

**VILLAGE OF FOOTVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2013**

The meeting of the Village of Footville Planning Commission was called to order by the Village President, Gary Selck at approximately 6:30 p.m. The members present were: Bill Case, Don Miller, John Kinna, Glen Demrow, and Nancy Kloften. Blaine Snyder and MSA Engineers were absent. Representatives of Wisconsin Power & Light Company, several Village Trustees, and other interested residents were in attendance at the meeting.

The first item was to hear all interested parties and consider an application by Wisconsin Power & Light Company for a Conditional Use Permit for their substation located at 403 S. Gilbert Street, to replace the aging existing switchgear enclosure with a new switchgear enclosure and replace the 75' wood communication pole with a 100' steel monopole.

Wisconsin Power & Light representatives Steve Betz and Dave Herzog began with a presentation and visuals detailing the changes that would be made. Discussion followed regarding the placement and stability of the pole, the reason for its proposed height, the plans to move the fence in several feet, and the timeline of construction. Some information that was disseminated included:

- The monopole would send metering information and outage alerts directly to receiving towers in Madison. For safety reasons, no co-locates (cell phone servers, etc.) will be allowed.
- The monopole is engineered to withstand 100mph winds or 50mph winds with 1" of ice. It also acts as a lightning rod, grounding any electrical surge so it shouldn't affect nearby properties.
- The pole is being set back so it would not reach the nearest house should it ever fall. The fence is being pulled in farther from the road and made more secure to prevent entry by unauthorized persons.
- The construction will be completed in stages. The pole will be erected in the summer or fall.

Bordering property owner John Hall questioned the exact location of the lot line. When he bought his property he was told he owned up to the existing fence, so he has been maintaining that land. The Utility plans to stake the line next week, so they will stay in contact with Mr. Hall about the issue.

A motion was made by Demrow and seconded by Kloften to recommend that the Village Board grant the Conditional Use Permit to Wisconsin Power & Light Company for the changes to the substation. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission then considered two more Conditional Use Permits for businesses in the C-2 Highway Commercial District.

With little discussion and no opposition voiced, a recommendation for the Village Board to grant both of the Conditional Use Permits: 1.) the application by William and Lisa Nyman of Kids Club Learning Centers, Inc. to re-open the child care center in the building at 420 W. Hwy. 11; and 2.) the application by Gardner Sales, Inc. to move Copper Creek Resale & Discount Store into the building at 422 W. Hwy. 11; carried unanimously after a motion by Kinna and second by Miller.

Motion by Kloften and second by Kinna to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Julie Gerke  
Village Clerk