

Amber Noworatzky

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Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:25 AM
To: Amber Noworatzky
Subject: Request for street sign
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Hello,
Please see the attached letter. We are requesting a street sign for resident safety.
Thanks,
Debbie



11/21/2018

Public Safety Committee
900 Quay St.
Manitowoc, WI 54220

Debbie Geer | Area Director, REM WI
12745 W Capital Drive Suite 203
Brookfield, WI 53005

Public Safety Committee,

This letter is to request a street sign alerting drivers to slow down and/or not exceed the posted speed limit while approaching 2406 Michigan Avenue.

The home located at 2406 Michigan Avenue is operated by REM, a human service agency providing community-based services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, emotional, behavioral, and medically complex challenges in need of support.

One of the individuals residing at 2406 Michigan Avenue does not have an extensive history of elopement; however, in October 2018, he had an incident of eloping from the home. This elopement resulted in a serious risk of injury after he walked to nearby Manitou Park and ended up in the river. The individual was rescued after bystanders heard him yelling for help. This individual does not have safety awareness, nor will he stop for oncoming traffic.

The individuals supported at 2406 Michigan Avenue are not able to access the community independently and when at the program, have 24 hour awake supervision. The home is equipped with a number of safety adaptations as a result of the October 2018 incident to include:

- Alarms on the doors
- Gates with latches were added to the exterior deck
- Staff now park on the side street of home. This allows drivers better visibility if a person is approaching the road from the front yard.
- Staff carry walkie talkies to alert each other as needed.
- 15 minute visual checks of the individual are completed
- An Elopement Plan was developed which includes: If the individual is unable to be located for any period of time, staff are to immediately call 911. Only after calling 911 should staff conduct a thorough search of the home and property.

REM is committed to ensuring the safety of the individuals in our care. We are requesting this sign as an additional safety precaution for the individuals supported at 2406 Michigan Avenue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Debbie Geer', written over a circular scribble.

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