

**MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE
JOINT MEETING WITH PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MARCH 25, 2024 6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order Public Works and Building & Grounds Committee.
Public Works & Building and Grounds Committee was call to order by Chair Stellpflug at 6:31 p.m.
2. Call to Order Public Safety & Protective Services Committee.
The Public Safety & Protective Services Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Nickerson at 6:30 p.m. The
3. Roll Call: Public Works and Building & Grounds Committee.
Dave Stellpflug and Deborah Hall.
4. Roll Call: Pubic Safety & Protective Services Committee
Gary Nickerson, John Heintz Taylor, Dave Stellpflug and Dan Nottling.
5. Also present: Chief Tamez, Brad Churchill, Dave Molitor, Donna Samuels
6. Discussion and /or action as necessary: With both Public Works and Building & Committee & Public Safety & Protective Services Committee-Regarding the sample ATV/UTV/Golf Cart Ordinance that was to be created by the citizen committee for review. It has been replaced with a sample ordinance for the Village of North Prairie presented to us by Donna Samuels. With Possible Recommendation to the Village Board.
This was all started back in October of 2023 by Dave Grossman where he presented about 30 signatures to the Village Board to request that an ordinance be created to allow the use of ATVs/UTVs on Village of North Prairie roads. With he the possible creation of the ordinance, the owner of the Broadlands golf course is concerned that these vehicles would be driven on the course and cause damage. A copy of the proposed ordinance was provided to Andy (the owner). The proposed ordinance would be hard surface (roads) only, the ATV/UTV could not trespass on private property. They citizens group did reach out to the State of Wisconsin to see if they had any issues with golf course damage in the areas that do allow the use of them on public roads. There was one case that had a trail that went through a golf course and an ATV veered off the trail and did do some damage, but the police did get involved and restitution was required. The roads around the golf course are private roads and the golf carts that are used in the golf community have to be licensed. The State of WI will be contacted to see if the State would allow the use on Hwy 59, in the packet from Summit there is a form that has to filled out and submitted to the State ask for approvals, but before the State would consider the request the Municipality must have an ordinance in place. The Village would have to submit the application, the passed ordinance, the map of where the posted signs would be in the Village stating that ATVs/UTVs can be used on public roads in North Prairie. The State does not care what the signs would look like, but on the State Roads the State would install the post for those signs. Waukesha County was contacted about signs on their roads and as of today they have answered. Should this ordinance pass, Waukesha County will have to allow the installation of signs on any County roads. The Homeowners Association and the Condominium Association would

have to give their approvals. The concerns from Andy of the Broadlands, was that individuals would go off the road and that if they get into the fairways or and or on the greens, that they could do a great deal of damage, and that damage could equate to lost revenue and a great deal in repair costs. Driving golf carts at night is illegal in the Broadlands.

The revised version of the ordinance should be given the Police Chief to review and possible revisions.

The word "extreme" for the right of the road should be replaced with something clearer in the ordinance, and further down in the ordinance it says that the ATV?UTV cannot go on the gravel, so does that mean they cannot go on the shoulder of the road? Where can a ATV/UTV ride in the road and that must be stated in the ordinance. Trustee Heintz Taylor recommends that ATV/UTV route is authorized only for the extreme right of the traveled paved lane. Traveled paved lane that keeps everybody on the pavement. It accounts for, lanes that do not have the white fog line, and it keeps people off the gravel shoulders and off the right of way. The committee should consider putting in the ordinance that the use of the ATV/UTV should on be on hard surface roads and not on gravel. The roads have to be stated as to which ones will be allowed to have ATV/UTV on them. In the ordinance it states, any and all ATV UTV routes may be closed at any time at the discretion of the village board. I'm wondering why or would it be probably to the benefit to also allow the police department and or any other type of emergency service? This should be removed/restated if a route needs to be shut down right away you will not get the Village Board together to get this done. What is the Village going to do about parking of the machines? Will they be allowed to park on the streets in the parks, this must be addressed.

Will they be allowed in the parks?

What will the penalties be for not following the rules of the ordinance?

A map must be submitted with to the committee to review as to where the sign locations would be in North Prairie. The citizens believe 14-16 signs would be required. The cost of the signs should not be paid for by the Village of North Prairie, but the Village would install the signs. The cost of signs could be anywhere from \$400, \$500 - \$1200. A quote should be provided for next meeting. ATV/UTV can not ride on the roads even if the ordinance is passed, if the signs are not posted. Who is going to purchase the signs is going to have to be decided. Maybe the Village, or get donation or even have the ATV/UTV Club of Western Waukesha County help with the cost of the signs. The same would go with who would replace signs that damaged or removed? The signs must be in accordance with Nr 64.1 2-7 of the State of Wisconsin.

The ordinance should state that the operator of the ATV/UTV have a valid Driver's license, so that would me that an operator has to be 16 years old or older to operator on the Village roads.

Hours of operations could be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Will there be a time line of when they can be operated on Village roads, April – October? This should be put in the ordinance. They can have snow plows attached, could they be used in the winter on the roads?

Nosie decibel levels that are in the ordinance shall not exceed 96dB.

Brad Churchill – stated that he just wants to ATV/UTV be safe on the road for everyone.

Will there be regulations for the ATV/UTV before they are allowed on the road?

The group would like to move this forward in a timely manner and hopefully get a recommendation to the Village Board. The updated version of the proposed ordinance should be given to the Chief to review before the next meeting. The group would like to have a meeting in April, Gary will work with the Committee members to see what can be done. The Village Attorney should review the proposed ordinance once the final version has been completed. This ordinance is written for ATV/UTV only not golf carts. The Village should reconsider the ordinance for the golf carts in the Broadlands as it

should/could be Village wide, with the exception of private property and private woods.

If the ordinance is passed the Village should expect the DNR will be here to make sure that things are being done correctly.

7. Adjourn: Public Works and Building & Grounds Committee. Motion by Dave Stellpflug, second by Deb Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried.
8. Adjourn: Public Safety & Protective Services Committee. Motion by Dan Nottling, second by John Heintz Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Nickerson