

Meeting Minutes

Public Protection Committee

Monday, January 10, 2005 - 6:00 P.M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue Present: Chairman Rackow, Alderpersons Markham, Wiza, Sowieja.

Excused: Alderperson Sevenich.

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, City Attorney Molepske, Police Captain McCulley, Kari Yenter, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Chief Morris, Chief Barnes, Directors Gardner, Schrader, Euclide; Alderpersons Walther, Barr, Molski, Stroik, Barber, Moore; Assessor Kuehn, Supervisor Laidlaw, Personnel Specialist Jakusz, Peggy Rentz, Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Kelly McBride (Journal), Julie Lassa, John Moe, Roger Trzebiatowski, George and Joan Hanson, Judy Anderson and Cathy Ladd.

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Ald. Wiza moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, for approval of items A, B, and C of the license list. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Satellite Receiving Station appeal - 1900 Clark Street.

Ald. Rackow reviewed the reasons the homeowners of 1900 Clark Street are requesting a variance to allow them to keep their satellite dish in its present position.

Letters were received in the City Clerk's office from Clarke and Virginia Crandell, 1916 Clark Street, and Joe Ruelle, 1908 Clark Street, opposing the variance for the satellite dish.

Judy Anderson, 1808 Clark Street, firmly believes this historic neighborhood needs to keep its integrity.

Cathy Ladd, 1725 Clark Street, feels the satellite dish is an eyesore to the neighborhood. She is also concerned satellite dishes will start popping up all over the city.

George Hanson, 1901 Clark Street, opposes granting a variation. There are other alternatives available such as cable television or moving the dish to the back yard.

Julie Lassa, 1900 Clark Street, said none of the neighbors approached her with concerns about the satellite dish. Ms. Lassa explained the reasons why the dish has to be located in its present location. She is willing to plant shrubs and flowers to help camouflage the dish. Ms. Lassa stated the main reason for the dish is the cost.

Joan Hanson, 1901 Clark Street, does not feel financial reasons should be a deciding factor in granting a variance.

Ald. Barr asked how large the satellite dish is.

Julie Lassa responded it is about 22" x 36" and sets about 6 feet off the ground.

Director Gardner explained the reason for the city ordinance and the process to grant a variance.

Ald. Rackow asked if the Public Protection Committee approves the variance, does the Historical Preservation/Design Review Commission need to review the request?

Director Gardner replied the variance request would advance to the Common Council meeting next Monday. The Director would need to do further review to determine if the request needs permission from the Historical Preservation/Design Review Commission.

Ald. Markham moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to deny the request of Julie Lassa and John Moe, 1900 Clark Street, for a variance to city ordinance 30.08 - Satellite Receiving Stations. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

Ald. Markham said cable television is available. If some of the trees on the property were trimmed, the dish could possibly be moved to a better location.

Ald. Wiza feels the satellite dish takes away from the historical look of this neighborhood.

3. Update on deer culling.

Ald. Rackow said a total of 75 deer were culled and 13 deer were bagged during the regular bow season for a grand total of 88 deer removed in the city.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to accept the report and place it on file. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

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Director Gardner reviewed the city housing rehabilitation program and the history of orders and special charges issued in 2004.

Ald. Rackow moved, Ald. Wiza seconded, to accept the report and place it on file. Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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