

**Town of Grant
Special Town Board Meeting
ATV Ordinance/Route
June 7, 2017**

Present: Schwab, Winkler, Yetter, Luecht and Zimmerman.
Chairperson Schwab called meeting to order @ 7:02 pm.

Chairperson reported that Phase II ATV Route (87th St. – Evergreen Ave. -90th St. – Wildhorse Saloon) was passed by 2/3 majority vote on May 24, 2017. This meeting is to look at changes to ATV/UTV Ordinance.

Supervisor Yetter would like to set speed limits on ATV Routes.

ATV Route Phase 2 Residents Concerns:

- **Marv Brahmstedt:** no regard for residents against Phase 2 route, 6-against, 2-didn't care, residents living on Phase 2 route not being heard, not receiving notices of meetings on ATV's, need to talk to residents, Town of Saratoga & Grand Rapids residents have more pull than Town residents.
- **Wayne Brody:** go carts racing down roads @ 60 mph, motorcycles running in potato fields nothing said about that. He took 90 mile ride in Plainfield area, horses standing on side of road didn't bother them.
- **Pat Barten:** Why are we opening road just to get to Wildhorse Saloon?
- **Susan Greeno-Eichinger (7641 90th St S):** can't maintain our roads, 90th Street ditches with 1:1 slope – if a car goes off road it's not coming up, narrow road, 90th St. very busy on Saturday dump day.
- **Dave Luecht:** Do they need liability insurance, traffic on 90th St. has picked up.
- **John Knoll:** opposed, traffic, vote from residents on proposed route (6-against, 2- two board members didn't care), all this to go to one business & connecting route.
- **Sandy Wood:** against Phase 2 route, no problem for residents to have access to route
- **Mike Morgan, Sheriff Dept. Deputy:** re: Pine Grove/Plover routes, recreational patrol haven't had reason to run a lot of ATV Patrol – routes just started to come in.
- **Jon Scharbarth, WDNR:** no dedicated hours at this time, in the area for other request will drive down designated routes. Clark & Jackson Counties have set summer weekend hours and up north set snowmobile hours.
- **Supervisor Winkler:** try phase 2 route as trial, no complaints on Tower Road so it was re-opened, need to move on get more people out to keep an eye on road damage caused by others, noise comes from other areas: Wildhorse Saloon, ball diamond @ Grant School.
- **Chairperson Schwab:** Asked Supervisor Winkler what he meant by "trying it". What is his metric - how do you measure good or bad?
- **Supervisor Yetter:** by complaints

- **Jon Scharbarth, WDNR:** report date & time of complaint, no complaints on actual ATV Route (Tower Road) in 2016). Note those not on designated route. .
- **Mike Morgan, Sheriff Dept. Deputy:** Note illegal operation on roads not marked as designated route.
- **John Barton (85th St.):** ATV owner did own survey of car traffic on 90th St. – Evergreen Ave. for 4 hours on a Saturday: results: 4 – trucks, 2 – vehicles, 1 – bicycle. Note if you have 100 yard frontage by your house it will take ATV 20 seconds to pass your house. Clubs can appoint certified ambassador to monitor roads for violators.
- **Jon Scharbarth, WDNR:** opportunity for municipalities or counties to have clubs meet all ATV Laws plus specific restrictions on public thoroughfare.
- **Chuck Hansen, Saratoga:** roughly 10 machines in 1-2 weeks' time, let WDNR know of violators.
- **Charles Rickman:** Hours of operation? Listed in Ordinance 8:00 am until one hour after sunset.

ATV/UTV Ordinance Revisions:

- **Chairperson Schwab:** Revisions to ATV Ordinance does not require Public Hearing, Objectives by interested persons were to create connectivity between municipalities with routes and to increase local revenue. However, Portage County not interested at this time to open CTH U (80th Street) in Kellner so Phase 2 route should not to include Griffith Ave. or Juniper Lane. The Board did decide to re-open Tower Road after review in April.
- **Supervisor Yetter:** had different speed limits in specific areas of 90th St., determined after discussion that a universal speed limit with in Portage County of 25 mph is best, and based on speed limits in Town of Pine Grove & Plover.
- **Law Change for ATV's:** reduce speed to 10 mph within 150 feet of dwelling, need to put in ordinance.
- **Chairperson Schwab:** Town residents could request referendum or have a Special Town Meeting specifically regarding ATVs/UTVs. However a public hearing is not required to amend or rescind our current ordinance.
- **Motion: (Schwab, no second) Move to rescind ATV/UTV Ordinance # 2016-01. Motion failed due to lack of second.**
- **Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to make changes to ATV/UTV Ordinance # 2016-01 to include: updated designated routes, change speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph, Law Change to include speed limit at or below 10 mph within 150 feet of any dwelling. Roll Call Vote: Yetter – yes; Winkler – yes; Schwab – no. Motion Carried.**
- **Pat Barten:** 90th St. residents are against route.
- **Mitch Zimmerman:** 6-2 Vote residents against Phase 2 route
- **Kathy Lee, Secretary of Plan Commission:** Plan Commission general recommendation to move forward with Phase 2 route.
- **Jon Scharbarth, WDNR:** ATV operator at 12 years old with Certification, government groups looking at uniform guide lines with in the State of WI, proper signing & marking per Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations (ATV, UTV, Off-Hwy Motorcycles).

- **Supervisor Yetter:** will oversee Club members that signage is done properly.
- **Lee Chipman:** you just put a 12 year old with adult on ATV driving on our roads.
- **Mike Morgan, Sheriff Dept. Deputy:** 12-16 year olds drive very large tractors on roads.
- **Chairperson Schwab:** State Working Group looking to have common ground throughout State. Portage County has yet to move forward on this subject.
- **Contacts:** Jon Scharbarth, WDNR 800-TIP-WDNR (800-847-9367) or Portage County Sheriff Department @ 715-346-1400

Meeting abutting municipalities re: ATV Route Phase 1 (b) Townline Road (Tower-Griffith) and north.

- Pine Grove – no issues; Buena Vista – against; Plover – opening more roads; Grant – in middle.
- Week of June 18th, 25th, July 9th? Yetter- no to July 12th or 13th.

Motion: (Yetter, Winkler) Move to adjourn @ 8:40 pm. Unanimous Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vicky Zimmerman
Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk

Approved: July 5, 2017