fun place to be after six o'clock at night. It just wasn't a good place to be. So I'm glad the controversy has started. I think out of that will come something good, and I would welcome the input from everybody and not just a few. Obviously there's going to be agreements and disagreements on the service of alcohol. I understand that. But whatever the majority rules on that's what we live with. But I would hope that something would come out of this and maybe the people that we do assign this are the ones that have a little bit more time to do this. Right now that's not John and that's not the people at the RecPlex because they have their hands full. And don't ask me who can do this right now because I don't have anybody in mind.

Monica Yuhas:

My thought was after the article ran in the paper I received some calls from residents that said why would you want to have alcohol there? Why would you want to have gambling there? It's a family event. And if we are going to have committees setup I believe we need to have guidelines for this committee to work with. Because if you just go in there and say give us some ideas, it's going to come back to us and we're going to say we don't like those. Let's go in this direction. So I believe we need to give them some sort of direction so they know where they need to start and where they need to progress.

My thought was I would like to request that Mike draft a resolution stating that at Prairie Family Days there will be no alcohol permitted or gambling allowed at Prairie Family Days. I firmly believe it's going to have more support than not from the people who attend that event. I would like to see it done and drafted by Thursday when we do the Rec budget.

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Mike Serpe:

I think you have to keep one thing in mind as well. If you're going to run Prairie Family Days you do not want to run it in the red. You don't want to do it where it costs the RecPlex or this Village money to do so. And if you can't at least break even on an event like that, then maybe the event has run its course.

Monica Yuhas:

Or you could cut the fireworks and it would probably—

Mike Serpe:

That's right and certain other things. But the biggest draw right now is the fireworks. Unfortunately people that come and watch it don't spend very much money.

Monica Yuhas:

Then your draw is the children who are participating in the tournaments and their families. So those are the people that we should be catering to for this event since they're the ones that are supporting it.

Mike Serpe:

I think it would probably warrant putting something like this on the agenda for discussion to see where it can go after we've batted it around a little bit before we come up to resolutions one way or another. Like I said, I prefer not to have the alcohol, but at the same time if you want to make money you might need that. But if it comes to that maybe we shouldn't be doing it.

Monica Yuhas:

But isn't Family Days not supposed to be a money maker? It's supposed to be a break even and it's supposed to be entertainment for the kids and their family? I understand about being in the red with the fireworks. Other municipalities are running into the same problem and they've canceled the fireworks. Silver Lake has done it. Maybe Pleasant Prairie is going to have to do that, too, if we can't get sponsors to fund the fireworks. But I don't see having alcohol, after hearing what has been done in the past, that that's a way to make a profit at a family sponsored event.

Mike Serpe:

I don't disagree with that. I'll be honest with you, Monica, the way this economy is going and it took the government one year now to admit that we're into a recession, and we're there. And I'll be honest with you if it appears that attendance is going to be no better than it has been in the last couple years and spending is going to be down by everybody and there's already indications of that, countrywide, worldwide, maybe it's time that we take a break from this thing and eliminate

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the high cost items such as maybe the fireworks and just do it as a family end of the season softball tournament with hotdogs and a can of soda for the kids. That's how this whole thing got started. There's nothing wrong with it. It kept the program going and the program built because of it and we're better off because of it also. I think we have to look at this thing realistically. That's why I suggest maybe it would be a good idea if we really put this on the agenda and batted it around a little bit and find out just exactly where we want this thing to go, and then refer it back to the Rec Commission or Parks Commission and get some input from them in addition to what they've already discussion.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I think the recommendations should be coming from the Rec Commission and not from the Village Boar because we're telling the Recreation Commission how to do the job. I think it should be discussed in the Recreation Commission . . . at the last meeting. At that time send a recommendation to the Village Board and start from there. I don't think this Village Board should make a decision in that case. That's why we've got a Recreation Commission. If they make a recommendation and we don't like we will reject it. But let's give the chance for the process to work properly. Let the Recreation Commission do their job. It is not up to us.

Monica Yuhas:

Has the Rec Commission been involved with Family Days in the past in the last four or five years? Have they taken an active role in planning and working and supporting Family Days?

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

No, but this year we start. So that's why being Clyde is the one nominated to do the research on that and come back to the Recreation Commission. Myself I proposed an open round table type meeting . . . with residents for inputs but it died. I made a motion and it died for no second. But the . . . Clyde was going to . . . and I think we should let Clyde do what he said he was going to do. In the Recreation Commission this month and make a recommendation to the Village Board. I don't think we should be telling the Rec Commission what to do. We don't tell the Plan Commission what to do. They make recommendations to us to approve or reject it.

Monica Yuhas:

I understand that. But my point is the last four or five years the Rec hasn't shown an interest in wanting to be involved in Family Days. What I'm trying to get at is we need to have some parameters. We need to have some guidelines set so people know what direction we're going to go in.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

That's why the first year when we were talking about budgets and everything else don't forget the Recreation Commission is a new Commission actually. It's only two years old.

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Monica Yuhas:

It's two years old?

Mike Serpe:

It was just formed about two years ago.

Monica Yuhas:

Four years.

Mike Serpe:

Has it been that long already?

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

But they was never before any involvement because usually the people in the RecPlex and there was a coordinator who took care of that, so the Recreation Commission was never involved. Now with the budget cuts and everything we don't have the people so the Recreation Commission is to do something which I think is right.

Monica Yuhas:

Do you have committee members on the Rec Commission that want to do this?

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Yes, Clyde.

Monica Yuhas:

How many do you have?

Clyde Allen:

There's two.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

So they're going to report at this coming meeting this month.

Monica Yuhas:

And how many members are on the Rec Commission total?

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Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Seven permanent and two alternates.

Clyde Allen:

Just for a point of clarification. This small group, Travis Laib and I were to get together to find the direction of Pleasant Prairie and find the mix of corporate citizenship and public sector to get together to run the Family Days. This small group was not going to run Family Days. That was the intent. We were given the charge at the budget meeting that Family Days would only have one of four results. It would either cease to exist, it would be scaled back to a one small day event, it would be a full blown celebration or it would stay as is. Four got eliminated immediately. Three is cost prohibitive unless you did something and got creative and the public sector, corporate leadership in this Village and the community got together to support it. That wasn't going to happen either.

So it boils down to a single day event or no event at all, and that's what this group was going to look into the possibility of getting people together that would take charge of running this event. The Village employees, whether it be John, Jr., whether it be Carol, whether it be all the RecPlex employees who spend countless hours out there working for free is certainly not the answer. The answer was to let them do their jobs. They're there to help and support only. That was to ease the burden off of them and that's what this group was supposed to look at, not make decisions on what's going to happen, not the future of Pleasant Prairie Days, only that if we could not find anybody to take over it would no longer exist unless somebody picked up the ball. That is the intent of this group and only the intent of this group.

John Steinbrink:

I think Monica asked a question that was a fair question. She's looking for guidelines. And why go off in a direction that the Board doesn't concur with or the majority of the Board or whatever. We'll take a vote on that if that resolution comes forward on Thursday. There are plenty of other adult venues around the County. This was never intended to be an adult venue. It was more appropriately as stated for the end of the year tournament and celebration for the teams and it grew from that. Unfortunately the economy is at a point right now where you can almost see the handwriting on the wall for this year saying it's not going to support it.

One issue that never came up was weather and weather was the maker or breaker of this event, especially the fireworks part with the crowds, and that related to the people showing up to eat and buy things and different things there. If it rained and the weather was inclement the people didn't come back. But they were there for the tournaments all during the day. That pretty much went along unless the games were rained out and there were makeup dates. I think we can stick with keeping it there.

The one thing that a lot of these things do is tax the Village resources. We ask a lot of our employees and they're pretty generous in their volunteering of time. But yet there's a strain on

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other parts such as the Chief and his group of people. We don't have the biggest department around and we ask a lot of these folks and they do a great job and John's department and those folks, too. We have other things we do throughout the year, volunteer things in the venue where we do serve beer and that, some of the triathlons. It's not a real money maker there either. It was a brought about question to do it there and we could see the results already unfortunately. Some people say morning is too early.

Mike Serpe:

Just a suggestion about bringing that resolution forward. I would strongly recommend that we let the Rec Commission do what they set out to do with their research and where they want this thing to go whether it be one day, two days, no days. Before we come up with a resolution that's kind of circumventing anything that they have to do let's see what they have to do first. We have the ultimate authority to deny or agree with what they recommend. But I certainly don't think it would be wise on our part to do something, even though we may not agree with it, let them do what they have to do and their Commission and let them bring it forward. If we want to address the beer and alcohol situation we can do that at any time, but I wouldn't recommend we do it before this committee at least has an opportunity to bat some things around.

Monica Yuhas:

A clarification then. The Rec Commission is going to figure out a way to put Family Days back to where it is? It's not going to be an individual group that goes back to the Rec Commission? Because what I've been hearing is that it's not the Rec Commission. It is not the Rec Commission, Mike. It is individuals. And if you're going to have individuals donate their time and put a lot of energy and effort into this I believe they should have some guidelines as to what you would like to see them do. Why have them put in eight or ten hours and then they come before us and they want to do beer and gambling and we tell them no? Why not give them some direction?

Mike Serpe:

You make sense on that, but I think you have two members of this Board on the Rec Commission and I think they're hearing what we had to say tonight. Know it's not in the form of a resolution but—

Monica Yuhas:

But you have one member on the Rec Commission that is moving forward with this. You have one member who is not. You don't have two members, you only have one.

Mike Serpe:

The one member feels that he would like to see it done but I don't think he's absolute on that.

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Monica Yuhas:

And it's not going back to the Rec though. It's an independent. That's what Trustee Allen has said. It is not going to the Rec Commission. It is an independent committee being put together.

Mike Serpe:

Yeah, but they haven't finalized any findings as I understand have you?

