

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago held a public forum on June 1, 2022 at the Winnebago High School Cafetorium at 6:00 p.m. to receive input on the use of off road vehicles on public roadways with President Franklin Eubank presiding.

Trustees in Attendance: MCKINNON, O'ROURKE, PEARSON.

Attorney Gaziano and guests per the attached list.

The President explained the meeting was being recorded in case of questions later. He also explained the ground rules. Rick Yates and Chris Nelson had provided a petition with 161 signatures several months ago. The President will give those who signed up a chance to speak in the order they were listed. They would be limited if they talked too long.

Chris Nelson will talk at the end so he can respond to any open issues.

One major question is whether Elida Street is a State Road or local.

After this second forum the Board will discuss the issue at the June 13, 2022 meeting and will then probably be given to a committee to discuss.

Cal Miley asked if the Village has twenty-four-seven police coverage. President Eubank stated the Village strives for that but there is a shortage of officers. Mr. Miley says when he calls in always gets the county and it takes an hour for an officer to respond. He questions how the police will be able to patrol these vehicles. How will they control underage drivers, etc? Will the vehicles be inspected? President Eubank stated the police department will have to figure out the best way to police UTV/ATV's.

Nicole Vargas explained her family often rides the trails in Wisconsin. Her daughter wears a helmet and is harnessed in to be safe when she rides. She asked how long it will take for Winnebago to approve adding ATV/UTV's. She noted there is a Polaris grant available to assist allowing UTV/ATV's on the Pecatonica Prairie Path.

Jeanne Griffin explained she has a Pecatonica address but considers Winnebago her home community. She wants to know who is going to cover the liability for ATV's – her carrier (State Farm) will not cover her ATV on paved roads. Will proof of insurance be required? Will they be licensed?

Rick Yates noted UTV's are insurable, and they have the required equipment – lights, signals, rear view mirror, horn, back-up lights and proof of insurance. Vehicles will be licensed and inspected.

Bruce Lizer who was involved with Pecatonica's approval process, explained farmers ride UTV's on roadways. He explained in Pecatonica one mess-up will be a warning and the second will result in the tag being pulled for a year. They have had no DUI's in Pecatonica so far. Main Street in Pecatonica can be crossed but not ridden on.

Nicole Hitchcock says her family enjoys riding the cheese trails in Wisconsin. It is a great family time going from town to town.

Ryan Kilber is from Belvidere and involved with their groups.

Chris Nelson explained that safety is a major concern. He explained small towns are working on passing the UTV/ATV process to be ready when a statewide trail system is ready. He explained a valid drivers license will be required to operate a UTV/ATV. Pecatonica has taken in \$4000 in fees for their Police Department. He noted in Florida cars and UTV's co-exist on the roads.

Rick Yates asked if this is not approved could there be a one-year trial period?

The Pecatonica Prairie Path Commission would have to approve allowing motor vehicles on the path.

It was noted it would take at least sixty days to pass once an ordinance is drafted.

Mr. McKinnon said this will need Board support which will be discussed at the June 13, 2022 Board Meeting.

President Eubank thanked everyone for attending. The forum was closed at 7:02 p. m.

APPROVED: June 13, 2022

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Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk



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 JUNE 1, 2022  
 UTV/ATV's

NAME/ADDRESS (PLEASE PRINT)	RESIDENT	PRO/CON	SPEAKING
JEFFRY Whitehead 3392 N. Keith Rd	YES NO	PRO CON	YES NO
Brittani LEFEVRE 302 W. McHair	YES NO	PRO CON	YES NO
Ryan Kilber 1948 Sawyer Road Belvidere	YES NO	PRO CON	YES NO
John Traum 805 Gregory Way, Winnebago	YES NO	PRO CON	YES NO
Melody Campbell 9951 Cunningham	YES NO	PRO CON	YES NO
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B.I./NAVI 4055helden Dr Wunneberg, IL	YES NO	PRO CON	YES NO
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✓ Joey Maples	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> PRO CON	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
✓ Harold Hitchcock	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> PRO CON	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
✓ Nikki Hitchcock	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> PRO CON	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
✓ Cal Miley	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO	PRO <input checked="" type="radio"/> CON	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO
✓ Nicole Vargas	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> PRO CON	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO
✓ Kathleen Hertey	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO	PRO <input checked="" type="radio"/> CON	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
✓ Rick Yates	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> PRO CON	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
✓ John & Jeanne Griffin	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO	PRO <input checked="" type="radio"/> CON	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO
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