

**Open Work Session**  
**Forest Conservation Relocation at 6441 Rockawalkin Road**  
**October 1, 2019**

Mr. Tyler Walston, CBLP, Environmental Planner with the Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development came before Council. He said what Council has in front of them this evening is an easement relocation request for Brock and Jennifer Parker at 6441 Rockawalkin Road. He said the size of the property is 1.94 acres, and the applicant is requesting permission to relocate the Forest Conservation Act (FCA) easement that is located on the property. He said currently the site has an area of 0.53 acres in FCA easement, and the applicant requests that 0.04 acres of the easement be moved to expand the sewage reserve area. He said, since the relocation is proposed to occur on site, the owner may relocate the easement at a 1:1 ratio. He said because this is occurring on site and there is room to do it on site, Planning and Zoning staff recommend that Council approves this easement relocation.

Mrs. Acle asked if their septic system has failed, or if they are looking to expand their property, to which Mr. Walston responded, they are looking to expand their sewage reserve area. He said he believes they have a family member who is in failing health, and they previously went to the Board of Appeals to get an in-law apartment, so this is associated with that. Mrs. Acle said she has driven by the property, and there is quite a bit of land in front of the property. She then asked if they can use that land in front of the property without disturbing forest, to which Mr. Walston responded, he is not as familiar with that because the Health Department handles septic issues, so he cannot really speak on that. He said they have asked for an easement relocation, and that is where they are. Mrs. Acle asked if it is typical for the County to weigh in on forest conservation, to which Mr. Walston responded, yes. He explained, the way it is set up, the County owns the easement as part of the Forest Conservation Act. He said, in the past, they have had these easement relocation requests where the Council will vote on whether or not to relocate the easement. Mr. McCain said they have moved these around before, to which Mr. Walston added, maybe two or three times a year. Mrs. Acle said her understanding was this had something to do with State forests, to which Mr. Walston responded, it is a State program that is administered on the County level. Mrs. Acle asked if they have exhausted all of their options, to which Mr. Walston responded, he is not sure as to what their requirements were for the sewage reserve area, and they may have some soil limitations that may have come into play there, but he is not aware of any of that.

Mrs. Hurley said this requires a Public Hearing, and they can have that on November 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. There was no further discussion.

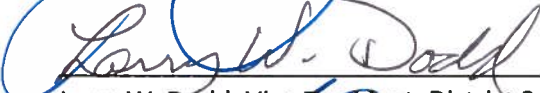
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