

Town of Merton
Public Hearing
Conditional Use Request of Rick Block, on Behalf of Pantheon Industries,
To Operate a Non-Profit 501 C(3) Organization that Provides a Variety of Training/Employment
Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities to Achieve Full Potential Through Employment.
Minutes of August 1, 2018

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

Absent: Commissioner Good

Also Present: Rick Block, Mary Brown, Erik Hertz, Mike Cornell, Han Schneiker, Neil Dora, and a few others

- Public Hearing Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 5:30 p.m.

Claas read the public hearing notice.

Block stated that Pantheon Industries has been in existence in Waukesha County for 25 years and currently serve over 600 individuals with disabilities. They have a network with the surrounding school districts and have a location in New Berlin and another location in Oconomowoc. They teach job training skills and independent living. The Stone Bank location offers a lot of classrooms and six offices. They don't plan on changing anything in the building, but do intend on fixing the roof. The organization is not looking to expand outside of Waukesha County and they don't have any plans for the facility to be open weekends or a second shift. They have parking for 8 staff vehicles, one or two visitors a day and handicap parking. They have 8 to 10 vehicles for client transport; however the schools and group homes usually provide transport. There will be no large trucks or semis at this location. The dormitories would not be used. There will be no sleepovers.

There is no food service at this time and the clients bring their own cold lunch. Chapman will add to the conditional use, if approved, that food service would be subject to licenses and permits.

Block stated that they would possibly like a garden on the south side of the property eventually. Chapman would add that to the conditional use permit.

Jensen said she thought it was a great idea. Klink stated that Stone Bank School would be happy to have them there.

The public hearing was opened for public comments and concerns. An audience member said she has had two people from there work in the Kwik Trip network and they were awesome people.

The public hearing closed at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas
Deputy Clerk