

Town of Merton  
Public Hearing  
Conditional Use Request Scott Severson on Behalf of Milwaukee Ultimate Club, Inc  
To Operate a Private Outdoor Recreational Facility for Ultimate Frisbee & Other Outdoor Sports on  
Approximately 45 Acres  
December 2, 2020

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Jensen, Griffin, Fleming, Morris, Siepmann, and Good, Planner Haroldson and Deputy Clerk Claas

Absent: Attorney Chapman

Also Present: Scott Heyerdahl, Kara Trimble, James Baker, Robert Flanagan, Marty & Mary Iverson, Pete Hirt, Annette & Branson Dopp, Barbara Carrera, Brian Holtz, Oliver Rytman, Jim Huber, Dan Laurila, Kathy Haberman, Charles Stevens, Kimberly Lunaas, Jason Tolleson, Rick Carr, Scott Severson, Michael Rimmel, & Connor Wiesner

Public Hearing Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 6:05 p.m.

Claas read the public hearing notice.

Laurila is the president of the Ultimate Club and stated the club is a 501C3 non-profit organization and they are in the process of purchasing the Polo Club. There will be minor changes from the Polo Club. Their top priority is to treat the neighbors with respect.

Severson said they have been guests at the Polo Club one or two times a year for the last 20 years and they want to be part of the neighborhood.

Good questioned how many people play. Severson stated there are 7 people on each side. There will be 3 or 4 tournament events a year and a team can play three or four games in one day. Each game lasts about 1 ½ hours.

Severson said there would be approximately 10 events spread out throughout the spring, summer and fall and they would be open for practices. The end of fall for the season ending tournament would most likely be at the end of October. They are proposing no new buildings at this time, but may look into building a shed for the tractor in the future.

Klink stated there has been problems with parking and traffic in the past and asked what the plan was for parking. Carr said they can run a shuttle service to abide by parking plan. They have done that the last three years. Severson said they would keep as much parking as possible to the north.

Morris stated there has been an ingress/egress problem in the past. Carr said they have a parking crew on staff. During peak times they stagger the start times. Severson stated they have walkie/talkies for the staff.

The public hearing was opened for public comments and concerns.

Michael Rimmel – N73W30359 Polo Ct S – said he was in favor of the conditional use permit of Ultimate Club. He is very familiar with the polo operation for 19 years and thinks this is a great use of the property. They are great neighbors and the green space is highly valued.

Charles Stevens – 2525 w Hickory Lane, Mapleton - The shareholders of the Polo Club decided the club had to wind down over a year ago. It is no longer sustainable. They tried to find a use closest to the Polo Club. They did their best so as not to disturb the neighborhood. It will be a similar use, they don't want anything, and it will be roughly the same. The Polo Club did its part to fill the use. Their goal was to find a buyer as quickly as they could and they prefer it to be the Ultimate Club.

Connor Wiesner – W298N7488 Christopherson Ln – stated he went to games and they were awesome. He would not have bought his house if he knew about this. He has concerns about quiet and the increase of people. They have a lot of great ideas, but what are the consequences if they don't abide. He's not in favor of this use and questioned who is the burden of proof. He stated he had no time to prepare for this since he only received the notice a week ago. He would like something else there.

James Baker – W310N8370 Kilbourne Rd – stated his daughter played at UW Milwaukee and played some tournaments here which he attended. He said fields are assets to us, the traffic comes and goes, the PA speakers is used a lot less and there are not a lot of lights. This is an asset to the community and he is supporting the use.

Pete Hirt – W299N7320 Breezy Circle – stated he is the president of the Homeowner's Association Leadership Group in the subdivision. They outlined their concerns and looked up the Milwaukee Ultimate Club. Hirt talked with Severson and the subdivision had a meeting with the Ultimate Club and the Polo Club and some from the Polo Court subdivision. He said eight are in favor of this, but he cannot speak for those who didn't respond. He said he would be in favor of how this is presented.

Annette Dopp – N75W30359 County Rd Vv – stated she shares the egress with the property. She has concerns about the parking. Emergency vehicles could not get through. Egress traffic control is a concern. Parking underneath her trees is a concern. There is no enforcement. She is concerned with alcoholic beverages, lighting, the location of the port-a-potty's, how they manage waste control. She thinks this will be much more intrusive than the Polo Club.

Jason Tolleson – W298N7417 Christopherson Lane – stated he is opposed to the conditional use permit as the plans submitted. He is not opposed to the Ultimate Club. He is opposed to the business plan and has concerns about approving 20 years of growth. Weekend events bring in more people and it continues to grow. They will supplement with other events during peak times in order to make more money. He thinks more time is needed to have listening session for operating plan.

Marty Iverson – N73W30491 Polo Ct S – stated this has been in his front yard for 20 years and has relationships with both organizations. They are good stewards of the land and stated this can't be confused with the lacrosse tournament or college tournament. This would be no different than the Polo Club. Events will be over some time. He stated he would rather have green grass than buildings or houses. He stated he is all for it and is in support of this. It benefits the community and the neighbors.

Rick Carr- W268N2433 Meadowbrook Rd, Pewaukee – He stated he was one of the original shareholders of the Polo Club. He loved the fields and his kids grew up on the fields. He loves the wide open spaces and would like to see it remain as green space. This is a good use for the field. No other uses would be as good for the community. There are not enough players left to sustain the Polo Club. He feels that this is a good use.

Robert Flanagan – N76W30254 Hwy Vv – The only dislike he has about this is the traffic. It gets backed up to Dorn Road and to Hwy E. The noise isn't too bad.

Klink stated there would be no action. This will come back to the Plan Commission.

The public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas  
Deputy Clerk