

Town Board Meeting August 3, 2009

James Parent called a special Town Board meeting to order at 6:30PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Robert Schultz, Dale Williams, Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith and Kim Burns. Barbara Anschutz was absent.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Dale/Bob to accept the agenda. Carried.

Discuss/decide request to allow camping at the Baileys Harbor Rec. Park the night of Saturday, August 8 – Kim Burns was present. Kasey Oldenburg and Kari Honold have the park rented for their 30th birthday party. As a precautionary step, they would like the option to have people be able to stay there, to prevent drinking and driving. Just because we are approving this doesn't mean everyone is going to automatically stay there. It's not being advertised that this will be allowed.

Dale stated there is an ordinance against camping and there is a provision that it could be allowed with written permission from the Town Board. The ordinance was put in place in 1987. Dale has some concerns. With the amount of money and effort that was put into the record, he doesn't want to see anything damaged out there. Dale is wondering how that's going to be patrolled. Kim will be there through the night and will be helping with the designated driving.

Jim has the same concerns as Dale. Dale stated that back when the ordinance was written, the liability factor wasn't nearly what is today. Jim wouldn't have a problem with people leaving their cars there. He also doesn't want people to get in their cars and drive drunk. Peter feels we might be setting precedence if we allow people to set up their tents where people can see it.

Kim said it would be totally policed. And it would only be an extreme emergency if someone were to camp there. Peter thinks we should allow a limited number of cars to be parked there overnight. Kim's goal is to get everyone home. Jim asked if there was anyone actually planning to stay there. To Kim's knowledge, no. Kim stated there will also be a stipulation that if someone sleeps in their car, she gets the car keys. The Town will also need a certificate of insurance. It's probably safer for people to stay there. If a person knows they are camping, they have Kim's yard and they will be taken there if they can't drive. Someone sleeping out there is an absolute last resort. Motion made/second Peter/Bob to allow camping at the Baileys Harbor Rec. Park with stipulations that will be spelled out in the letter. Carried.

Motion made/second Peter/Dale to adjourn at 6:52PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Town Board meeting.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk