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Town denies Shodeen survey request

By **Michael S. Hoey**
CORRESPONDENT

The Town Board denied a request by Shodeen to add a stretch of Delavan Lake shoreline to a bathymetric survey the town is already conducting on an area of the lake close to Shodeen-owned property at a July 18 meeting.

The Shores of Delavan Lake has been in progress for well over a decade without any dirt being turned as of yet. Town Chairman Mary Knipper said Dave Patzelt, President of Shodeen, asked to have the land Shodeen owns added at his own cost to the survey the town is already planning to do.

Knipper said Shodeen already applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to put in a pier in a very sensitive area of the lake and she was surprised it was approved in March of 2011.

Knipper said that to her knowledge no one with the town knew that had happened and Shodeen may have gone directly to the DNR for approval.

Knipper said the pier was only approved for non-motorized boats. She said she was concerned because the town currently does not allow any new piers in such sensitive areas and the approved pier was approved to be 128 feet long, much longer than the 80 feet permitted by the town. Knipper also said the pier has boat moorings up and down the entire pier.

Knipper said she did not recommend adding a private entity's property to the town's survey even though Patzelt offered to pay for it. She recommended he contract his own survey and made the motion not to ask for an extension of the town's survey that passed unanimously.

After the meeting, Knipper said Patzelt has not said why he wants his property

surveyed or if he plans to try to add more piers there. Patzelt could not be reached for comment.

Historical marker may be added at park

Supervisor Chris Wasik informed the board of potential plans to add a historical marker at Community Park. Wasik said the town has four Native American burial mounds in and around Community Park. Three of them can no longer be recognized from the surface, though Indian remains are still present. The fourth is still very visible in Community Park.

Wasik said the mound currently has a flower bed on it. She said the Ho Chunk and Potawatomi tribes prefer their burial sites be more serene and natural, so Wasik said efforts will be made to restore the mound at Community Park to that kind of setting.

Wasik said the mounds are a rich piece of history and the town has been approved for a historical marker that may mark just the one mound that is still visible or may mention all four. More study will be done over the next several months. No action was necessary at this meeting.

Vacation schedules made consistent

The board approved changing the vacation schedules for the police chief and captain to match what the board approved for union town employees a few months ago.

Since those two positions are not union positions, they were not covered by the previous change.



Classics on display

Pepperoni Pub, which is across from Delbrook Golf Course in Delavan, played host along with Countryside Classics in late July to the Summer, Show and Shine Cruise-In. The event drew plenty of classic cars and enthusiasts of them as well.

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Delavan Service League announces raffle prizes

The Delavan Service League recently announced the prizes available for its annual raffle to be held Sept. 16.

The league, founded in 1955, raises money to support numerous local and county charities.

On the day of the event, a silent auction, a basket raffle, and a bake sale will be held in addition to the main raffle. All funds raised will be donated to local charities supported by the service league including, Alliance for Children, Darien Rescue Squad, Delavan Human Concerns, Delavan Library, Delavan Township Rescue Squad, Lakeland Health Care Center, Twin Oaks Shelter, Walworth County Literacy Council and others.

Tickets for the main raffle are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and are on sale now from any service club member. Tickets will also be available, along with baked goods, at

the Delavan Tractor Supply store at their Community Market Day event on Aug. 19 and at Scarecrow Fest in Delavan on Sept. 16.

Winners do not need to be present to win the prizes. The drawing will take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the club's monthly meeting at the Town Bank Community Room at 824 Geneva St., Delavan, WI.

Raffle prizes include:

- Wisconsin Badger football signed by the NFL Watt brothers – donated by Brad Arnett, NX Level Sports Performance, Waukesha
- One-night stay for two at the Cove of Lake Geneva and Lake Geneva Cruise Line "Ice Cream Social" boat tour for four
- Basketball signed by University of Wisconsin coach Greg Gard and four basketball game tickets for Nov. 10 versus



The Delavan Service League recently revealed the prizes for its main raffle, set for Saturday, Sept. 16., as part of ScarecrowFest. Shown here are, from left, Jan Berezowitz, Eva Godina, Kathie Clark, Mary Lynn Hodshire, Kay Butke, Dee Craig, and Pat Jankowski. Missing from the photo is Ann Deschner.

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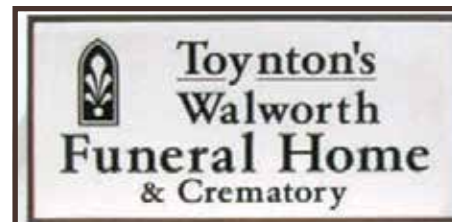
- Round of golf for four with cart donated by Delbrook Golf Course and fish fry for four donated by Greenie's Clubhouse at Delbrook

- Concert tickets for two donated by Belfry Theater, Williams Bay.

