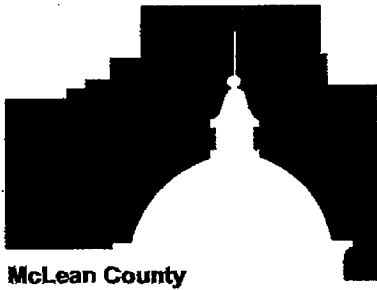




**Property Committee Agenda**  
**Room 400, Government Center**  
**Thursday, March 1, 2007**  
**3:30 p.m.**

1. Roll Call
2. Chairman's Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2007 Committee Meeting and the January 16, 2007 Stand-up Committee Meeting
3. Departmental Matters:
  - A. Bill Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation
    - 1) Items to be Presented for Action:
      - a) Request Approval of an Amendment to the Ordinance Adopting and Enacting Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Public use of All County Parks and Recreational Areas – to designate Park Roads as “Park Zone Streets”
    - 2) Items to be Presented for Information:
      - a) General Report
      - b) Other
  - B. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management
    - 1) Items to be Presented for Information:
      - a) Status Report on Law and Justice Center Remodel Project
      - b) Status Report on Government Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Remodel Project
      - c) Status Report on Fairview Park Landscape
      - d) Status Report on Power Outage at Health Department
      - e) General Report
      - f) Other
4. Other Business and Communications
5. Recommend Payment of Bills and Transfers, if any, to County Board
6. Adjournment

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TO: Honorable Chairman and Members, Property Committee

FROM: Bill Wasson, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: 02/22/07

RE: Request for Designation of Park Roads as "Park Zone Streets"  
Amendment to Ordinance ADOPTING AND ENACTING RULES AND  
REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC USE OF ALL COUNTY PARKS AND  
RECREATIONAL AREAS

The Illinois State Legislature recently enacted 625 ILCS 5/11-605.3 which allows for the enforcement of "Park Speed Zones" in or adjacent to public parks. This Statute allows the County to enforce a 20 MPH speed limit (or lower, if previously designated in current ordinance) under IVC if local governments

- a) by ordinance or resolution designate these interior park roads as "a park zone street"
- b) post appropriate signage
- c) children are present.

This Statute addresses the long standing issue that locally implemented speed limits under 30 MPH could only be written as ordinance violations, lacking both the penalties and court standing of Vehicle Code violations. The "Park Speed Zones" will also be enforceable at the time most important, when children are present, and in areas such as the Campground, play areas, etc. Over time, the ordinance should return the costs of signage and possibly allow us to obtain warning lights, etc.

Fines for violation of the "Park Speed Zone" would include an additional \$50 to be charged and returned to the Parks & Recreation Department, i.e. Park District i.e. (C) any municipality, county, forest district, school district, township or other unit of local government that operates a public recreation department ..... for "safety purposes"(costs associated with park zone safety..... associated with park zones and park zone streets.) These additional fines should, over time, pay for the cost of new signage related to the speed zones and may assist with other safety related projects.

Illinois Compiled Statutes

ILCS Listing Public Acts Search Guide Disclaimer

(625 ILCS 5/11-605.3)

Sec. 11-605.3. Special traffic protections while passing parks and recreation facilities and areas.

(a) As used in this Section:

(1) "Park district" means the following entities:

(A) any park district organized under the Park District Code;

(B) any park district organized under the Chicago Park District Act; and

(C) any municipality, county, forest district, school district, township, or other unit of local government that operates a public recreation department or public recreation facilities that has recreation facilities that are not on land owned by any park district listed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision (a)(1).

(2) "Park zone" means the recreation facilities and areas on any land owned or operated by a park district that are used for recreational purposes, including but not limited to: parks; playgrounds; swimming pools; hiking trails; bicycle paths; picnic areas; roads and streets; and parking lots.

