

City of Franklin
Quarry Monitoring Committee Meeting
Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall
6:30 PM
July 29, 2020
Minutes

Approved
September 24, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The July 29, 2020 Quarry Monitoring Committee meeting was called to order by Alderwoman Wilhelm at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Planning Manager Heath Eddy was present in the Council Chambers. Present by phone were Alderwoman Kristen Wilhelm, Alderman Mike Barber, Members Fred Knueppel and Dallas Schurg. Also present were Penny and Richard Danoski.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular meeting of May 28, 2020.

Alderman Barber moved and Member Knueppel seconded to approve the minutes. Four (4) members voted 'aye'; the vote was 4-0, motion carried.

III. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen comment period opened at 6:33 p.m. and closed at 6:46 p.m. Ms. Danoski commented that it was unfair that there were no Committee members present in the Council Chambers when the public is required to attend to provide comments; that the minutes from the May 28, 2020 meeting did not include her specific comments; that a number of recent blasts were very large, noting specifically the blast on July 24, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., which was large enough to shake the front door and fireplace at her home; that the land survey needed to be notarized or it would be invalid; and that the comments and discussion of the Committee, and complaints of neighbors, should be included in the City of Franklin newsletter.

IV. HEARINGS

a. None.

No action needed. None taken.

V. BUSINESS

a. Election of new Vice-Chairperson.

Alderman Barber was nominated to become the next Vice-Chairperson for the Committee by Mr. Knueppel. There being no other nominations, the Committee voted to elect Alderman Barber. The vote was four (4) votes in favor, none against. The motion carried.

b. Selection of non-voting member (Ordinance 2020-2425).

Alderwoman Wilhelm noted that there was a potential for one other applicant, and Alderman Barber stated he knew of another person interested in the position. Alderwoman Wilhelm noted that there didn't appear to be a process for interviewing or vetting applicants and such process

should be undertaken. It was requested that all applications should be included in the next meeting packet.

- c. Review and discussion on matters pertaining to citizen complaints, blasting data from Payne & Dolan, and on Stantec's (the City's consultant) quarry monitoring activities and information.

Planning Manager Eddy noted that there were a total of five (5) complaints submitted for four (4) events since the last Committee meeting, including June 8, June 12, June 25, and July 21. In checking the blasting data from the monitoring sites, all events on those dates were under the maximum limits permitted under Ord. 1997-1456 and Ord. 1997-1457.

Alderwoman Wilhelm suggested that the limits established by those ordinances appear to be too high, and had suggested that perhaps Council and/or the Plan Commission should revisit them. However, it was noted that there may not be enough Council support to reconsider either the limits or the permitted allowance above the limits.

- d. Reclamation Plan review (previously discussed on July 27, 2017).

Alderwoman Wilhelm stated that she discussed the adoption of the Reclamation Plan during a Plan Commission meeting, and that it was decided the Committee should review the Plan document again (currently dated June 29, 2017) to verify that all information provided is accurate and up-to-date. The Plan will be taken up by the Plan Commission following Committee review and recommendation.

Alderman Barber asked if the most recent survey of the quarry should be included with the Reclamation Plan. Alderwoman Wilhelm supported the idea of including the survey. Alderman Barber moved to include the most recent quarry survey with the Reclamation Plan, which was seconded by Mr. Knueppel. All voted 'aye', the motion carried.

Alderwoman Wilhelm suggested the Committee go through the document page by page. These are the recommended changes or questions for the quarry operator (Payne & Dolan):

Front cover – change the Final Revision date to July 29, 2020

Page 2 last paragraph – “fine graded” should perhaps be “finely graded”

Page 3 first paragraph end – the Committee requested clarification on what “overburden materials” will be included with the final site reclamation?

Page 3 second paragraph – the Committee wondered if the stormwater drainage pipe was to remain, then how would the quarry fill up? The Committee also requested clarification on the water quality in the new “lake”.

Page 4 first paragraph – missing a “to” between “currently” and “be”

Page 4 second paragraph – there should be a reference to PR #37 from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

Page 6 second paragraph – references Sheet 3 on the attached mapping, but the sheet numbers on the ends of the plan sheets are too small. The sheets should have labels in bigger text.

Page 7 first paragraph – end of second line add “, or as updated or amended.”

Page 8 second paragraph – end of paragraph add “by the operator and available to the City.”

Page 10 appears to be missing (Second VI is on Page 10, but the 2017 Plan doesn't have any Section VI currently.)

Page 11 the insert from the City Code should be checked to make sure it is current.

Page 12 seventh paragraph – doesn't indicate who will be removing the fence (operator or City) or when the City would be accepting the reclaimed property.

Page 13 need a new signature and date based on the updates above.

Alderwoman Wilhelm stated the revised Reclamation Plan should be available for a final review at the next Committee meeting.

VI. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to schedule the next meeting at a time and date to be determined, near the end of August, in coordination with the Planning Manager, based in part on response to the revisions to the Reclamation Plan.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Barber moved and Member Knueppel seconded to adjourn the July 29, 2020, Quarry Monitoring Committee meeting at 7:43 p.m. All present voted 'aye'; motion carried.