The service league continues to collect prizes for the silent auction and basket raffle to be held at Scarecrow Fest.

Donations so far have come from Bigelow Landscaping, Sorg's Quality Meats, Riga Tony's, Delavan Fleet Farm and members Mary Lynn Hodshire and Charlotte Carlson for quilt donations.

For more information, to make a donation, or to purchase tickets, contact Delavan Service League members, Jan Berezowitz, 262-325-9942, Kathie Clark, 262-470-9043, or Mary Lynn Hodshire, 630-308-1636.



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Library redesign floor plan approved

The Delavan Aram Public Library Board of Trustees approved the floor plan for the library's upcoming remodeling project at a July meeting.

The floor plan was submitted by FEH Design – the approved architectural firm – for the expansion, concluding the first part of the design process.

The remaining two steps of the design phase will be the schematic design and construction documents, with the next step starting in August.

The design committee, made up of library staff and board trustees, has met bi-weekly for several months. Among the items discussed were an expanded teen space, the new Discover Zone and youth departments, study room locations, storage in a flexible meeting room and exterior designs that included the placement of electric car charging stations.

“As communities grow and change, libraries need to change to meet the needs of the community,” said Joan Hay, president of the Board of Trustees. “Our library has become a community gathering place in addition to an information resource. This design meets those needs.”

The City of Delavan plans to add an additional 23,162 square feet of net space to the existing 12,116 square-foot building at an estimated cost of \$9 to \$10 million. Design work will be completed this year with construction scheduled to begin late 2024 and be completed before the end of 2025.

“With completion of the floor design review and recommendation we continue the progress of making the library expansion a reality,” said Mayor Ryan Schroeder. “Although the library expansion has been something long proposed, going back nearly two decades, it’s in recent years we’ve seen the community support to make this finally possible.

“Each step of the way we’ve seen stakeholders reviewing and providing input to make sure the needs of the library are met now and well into the future,” he added.

The City of Delavan has committed to providing most of the estimated cost of the project. Nevertheless, the budget assumes at least \$1 million must be raised through donations and fundraisers.

A fundraising campaign, called “Rooted in our Community, Growing for our Future,” is being coordinated by the Delavan Aram Public Library Foundation (DAPLF).

The capital campaign is going very well. After just 18 months, 90% of the first phase funding is in place through pledges, donations, and commitments.



Opening the dog park

The City of Delavan recently dedicated its brand-new dog park in Gordon Yadon Park. Above, from the left: Shown at the ribbon cutting are Julian Nolan, Al Buchholz, Alderman Megan Armstrong-Garcia, Public Works Director Mark Wendorf, Deanna Stirmel, Steve Clardy, Heidi Stocking, Mel Davis, Mayor Ryan Schroeder, Park and Rec Director Tom Klug, Deb Meeker and her dog Hank.

At left: The first dog to use the park was Beau, owned by Wendy and Joe Overturf.

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Churchill's CUP approved despite complaints

By **Michael S. Hoey**
CORRESPONDENT

Churchill's, located in the former Cattails building at 2517 North Shore Dr., applied for and received a conditional use permit on July 18 to serve food and alcohol on a new 10-foot-by-20-deck that will soon be built to replace a smaller deck.

Some neighbors of the business are not happy with those plans.

Attorney Steven Pearson contacted Lisa Churchill via email on July 12 to express concern about the plans to build a new deck and serve alcohol on it. Pearson, who said he has been a big supporter of her and her business, said he and others felt blindsided by the request for the CUP.

He referenced a mutual agreement Churchill and her neighbors had signed that led to the neighbors' support of her getting a liquor license and said that agreement said alcohol would only be served on the existing deck.

Pearson said he and other neighbors received no notice of Churchill's change in plans and felt she was trying to renege on a promise she made to the neighbors. That led to their opposition to the request for a CUP at a previous meeting. Pearson said he did not want to see a return to the Cattails days of fighting between that business and its neighbors.

Churchill responded by saying she was very clear about her intent to expand her deck and that intent was included in her liquor license application, which was approved on Feb. 6. She said she plans to add a handicap ramp on the west side of the building, so adding the deck now makes sense.

She said she has received her permit to build the deck and was not trying to blindside anyone. She said she was upfront and honest about wanting to expand the deck to have a place for smoking and drinking when she was required to close her windows.

Churchill said she has respected and adhered to all of the conditions of the agreement she has with the neighbors, even the ones that are unenforceable. She listed ways she has done so and the upgrades she has made to the building and property.

She also said no one wants to return to the Cattails

days but she has the right to run her establishment and make necessary changes as she sees fit following any rules and ordinances.

Pearson responded by saying he had supported her liquor license request on Feb. 6 based on the representations she had made to the neighbors. He agreed that she has done much to improve the property and is running a good house, but she, in his opinion, failed to address the concerns about the new deck and he was confused about if it would only be used when the windows had to be closed.

