

September 9, 2009



Adopt A Spot Recognition

It's that time of the year when we honor and thank all of our Adopt A Spot sponsors and volunteers for helping to keep Kent looking great. We have scheduled time at 7:15 before our Regular meeting to publicly express our gratitude. (attachment)

Unauthorized Items

There are no unauthorized items planned for the meeting at this time.

Information Items

1. Solar & Wind Energy Grant Update

Bridget Susel has provided an update on her research into the availability of Federal or State grant funds targeted for solar and wind energy projects. According to Bridget's findings, there is nothing imminent that we would appear to qualify for but we will continue to work with our Energy Consultant to pursue possibilities. I have attached Bridget's summary for your information. (attachment)

2. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Gary Locke has enclosed a copy of the monthly zoning and permit violations report thru August 2009. The total number of permits issued this year is down 8% from last year (thru Aug 31) and the corresponding revenues are down 44% (\$104,000). Troy had 32 action items on his August report, most of which were grass and weed violations, and property maintenance items. In case you had not noticed, the scaffolding that had been a point of frustration on SR43 has finally been removed thanks to the persistence of Troy and Eric Fink. (attachment)

3. Fire Statistics

Chief Williams has forwarded his July 2009 Fire Statistics report. Total calls for service are slightly down for both for fire incidents (-8%) and emergency medical service (-3%). As a reminder, Chief Williams will be out of the office beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 08:00 for approximately a month due to surgery. During his absence Captain Dave Manthey will be in charge of the fire department. (attachment)

4. Public Hearing for Zoning Code Changes

The City Clerk has scheduled the public hearings for the proposed changes to the Zoning Code that will come to Council for consideration at the October Committee meetings. For your reference, I have included a summary of the proposed Zoning changes from Community Development and the Law Department. (attachment)

Information Items (continued)

5. NOPEC Electric Budget Billing Information

Gene Roberts has provided additional information from NOPEC concerning electric service available to our residents here in Kent. It appears that there's been some confusion over the issue of budget billing and NOPEC has provided a short summary statement noting that at the moment all discounted supply agreements do not allow for the supply portion of the bill to be done on a budget basis but they are working with their supplier to try to change that in the future. (attachment)

6. Health Board Meeting Minutes and Department Statistics

John Ferlito has provided copies of the health board agenda and minutes from the August 18th meeting, as well as the statistical reports for the month of August 2009. (attachment)

7. Street Maintenance Update

Gene Roberts and Jim Bowling have provided an update on the status of the chip seal portion of the City's street maintenance program that is coordinated through the Portage County Engineer's Office. (attachment)

Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee

1. Sidewalk Snow Removal Program Update

At Council's request the staff and I met with Council Members Rick Hawksley and Heidi Schaffer to reconsider the proposed changes to the City's sidewalk snow removal program for 2009-2010. As a result of that meeting a series of revised recommendations have been proposed for Council's consideration in Committee. I have attached the Council Members recommendations for Council's consideration in a special Committee meeting. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Discuss the revised recommendations and direct staff accordingly.

Council Action

Discuss the revised recommendations and direct staff accordingly.

