

Land, Forestry, Parks and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
12:30 pm

Members Present:	Others:
Ed Wafle	Brian Loyd
Jerry Niles	Doug King
Scott Wilhorn	Fred Heider
Ken Schneider	Barb Theis
Joe Lally	Meredith Ingvall

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Ed Wafle.

1. Approval of Minutes

- The September minutes were approved on a Lally/Niles motion.

2. Approval of Vouchers

- A Schneider/Wilhorn motion to approve vouchers passed.

3. Juneau County Bike & Pedestrian Plan

- Fred Heider (North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission) presented an update on the progress made with the Advisory Committee overseeing the development of the Juneau County Bike & Pedestrian Plan. Fred shared draft documents of proposed road improvement maps, and chapters 5 & 6 on Goals, Objectives and Recommendations. Barb Theis shared copies of a draft Juneau County Bike Route and Trail brochure that will highlight bicycle friendly road routes and loops. Bike riding safety information was mentioned by the Committee and will be included in the brochure to educate riders.
- A joint meeting with the Highway Committee to approve the Juneau County Bike & Pedestrian Plan may need to be scheduled in December or January.

4. Land Sales of Tax Delinquent Properties

➤ Town of Marion

- Parcel: # 290260687
  - A single bid was received by Robert Watters for a previously sold property. The parcel had received two bids at the time of September's Committee meeting and a sale to Brian Bartulis for \$28,050.00 had already been completed.

- A Schneider/Lally motion to reject the bid from Robert Watters due to an already accepted offer passed.

➤ Town of Armenia

- Parcel: # 290021815.73 Min Bid: \$7,500.00
  - A single bid was received by Marie Smuda in the amount of \$7,601.00 dollars.
  - A Niles/Schneider motion to accept the bid offer of \$7,601.00 dollars and approve the land sale passed.

➤ 503 La Crosse Street, Mauston

- Parcel: # 292511199 Min Bid: \$15,000.00
  - Brian Loyd has met with several potential buyers who have expressed interest in the building on 503 La Crosse Street but have asked if a lower price would be accepted. The building has sat empty for many years and has known contamination and roof issues. Brian Loyd suggested the price be lowered or to seek proposals from the interested buyers to try and sell the property.
  - A Schneider/Niles motion to list the property as "open to offers" and to obtain bids for the December Committee meeting passed.

➤ W5303 County Road G, Necedah

- Parcel: # 290021350
  - This parcel was previously taken in 2002 by Juneau County but was not sold or known about by Department staff. The 1/3 acre parcel is located in New Miner and has an interested buyer.
  - A Wilhorn/Lally motion to list the property as "open to offers" and to obtain bids for the December Committee meeting passed.

5. Wilderness Shoreline Project

- Initially Dave Wetland, Project Engineer, thought the project could launch over the winter months but is now recommending that the project be built in March 2019 when the Petenwell Flowage water level is taken down six feet for the spring snowmelt.
- Bid documents should be ready and available in December.

## 6. Administrator's Report:

- Forest – Delaney Forest Products is currently finishing up a timber sale in northern Juneau County. The site will be ready for seeding to Jack Pine this fall and the Wisconsin DNR is volunteering operators and equipment to seed bomb the site.
- Parks – Doug King and Pat Cowan have completed winterizing the Wilderness and Castle Rock shower buildings. Bass Hollow is getting prepared to receive new (slightly used) playground equipment that will be installed in late October. New playground equipment is also going to be delivered and installed at Castle Rock Park in early November.
- Trails – The Omaha Bike Trail remains closed at the Tunnel section due to a mudslide blocking the south entrance and a significant washout north of the tunnel. Cost estimates for repairs have been gathered and submitted to FEMA. The Bass Hollow Horseback Riding Trail will also have to remain closed due to a landslide event. A cost estimate is being developed for the trail but hasn't been received yet. The staff have cleared and mowed both the Finley hiking & hunting trails as well as the Oakridge Trails for this fall.

## 7. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm on a Wilhorn/Schneider motion.
- The next meeting will be held 12:30 pm, Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the Forestry and Parks Department.