

Land, Forestry, Parks and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2020
12:30 pm

Members Present:

Ed Wafle
Jerry Niles
Scott Wilhorn
Joe Lally
James Parrett

Others:

Alan Peterson
Brian Loyd
Ashley Thompson
Pat Cowan

Jeff Schott
Denny Schott

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- The December minutes were approved on a Lally/Wilhorn motion.

2. Approval of Vouchers

- A Niles/Parrett motion to approve vouchers passed.

3. Land Sales of Tax Delinquent Properties

➤ 119 N Monroe St., New Lisbon, WI, Parcel #29261537

- The Parker family has submitted a bid for the property in the amount of \$18,000.00 dollars, along with a loan approval document.
- A Wilhorn/Lally motion to accept the bid from the Parkers for \$18,000.00 dollars passed.

➤ 910 W State St., Mauston, WI, Parcel #292510648

- Jeff and Denny Schott discussed with the Committee their desire to lease with the option to purchase the property at 910 W. State Street, Mauston. The Committee discussed and approved marketing the 910 W. State Street property as "accepting proposals", and to review submitted proposals at the February Committee meeting.

➤ Tax Delinquent Germantown Parcels

- The Committee discussed marketing the 5 unsold Germantown parcels on the Wisconsin Surplus online auction site to reach more potential buyers. The Department will look to post the 5 Germantown parcels for sale on the site during the month of January with a bid end date of February 10th prior to the next Committee meeting.

4. Juneau County Forest Annual Work Plan 2020

- Brian Loyd presented the 2020 annual work plan for approval. The plan is a requirement of the County Forest Administrator Grant Program implemented by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- A Wilhorn/Niles motion to approve the Annual Work Plan passed.

5. Administrator's Report:

- Forest – The work to establish the 2020 spring timber sales is nearing completion and the sales will be presented for review at the February Committee meeting.
- Parks – Brian Loyd shared pictures of bank erosion occurring at Wilderness Park that is becoming a concern and will eventually cause problems for 10 popular lakeside campsites. The Land & Water Conservation Department has access to a grant that will contribute \$20,000 to mitigate the erosion if a match can be obtained from the County. Brian Loyd is requesting \$20,000 in matching funds be approved by the Committee and the support to forward the request to the Finance Committee in February. The funds will be used to place rip-rap rock along the eroding shoreline and create several stable walking paths for campers to access the lake.
- A Lally/Parrett motion to approve and make the request to the Finance Committee for \$20,000 in matching funds passed.
- Trails – Oakdale Electric Cooperative has made a request for several easements along the Omaha Bike Trail to complete a line rebuild project. They would like to directional bore underground cable under the Omaha Bike Trail in several locations and place a utility pole on the trail right-of-way. The work is not expected to interfere with the public's use of the trail.
- A Niles/Wilhorn motion to approve the easement requests from Oakdale Electric Cooperative passed.

6. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm on a Wilhorn/Wafle motion.
- The next meeting will be held 12:30 pm, Monday, February 10th, 2020 at the Forestry and Parks Department.

Land, Forestry, Parks and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
October 7th, 2019
12:30 pm

Members Present:	Others:
Jerry Niles	Alan Peterson
Scott Wilhorn	Brian Loyd
Ken Schneider	
Ed Wafle	

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- The September minutes were approved on a Wilhorn/Schneider motion.

2. Approval of Vouchers

- A Schneider/Niles motion to approve vouchers passed.

3. Land Sales of Tax Delinquent Properties

➤ Town of Necedah

- Parcel: # 290281001 Min Bid: \$6,000.00
 - 2 bids were received;

Name	Bid
Paul Zarnstorff	\$13,660.00
Kevin Yustus	\$7,000.00

- A Niles/Schneider motion to accept the high bid from Paul Zarnstorff in the amount of \$13,660.00 dollars and approve the land sale passed.

➤ City of Elroy

- Parcel: # 292210805 & 292210806 Min Bid: \$1,000.00
 - 1 bid received;

Name	Bid
Chris Crawford	\$1,100.00

- A Wilhorn/Schneider motion to accept the bid from Chris Crawford in the amount of \$1,100.00 dollars and approve the land sale passed.
- Village of Wonewoc, 119 W Center Street
- Parcel: # 291910516
 - The Juneau County Highway Department is requesting approval and assistance from the Land, Forestry and Parks Committee to sell the barn location in Wonewoc. The location consists of 1.76 acres and has a metal pole building. The Highway Department Committee has recommended selling the property for \$50,000.00 dollars, no longer having a need for the location.
 - A Schneider/Wilhorn motion to set the minimum advertised value of the property at \$50,000.00 and approve the listing of the property for sale.
4. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Interest-Free County Forest Project Loan Program and Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program
- Brian Loyd discussed an opportunity to acquire 116 acres of forested land in the Town of Armenia from the University of Steven's Point Foundation. The land was donated to the University and is now being considered for sale to expand and enhance the Juneau County Forest holdings. Revenue from the sale would allow for the creation of an endowment that will support student research in the College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point in perpetuity, most likely in groundwater/water resources. Juneau County is eligible for funding assistance through the interest-free County Forest Project Loan Program and Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program.
 - A Wilhorn/Schneider motion to approve the resolution authorizing participation in the Interest-Free County Forest Project Loan Program and Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program to further explore this acquisition project passed.
5. Administrator's Report:
- Forest – Brian Loyd reported on the status of the tree planting dozer and discussions with the Highway Department on diagnosing and repairing the machine.
 - Parks – With the camping season winding down Pat Cowan and Ashley Thompson are preparing to winterize the outside wells and shower buildings at the campgrounds.

- Trails – A contractor has been found to make repairs to the Bass Hollow Horseback Riding Trail. Work will begin this fall, weather permitting.

6. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm on a Schneider/Niles motion.
- The next meeting will be held 12:30 pm, Monday, October 28th, 2019, at the Forestry and Parks Department.