

the property was in effect an illegal junkyard. Fletcher was stalling, Stephen said, and asked the board to apply penalties.

Board member Nicole Carrier said she wanted the resolution to have teeth. Stuth recommended an extension shorter than six months, and she asked for a financial penalty if the deadline were not met. Mayor Bill Bush said he wanted updates every two months from Fletcher and asked him how confident he was that he could dispose of the equipment in six months. Fletcher responded

that six months would be adequate, but three months would not be enough time. Fletcher acknowledged that he was notified his business was out of compliance at the beginning of 2021 but had not removed any equipment due to COVID-19 and inclement weather.

Following the discussion, Stuth said she did not think the resolution had adequate penalties if the deadline were missed.

Town Attorney Matt Krob said the town's municipal code established pen-

alties that could be applied if the six-month deadline in the resolution was not met.

The board voted to approve Resolution 25-2021 with the stipulation that Fletcher give the board an update in person every 60 days. Stuth voted no; Havenar was absent.

Excessive noise ordinance gets additional fine tuning

At the May 13 meeting, the board continued its effort to draft an enforceable ordinance governing excessive noise and to provide clear direction to the town staff. The board heard input from several residents, board members, and Chief of Police Jason Vanderpool, who together made the following points:

- Decibel levels, wind direction, and barometric pressure are difficult to measure and to enforce, and should be removed from the ordinance.
- Defined "quiet times" are easy to enforce and are popular.
- Amplified music is a special concern to residents who live near businesses that provide it.
- Construction noise needs different rules and should be more limited on weekends.
- Home businesses should be subject to the same rules as construction.
- Permits for businesses that provide outdoor music should be included in the ordinance.

After the discussion, the board voted unanimously to table the ordinance until the next meeting to allow staff to review ordinances from other communities.

At the May 27 meeting, the board reviewed an amended draft of the ordinance that incorporated the feedback from the previous meeting. The consensus of the board was that prohibiting noise before 7 a.m. was too restrictive and recommended 8 a.m. as the time after which noise would be allowed. Bass asked for an exception for snowblowers. The board approved the language added to the amended draft requiring permits for outdoor music between noon and 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and between noon and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The board asked that language limiting the number of permits issued to a business annually and requiring fliers be distributed to nearby residences be removed from the draft.

The board directed town staff to revise the draft in light of their discussion and bring it to a later meeting.

Water conservation measures considered

At the May 13 meeting, the board began a review of the town's water conservation policies. Bass suggested they be divided

into two categories: those required at all times, and those required only during emergencies.

The board discussed Ordinance 2-2013, which establishes schedules for residential watering based on even and odd addresses and was passed at a time of severe drought. The provision allowing police officers to enter any property to investigate complaints drew special attention from the board.

At the May 27 meeting, the board discussed a draft ordinance that allowed more residential watering, defined a process for declaring a water emergency, and enumerated water uses that would be prohibited during Stage 1 and Stage 2 water restrictions.

Stuth suggested that the issue be discussed in a workshop meeting in June. No vote was taken.

Town Hall restoration resolution approved

At the May 27 meeting, the board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 29-2021, which authorizes town staff to hire TN Parker as the general contractor for the Town Hall restoration project.

Fishing derby and Mount Herman Adventure Run scheduled

The board approved two special event permits.

The first was for the Tri-Lakes Lions Club Fishing Derby, which will be held on Saturday, June 5 from 8 until 11 a.m., with awards presented at 11:30. The event is open to children between 4 and 14 years old. Fishing tackle and bait will be provided if needed. A donation of a non-perishable food item for Tri-Lakes Cares is requested as an entrance fee. The fishing derby is an annual event but was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns.

The second special event permit was approved for the Mount Herman Adventure Run, to be held July 16, 17, and 18. The event is an ultra-endurance run with runners starting at Centennial Park and proceeding past the Palmer Lake reservoirs to Balanced Rock Road 322. A total of 50 runners may choose between a 50-mile course and a 100-mile course. They will be required to carry a GPS tracking device and a cell phone with a GPS tracking application installed. Only experienced runners will be allowed to race.

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold three meetings in June, a regular meeting on June 10 and a workshop and regular meeting on June 24. The workshop will be held at 5 p.m. and the regular meetings at 6 p.m. All meetings will be at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.


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