Pearson said that based on Churchill's statement that she has the right to run her establishment as she sees fit, he did not think she was willing to meet to discuss the matter. His goal, he said, was for her to have a successful business while being respectful of the neighbors and to resolve the issues over the deck through constructive dialogue in a neighborly manner.

A copy of the liquor license application that was approved does include plans for an expanded deck.

At the July 18 meeting, Supervisor Chris Wasik spoke during public comments and said she would recuse herself from any vote on the CUP because she is one of the neighbors of Churchill's. Wasik said she and other neighbors had a nice discussion with Churchill that led to the agreement and there seems to be a breakdown in communication over the proposed deck and its use.

She said she and the other neighbors were asking for some reasonable conditions to added to the conditions the Plan Commission already added when it recommended approval of the CUP to the board.

Wasik said Churchill's is a bar surrounded by 32 residences, the area is very congested, and there have been some issues with parking during special events. Wasik said she and the neighbors did not want the board to deny the CUP, but they want some conditions added to it to address their concerns.

The conditions the Plan Commission already added included compliance with the town's lighting ordinance, no outdoor music, and a maximum deck capacity of 28 people.

The conditions the neighbors wished to add included closing the deck no later than 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and no later than 11 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and any Sunday preceding a national holiday; no alcohol being served off the deck or in the parking lot; no live music, amplified sound, TVs or gaming devices outside the building; windows will be kept closed during events utilizing live music or amplified volume; Churchill will direct employees, patrons, and others not to park along North Shore Drive or in neighboring private properties without permission.

Neighbor Joe Acevedo echoed what Pearson had said about feeling blindsided by Churchill's plans despite Churchill saying she felt she had been transparent. He said the relationship between the neighbors and Churchill has been quite good and he hoped to keep it that way but was disappointed Churchill has refused to meet with their attorney. He said the conditions the neighbors wanted to add to the CUP were reasonable.

Churchill said her liquor license was approved with the plans for an expanded deck included and she felt that had been explained to the neighbors and some neighbors even approved of the new dimensions in February. Since the liquor license and the deck

have already been approved, Churchill said she did not feel it necessary to meet again.

Churchill said another reason she was hesitant to meet with the neighbors is because she feels they had every intent on fighting the CUP and had no intent of holding up their end of what she called an unenforceable agreement.

She pointed out the meeting minutes from a town board meeting on Feb. 7 state the town is not obligated to enforce or get involved with an agreement between the neighbors and her.

"I hope the town looks at the small business in front of them and offers it a fair chance when making their decision tonight," she said. "I am not Cattails and I do not run the establishment as such."

Churchill said her business is a new business that is entitled to be treated fairly and not have decisions made based on previous operations of another business.

During discussion of the CUP, Supervisor Bill Thummel said it appeared to him that most of what the neighbors wanted had been agreed to by Churchill previously or seemed reasonable. He said the additional conditions the neighbors wanted did not seem onerous to the business.

Churchill said that the condition forcing her to close her windows during events would close her down because her business allows smoking. The windows, she said, need to be open. Churchill said the agreement with the neighbors required her to close the windows only when a large band was playing.

Some discussion was had about what was actually in the agreement pertaining to the windows with Churchill finally saying that even if the agreement was read to mean closing them all the time, she needed to revisit that.

Attorney Rich Scholze said the CUP also has to be approved by Walworth County and conditions related to conditional use permits typically have to do with the proposed activity directly. The proposed activity in this case is the service of food and beverages on a deck, not about noise emanating from the building.

Thummel said the only condition the neighbors were asking for that applied directly to serving food and beverages on the deck was the first one that included closing hours and prohibiting alcohol off the deck or in the parking lot. The board then approved the CUP with the three conditions recommended by the Plan Commission and the one asked for by the neighbors.

After the meeting, Scholze said conditions associated with conditional use permits may not be enforceable by local law enforcement. He said he believed only the county zoning office can enforce such conditions, so if a neighbor tried to call the police department because a business was in violation of a condition of a CUP the police department would not have the authority to do anything.

Senior Zoning Officer Nick Sigmund of the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department said that is generally the rule. He said there are overlapping issues, however. For example, a CUP may put limits on the hours food and beverages may be served outdoors and if that is violated the county zoning office would take enforcement action. That would not prevent local law enforcement from enforcing violations of a noise ordinance if the service is violating that.



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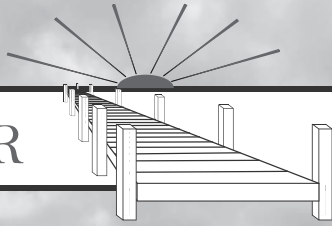


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Blast from the Past

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