Monica Yuhas:

But if they don't, if they only have two people from the Rec Commission and they're looking for independent people it's not the Rec Commission working on this. You have two people from the Rec Commission that are going to go out into the community and try and get other input, get other people to serve on this committee. It is not the Rec Commission doing it which is why I'm saying why not give this independent committee some guidelines to follow.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

That's why we have the Recreation Commission to do that.

Monica Yuhas:

But no one on the Rec Commission at the last meeting wanted to do that.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

That was the first time we ever had this situation.

John Steinbrink:

This is the ultimate deciding body of all these events in different things whether it's a picnic, a permit out at the park, whatever it is. We set the guidelines always. I don't think it's inappropriate for us to set those guidelines here especially when we've already received some input back from the citizenry as to what their feelings were on this. If there's opposite feeling like that in the community we definitely haven't heard it. I mean nobody called me up and said, hurray, let's go for this. They like the way Prairie Family Days was. They like the security. They like the small town feel of it and they like a safe place for their kids and that's been stated and that's what I hear most from people that I see at the event that show up. That's the intent of this event and always was. If we're going to change that intent of the event then we maybe want to do away with the youth part and say we'll have a tournament some other time and finish off. But that's not what we've heard from the people that we represent or I represent.

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Clyde Allen:

Just a final parting. The direction we got was that it would not continue the same way with the same staffing burden on the people that were burdened this year. You eliminate the other options, so with the direction that we were just given you left it to be no Prairie Days whatsoever or a single one day event because that's the only possible way you can pull it off. I will bring that back to Travis and tell him those are down to our two options. If you want to find a group, if you want to carry it forward, fine. The next Rec Commission we'll make our recommendation as to whether we should even pursue a group or not.

Mike Pollocoff:

Mr. President, shy of this being an action item, I guess whether the Rec Commission changes Family Days or not, in the budget it's budgeted as a zero. We're not going to put any money into it other than what we can anticipate coming back. Just as a functional matter that weekend is the last weekend of baseball and softball and the outdoor soccer. We are going to have the end of the year tournaments that weekend and it takes two days to run those tournaments. There are so many teams we can't get it done in a day.

So the black and white part of it is we can do those tournaments and have that happen. The gray area of it is how do you do other things around Family Days and that's what needs to be decided. My recommendation is rather than tilt the discussion that's permitted under this item, do the resolution and have the discussion when the resolution is up for consideration and go whichever way you want to go with it rather than—I know you're not going to decide it tonight but you're skirting the edge pretty close on this. My recommendation is I'll draft up a resolution at Trustee Yuhas's request and include it in the Rec budget and pack it for Thursday night.

John Steinbrink:

That leaves plenty of time for lobbying.

Mike Serpe:

Wait a second. Thursday night we're going to be hearing budgets for a long time because we've got a lot of budgets to review or finalize. This resolution could conceivably take some time, and I understand there are other items on the agenda as well. Is there an urgency on this thing? It's December 1st. We can't do this in January? We can't do this at the end of December? Is there urgency on this resolution coming forward? I'm asking. I don't want to crowd too much into Thursday night's meeting when tonight we had a consent agenda and an address change and Thursday night we're going to be here for four hours. Let's get some time to think about this a little bit and bring it back in a more timely fashion. I'm not saying not bring it forward, but let's bring this thing forward when we've got time to discuss it without other things pressing on us and having to be here for four hours listening to figures and facts and the next year's future of this Village.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Clyde Allen:

Motion to adjourn.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Second.

Mike Pollocoff:

I'm sorry, I had one more item. Mr. Babcock raised the question concerning adult use on Sheridan Road. We are aware and everyone should know that the State has condemned Texas Jay's as a site for the interchange at Highway C that's going to start construction next year. The State's responsibility on the condemnation is to acquire a piece of property, find them suitable alternatives to relocate. And once those alternatives are provided the State will assist in moving assistance and the costs associated with transferring a business.

We know that there's been a property purchased on South Sheridan Road that was by the owner of Texas Jay's. But, the Village has not received an application. We have not received any plans. We have not received anything from the owner of the property that we have to review or take action on. When we do receive that then those documents will become public record. People within 600 feet will be directly noticed by first class mail, and it will be posted on the website. It will be in all our posting locations.

The zoning districts in the Village as they do in all communities have to accommodate First Amendment uses, but that does not mean that they get any free pass to go and just come in where they want. They need to follow the process that everybody else follows, and they also need to apply for an adult use license that the Village would grant. So none of that has happened. I read the same article and I think from the State's perspective once they found suitable sites for relocation they were done, and it's up to the owner to do his due diligence to see whether or not that use would be permitted on that site. They've got to do their engineering and they've got to do everything else and I'm not aware any of that has taken place.

That being said I think there's a gap between the reality of what exists today plus or minus what's in the paper. That being said whatever does happen there, even if it's not an adult use, if it's an antique shop they'll go through the same process and everybody will be notified by mail once there's a zoning proposed or any change of use there that might occur other than the vacant building that's there now.

Clyde Allen:

Motion to adjourn.

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Mike Serpe:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Clyde, second by Mike.

**ALLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; SECONDED BY SERPE; MOTION
CARRIED 5-0 AND MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.**