

# INFORMATION PAPER



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Planning, Building and Development  
Eric Waggoner, Director

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**SUBJ: VACATION REQUEST #000937-2023 – ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP**

Vacation of an unimproved portion of Klondike Avenue in Block 5 of the Groveland Park Subdivision.

Petitioners: John and Lisa Szlenk, 26616 W. Klondike Avenue, Antioch, Illinois, and 26604 W. Klondike Avenue, Antioch, Illinois.

**Summary:**

The Antioch Township Highway Commissioner indicated that although not opposed to the request, approval of the vacation could potentially pose an access issue for residents living in houses north of that area when trying to access High Street. There are cable, electrical and gas facilities present within the ROW, however no objections were presented by any utility so long as a utility easement is granted.

A public hearings was conducted on January 29, 2024, and February 22, 2024, before the Board of Vacations to consider a request to vacate a portion of unimproved Klondike Avenue, 65.53 feet wide, extending 101.24 feet east, and consisting of 0.14 acres. It is the intent of the property owners to maintain the vacated right of way in private use.

A copy of the Plat of Vacation, location map, and the minutes of the public hearings are attached.

**Board of Vacations Recommendation:**

Following review and consideration of the petition and testimony presented at the public hearing, the motion for the Board of Vacations to recommend approval of the petition failed to pass by a vote of 0 Ayes and 3 Nays based on the following findings:

1. A vacation of the subject portion of Klondike Avenue would preclude any opportunity to improve Klondike Avenue from High Street to Ackerman Road for emergency services or for general accessibility in the future;
2. The previous vacation of Klondike Avenue west of High Street (1983) does not provide relevant precedent to support this request as aerial photography indicates that portion of Klondike was not maintained and was eroded;
3. Maintaining the public right-of-way will allow non-motorized access and use to continue.

**Next Steps:**

Upon Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Committee action, the petition will proceed to the County Board on May 14, 2024 for final action on the vacation request.