

Land, Forestry, Parks and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 10th, 2021
10:30 am

Members Present:	Others:
Scott Wilhorn	Brian Loyd
Jim Parrett	Denise Giebel
Jerry Niles	
Alley Peterson	

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Scott Wilhorn.

1. Approval of Minutes

- The April minutes were approved on a Parrett/Niles motion.

2. Review Vouchers

- Vouchers were reviewed and discussed. A Niles/Parrett motion to approve the vouchers passed.

3. Land Sales of Tax Delinquent Properties

➤ N7089 8th Avenue

- Parcel: 290041008.1
 - No action taken. Awaiting an updated cost estimate for the removal of the hazardous electronic & glass waste.

➤ Vacant Lot on Martin Street

- Parcel: 292511482.3
 - Brian Loyd was notified by the City of Mauston that they had been contacted by managers of the Cottage Care Center over a concern for trees on an adjacent County owned lot located on Martin Street in Mauston. A boxelder tree with a damaged trunk is slightly leaning over the Cottage Care facility and may eventually cause an issue. There is also a large ash tree on the County lot that will likely be a victim of emerald ash borer soon.
 - After discussion, a recommendation was agree upon to have Brian Loyd bring back a couple price quotes for the removal of the individual trees.

4. ATV Request to Cross Snowmobile Bridge on Old HH

- Brian Loyd shared a request received by a private individual seeking permission to remove, and then replace, the barricades on the snowmobile bridge over the Lemonweir River on Old HH in order to cross over with a UTV. The request is being made since UTVs have not been approved for use on Highway HH in this location for safety reasons including vehicle speeds and higher traffic counts. The individual also provided that he didn't have permission to run private land north of the bridge, and had no legal way to get to an open town road without trespassing or running the highway right-of-way. The Request was discussed and denied.

5. Administrator's Report:

- Trails – Nothing new to report. A discussion was had on permitting UTVs/ATVs on the County Forest Road in Armenia. Further discussion may take place at the June meeting with ATV Club representatives from Armenia.
- Parks –Brian Loyd raised the question of raising the Kennedy Park camping fee to \$10.00 per night, and possibly shorting the days someone can stay at the park. The camping rate has not changed in 10 years. The Committee agreed to raise the camping rate at Kennedy Park to \$10/day starting June 1st, 2021.
- Forest –Henry Schienebeck of the Great Lakes Timber Producers Association has offered to come speak with the County Board in May about the Verso Mill Closure. Henry is collaborating with a group known as the Timber Producers Cooperative who are working to revive the mill and secure lost timber markets in Wisconsin.
- Timber Sale CF 9-21, the first active sale of the season is nearing completion. The timber sale was a jack-pine overstory removal harvest near Highway 80 in Clearfield Township.

6. Adjourn

- The meeting concluded at 11:30 am by a Niles/Parrett motion to adjourn.
- The next meeting will be held 10:30 am, Monday, June 7th, 2021, following the Finance and Computer Committee meeting at the Land, Forestry, Parks and Zoning Office.