(3) "Park zone street" means that portion of any street or intersection under the control of a local unit of government, adjacent to a park zone, where the local unit of government has, by ordinance or resolution, designated and approved the street or intersection as a park zone street. If, before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, a street already had a posted speed limit lower than 20 miles per hour, then the lower limit may be used for that park zone street.

(4) "Safety purposes" means the costs associated with: park zone safety education; the purchase, installation, and maintenance of signs, roadway painting, and caution lights mounted on park zone signs; and any other expense associated with park zones and park zone streets.

(b) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet of motorized traffic, a person may not drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour or any lower posted speed while traveling on a park zone street that has been designated for the posted reduced speed.

(c) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet of motorized traffic, any driver traveling on a park zone street who fails to come to a complete stop at a stop sign or red light, including a driver who fails to come to a complete stop at a red light before turning right onto a park zone street, is in violation of this Section.

(d) This Section does not apply unless appropriate signs are posted upon park zone streets maintained by the Department or by the unit of local government in which the park zone is located. With regard to the special speed limit on park zone

streets, the signs must give proper due warning that a park zone is being approached and must indicate the maximum speed limit on the park zone street.

(e) A first violation of this Section is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$250. A second or subsequent violation of this Section is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$500.

(f) When a fine for a violation of this Section is imposed, the person who violates this Section shall be charged an additional \$50, to be paid to the park district for safety purposes.

(g) The Department shall, within 6 months of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, design a set of standardized traffic signs for park zones and park zone streets, including but not limited to: "park zone", "park zone speed limit", and "warning: approaching a park zone". The design of these signs shall be made available to all units of local government or manufacturers at no charge, except for reproduction and postage.

(Source: P.A. 94-808, eff. 5-26-06.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING  
RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC USE OF ALL COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT  
OF SAID ORDINANCE AND THE FIXING OF PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION

AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE McLEAN COUNTY CODE-PARKS

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of McLean County now in regular session that the  
aforesaid Ordinance be and hereby is amended as follows:

Amend subsection 35.17-6 to read as follows:

35-1 No person shall drive a vehicle within the boundaries of any County Park or Recreational  
Area at a speed of which is greater than the applicable maximum speeds hereby established as  
follows:

- (A) 20 MPH on the Bi-County Launch Road(1300 East Road) from its northern  
termination point to 1/4 mile south of that point
- (B) 45 MPH on the Spillway Road(Evergreen Lake Road)
- (C) 45 20 MPH on the "COMLARA Park" Main Entrance Road leading to F.R. Glasener  
Beach(Recreation Area Drive)
- (D) 10 MPH on any campground area roads(Camper Lane)
- (E) 10 MPH on any parking lot or parking area.

Further; Recreation Area Drive, Camper Lane, and 1300 East Road from its northern  
termination point to 1/4 mile south of that point shall be designated under 625 ILCS 5/11-  
605.3 as "park zone streets".

Resulting directed fines under 625 ILCS 5/11-605.3 shall be placed in a designated fund for  
park zone safety education; the purchase, installation, and maintenance of signs, roadway  
painting, and caution lights mounted on park zone signs; and any other expense associated  
with park zones and park zone streets.

Notwithstanding the above, no vehicle may be driven upon any roadway or in any parking  
area within a county park or recreational area at a speed which is greater than is reasonable  
and proper with regard to traffic conditions, the use of the roadway or parking area, and the  
safety of persons and property. The fact that a speed of a vehicle does not exceed the  
applicable maximum speed limit does not relieve the driver from the duty to decrease speed  
when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling  
upon any narrow or winding roadway, or when any special hazard exists with respect to  
pedestrians or other traffic, or by reason of weather or roadway conditions.

This amendment shall become effective and in full force upon adoption. Adopted by the County  
Board of the County of McLean, Illinois, this 21st day of March, 2007.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Peggy Ann Milton, Clerk of the McLean County  
Board of McLean County

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Michael F. Sweeney, Chairman of the  
McLean County Board