

## **COMMUNITY PROTECTION & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**November 2, 2022**

A meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Williams in the Council Chambers, City Hall. **Roll Call:** Ald. Williams, Ald. Reeths and Ald. Wiederanders were present. Also present from City Hall was Assistant Chief Montevideo, Chief Henry, Mr. Barker and Mr. VanLieshout.

*Moved by Ald. Wiederanders, seconded by Ald. Reeths to adopt the following agenda:*

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2022
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items
5. Public Hearing Re: Land Management Plan/Natural Lawn Application submitted by Margaret Bayer & Susan Nugent for property located at 722 South 17<sup>th</sup> Place
6. Consideration of: Land Management Plan/Natural Lawn Application submitted by Margaret Bayer & Susan Nugent for property located at 722 South 17<sup>th</sup> Place
7. Consideration of: E-Bikes
8. Adjourn

*All Ayes. Carried.*

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Moved by Ald. Reeths, seconded by Ald. Wiederanders to approve the September 7, 2022 minutes. All Ayes. Carried.*

### **Public Comment/Hearing**

Marie Larson: 1648 Texas Place, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

- Requested denial of the application.

Justin Kroening/Stone Silo Prairie Gardens: 2325 Oak Ridge Circle, DePere, WI 54115

- Landscaper; explained the plan and the work that has been done.

Philip Uttech: 727 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Place, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

- Requested denial of the application.

Joan Jeanquart: 1647 Texas Place, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

- Requested denial of the application.

Margaret Bayer: 722 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Place, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

- Homeowner; requested approval of the application.

Laurie Warwick: 1667 Texas Place, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

- Requested denial of the application.

Nancy Uttech: 727 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Place, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

- Requested denial of the application.

Maggie Virlee: 1639 Texas Place, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

- Requested denial of the application.

Public Hearing Closed at 4:52 p.m.

### **Consideration of the Land Management Plan/Natural Lawn Application**

Ald. Wiederanders felt there not enough notice to inspect the property in consideration; he would also like to see more of a plan in place and timeframe for completion. Ald. Reeths requested more background from the landscaper.

Justin Kroening from Stone Silo Prairie Gardens out of DePere is the landscaper on this project. He explained how original seeding was planted fall of 2020, this covers the ground and stops erosion. Bluegrass was also planted. In spring of 2021 native plants (that take between 3-5 years to process) were added; these plants, in time, push out the plants not native to the area creating a natural landscape. The lawn will take on definition and look intentional, it will not look like a wild growing field.

It was questioned whether a permit was obtained before starting the natural lawn landscaping; it was not. Per City ordinance a permit is required, however, there was mis-communication when asked. Mr. Barker stated that typically a permit is applied for beforehand but the exact requirements were not outlined so he created a permit. He stated that he thinks in two years the lawn will be nice to view and gave an example of Peterson Park by the YMCA and how nice it looks. Ms. Reeths agrees that a permit with a standard that is required to be followed should be in place, therefore, she stated going forward with a decision is not the right thing at this time because there needs to be more information gathered.

Ald. Williams asked committee members to drive by the property and gather thoughts on how to proceed. At this time the thought was to table the item until more information on what the plan is for the natural lawn, how long it will take to be completed and discussing what other communities might be doing regarding similar applications.

*Moved by Ald. Reeths seconded by Ald. Wiederanders, to table the item of the Land Management Plan/Natural Lawn Application until the February 2023 meeting. All ayes. Carried.*

### **E-Bikes**

This subject was brought up for discussion to determine if the committee should consider creating an ordinance pertaining to e-bikes. According to Chief Henry, there have been no complaints regarding the use of e-bikes within the City. Ald. Williams questioned whether we want to be proactive in creating an ordinance, or are enough regulations established to that allow for enforcement as needed.

Chief Henry stated e-bikes and bicycles follow the same rules, and currently there is a State statute where enforcement can be made by issuing citations. The course of action generally taken in violating the rules would be citing obvious violations, or giving warnings and educating those not following the rules. If e-bikes start becoming more of an issue, then maybe bring back and look into creating an ordinance at that time.

*It was decided to table the item of e-bikes until next meeting.*

*Next meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 4:30pm.*

*Moved by Ald. Reeths seconded by Ald. Wiederanders, to adjourn the meeting of the Community Protection Services Committee. All ayes. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Spude-Olson  
Police Department Office Manager