Village of Spring Grove - Safety Committee
Special Meeting Notice and Agenda

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Spring Grove Safety Committee will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Village of Spring Grove Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road, Spring Grove, Illinois.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. New Business
   A. Review the result of the 2019 Community Survey on the proposal for the operation of non-highway vehicles on designated village streets
   B. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the operation of non-highway vehicles on designated village street
4. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
AUGUST 14, 2019

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, August 14, 2019; a special meeting of the Safety Committee was held this date at 9:12 a.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road; Chairperson Simonson presiding.

Roll Call. Roll call showed the following members present: Chairperson Lloyd Simonson and Members Mike Lee and Pat Mazzanti – 3. Also present were Tom Sanders, Chief of Police; Rich Kesen, Police Sergeant; Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk.

Public Comment. Chairperson Simonson then opened the meeting up for public comment.

Brian Golwitzer, resident in the Thousand Oaks subdivision, opposed the proposal for the operation of non-highway vehicle on village streets citing safety issues and the ability for UTVs to go off-road and elude the police.

Evelyn Dunkin, resident in the Thousand Oaks subdivision, opposed the proposal for the operation of non-highway vehicles on village streets citing safety, enforcement and underage driving issues.

Frank Tripiccio, resident in the Thousand Oaks subdivision, echoed the statements of those before him; adding the vehicles would not be used for transportation but for the entertainment of children.

Mike Van Duys, resident in the Thousand Oaks subdivision, opposed the proposal for the operation of non-highway vehicles on village streets. He made the committee aware of a recent accident in a nearby community where kids lost control of a golf cart and expressed concern with these vehicles damaging village parks and private property.

Betty Fagerman, resident in the Thousand Oaks subdivision, agreed with the statements of those before her and questioned why the village would want these on roads.

New Business.
Review the results of the 2019 Community Survey on the proposal for the operation of non-highway vehicles on designated village streets. Chairperson Simonson reported the survey results showed the community is split on allowing or prohibiting non-highway vehicles on designated village streets.

Member Mazzanti questioned the need for conducting the survey and opined there are only a few residents that support the use. He noted only 104 respondents already own a non-highway vehicle. He expressed concern with the safety, enforcement and costs of administering the program. He added the village’s infrastructure is not set up to allow on the streets and many of the neighborhoods don’t interconnect. He stated he is firmly opposed to allowing UTVs and golf carts on village streets.

Member Lee appreciated the comments given today and those from the July board meeting that supported the use. He stated the survey also showed support and was glad the village went through the process to discuss.
Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the operation of non-highway vehicles on designated village streets. The committee then discussed the proposed ordinance that was modeled after the Village of Johnsburg.

In response to an inquiry, Chief Sanders stated he would not be opposed to golf carts on designated streets but is opposed to the use of UTVs because they are meant for off-road. Members Lee and Mazzanti agreed and any approval should not include UTVs. The committee agreed to then limit any further discussion to golf carts only.

With respect to the ordinance, the committee recommended the definition of a recreational off-highway vehicle be removed and the following additional regulations and language regarding convictions, revocations and Municipal Code violations be incorporated:

- Hours of operation - dawn to dusk.
- Time of year – May 1 – October 31.
- Each golf cart shall have an orange flag or pennant extending at least 6 ft above the pavement.
- Maximum Speed – 35 mph.
- Prohibit on village streets where the speed limit fluctuates and are designated truck routes i.e. Winn Road.
- Prohibit on streets that large trucks travel on i.e. Spring Ridge Drive, Pierce Drive, Industrial Court, Highview Street, Asbury Court, Finch Street, Westward between Finch Street and Winn Road, Mayo Court and Holian Drive.

The committee then reviewed the cost involved with operating a safe and compliant program. These costs included:

- State mandated signage along approved routes. Chief Sanders provided the committee with a quote for 200 required signs and a cost between $1600.00 and $4200.00 depending on various designs.
- Time and material cost for village employees to post signs.
- The cost for up to 500 registration stickers; $1000.00
- The cost of officers’ time to conduct mandated police inspections of vehicles annually. Estimated at 30 minutes per inspection

Capital and operating cost would be recouped through an annual license fee for each vehicle inspected. Survey respondents expressed concern with the proposed $175 initial application fee and annual reinspection fee of $50. Trustee Mazzanti opined the initial application fee should be $1,000 with an annual reinspection fee of $500 to cover the capital and operating costs. Member Lee was disheartened to read that some residents responded they wouldn't register their vehicles.

In response to inquiries, Chief Sanders stated a golf cart would have to be registered with the village in order to drive on the designated village streets and per state statute a person may not operate a golf cart unless he or she has a valid driver’s license. All inspections would be conducted by the Police Department to see if they have the appropriate equipment and safety items required by state statute.

Member Mazzanti moved, seconded by Member Lee to recommend that UTVs not be included in the ordinance. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
The committee could not come to a consensus as to the approval of an ordinance that would allow the operation of golf carts on designated village streets. They asked the Village Board to consider the aforementioned recommendations and to consider the costs associated with its implementation.

There being no further business, Member Mazzanti moved, seconded by Member Lee to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk